

MINUTES

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee
Date: Thursday 23 February 2017
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Steve O'Connell AM (Chairman)
Unmesh Desai AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Sian Berry AM
Andrew Dismore AM
Len Duvall AM
Florence Eshalomi AM
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Keith Prince AM

1 Apologies for Absence and Chairman's Announcements (Item 1)

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Kemi Badenoch AM, for whom Tony Arbour AM attended as a substitute, and from Peter Whittle AM.
- 1.2 During the question and answer session with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), the Chairman welcomed pupils and staff from Culloden Primary School, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, who had come to observe the meeting from the public gallery.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 Resolved:

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Police and Crime Committee meeting held on 26 January 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

4.2 Resolved:

That the outstanding and completed actions arising from the previous meetings of the Committee, as listed in the report, be noted.

5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

5.2 Resolved:

That the recent action taken by the Chairman, Steve O'Connell AM, under delegated authority, following consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, be noted, namely to write to the Government to urge that the National, International and Capital City (NICC) grant allocated to the Metropolitan Police Service and the review of the way funding is allocated to the police properly reflects the responsibilities that the Metropolitan Police Service has to keep London safe.

6 Response to The Mayor's Draft Police and Crime Plan (Item 6)

- 6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 6.2 The Committee's response to the Mayor's Draft Police and Crime Plan had been published with a supplementary agenda after the publication of the main agenda. The Chairman had agreed to accept the report as urgent business under Section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the special circumstances being that the Police and Crime Committee's special scrutiny functions could only be exercised at a whole meeting of the Committee, and as the consultation deadline for the Mayor's Draft Police and Crime Plan was 3 March 2017, this meeting would be the last opportunity for the Committee to review the Plan and make a report or recommendations on the Plan to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), which it was required to do by statute.

6.3 Resolved:

That the Police and Crime Committee's report, Response to the Mayor's Draft Police and Crime Plan, be agreed.

7 Question and Answer Session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service (Item 7)

- 7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to the questions and answer session with MOPAC and the MPS.
- 7.2 The Chairman welcomed the following guests to the meeting:
- Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime; and
 - Craig Mackey QPM, Deputy Commissioner, MPS.
- 7.3 Before moving on to putting questions to the invited guests, the Chairman stated that on behalf of the Committee, he welcomed the appointment of Cressida Dick QPM as the new Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and that he would write to her on behalf of the Committee to congratulate her. The Chairman also took the opportunity to place on record his thanks to Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe QPM, retiring Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, for his contribution to policing and it was also agreed that the Chairman write to Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe QPM to formally thank him on behalf of the Committee.
- 7.4 The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime stated that she was also very pleased with the appointment of Cressida Dick QPM as the new Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and she placed on record her thanks to Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe for his 37 years' service in policing and his contribution to policing, not only in London but across the country.

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- 7.5 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 7.6 During the course of the discussion the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime undertook to:
- Ensure that MOPAC was more proactive in terms of recruiting custody suite volunteers who better reflected their local communities;
 - Report to the Committee on MOPAC decision 2016/59 regarding an outline business case to determine the future delivery of healthcare in police custody;
 - Look into the Lambeth allocation of the London Crime Prevention Fund and report back to the Committee on what is being commissioned around drug intervention programmes;
 - Ensure that constituency Assembly Members had been, and would be, invited to meetings MOPAC that arranged with the MPS and London boroughs regarding the proposals for the mergers of MPS Borough Command Units; and
 - Provide an analysis on the reasons for the rise in disability hate crime.
- 7.7 In addition, the Committee requested the call-out times for Forensic Medical Examiners arriving at custody suites, once the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime had received them.
- 7.8 During the course of the discussion the Deputy Commissioner, MPS, undertook to:
- Provide more detail about the number of people arrested under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act;
 - Report back to the Committee on whether any of the 48-hour deaths in custody were related to a Section 136 arrest;
 - Look into issues raised by the Committee around dignity of detainees in custody suites;
 - Provide feedback from Police Officers involved in the Pathfinder pilots for the merger of Borough Command Units;
 - Provide data for the detection and arrest rates for moped related crime;
 - Provide data on the reward scheme offered under Operation Viper for intelligence in relation to gun crime;
 - Check whether anti-Semitic hate crime and Islamophobic were sub-sets of faith hate crime (as set out in the letter from the Deputy Commissioner to the Chairman dated 6 February 2017 and on page 77 of the agenda for the meeting);
 - Provide the Committee with the figures for hate crime recorded by the British Transport Police and City of London Police;
 - Separate the data collected for racist and religious hate crimes and to further

breakdown the data by age and gender; and

- Provide data on the number of arrests and convictions for racist and religious hate crimes.

7.9 The Committee stated that it might also wish to follow up issues raised around the proposals for the merger of Borough Command Units.

7.10 At the end of the discussion the Chairman thanked the guests for their attendance and helpful contributions.

7.11 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the monthly report from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.**
- (b) That the report and answers given by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the MPS to the questions asked by Members be noted.**
- (c) That the Chairman write to Cressida Dick QPM to congratulate her on her appointment as the new Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and to Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe QPM, retiring Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis to thank him for his service and contribution to British policing.**

8 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 8)

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

8.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the work programme as set out in the report be noted.**
- (b) That it be agreed that authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree the topic and arrangements for the next meeting of the Police and Crime Committee on 9 March 2017.**

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 9 March 2017 at 10.00am in the Chamber, City Hall.

10 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 10)

10.1 There was no other business the Chairman considered urgent.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 12.28pm.

Chairman

Date

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