

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Police and Crime Committee**  
**Date: Thursday 4 December 2014**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Joanne McCartney AM (Chair)  
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)  
Jenny Jones AM (Deputy Chair)  
Tony Arbour AM  
John Biggs AM  
Victoria Borwick AM  
James Cleverly AM  
Len Duvall AM

**1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Roger Evans AM, for whom James Cleverly AM substituted, and from Jennette Arnold OBE AM.

**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 13 November 2014 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

### **4 Summary List of Actions and Action Taken by the Chair under Delegated Authority (Item 4)**

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

#### **4.2 Resolved:**

- (a) That the outstanding and completed actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee, and the additional correspondence as listed in the report, be noted; and**
- (b) That the action taken by the Chair under delegated authority, namely to evaluate the results of the initial scoping research for the Online Crime scrutiny investigation, in consultation with the party Group lead Members, and following that evaluation to decide to not commission any further research, be noted.**

### **5 Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation in London (Item 5)**

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat, as background to putting questions to the invited guests on safeguarding children and child exploitation in London.

5.2 The Chair welcomed the following guests for the first part of the question and answer session on safeguarding children in London:

- Helen Bailey, Chief Operating Officer, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC);
- Assistant Commissioner Cressida Dick, Metropolitan Police Service (MPS); and
- Temporary Commander Keith Niven, MPS.

5.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

5.4 During the discussion Assistant Commissioner Dick undertook to provide information on existing law relating to emotional abuse and what charges could be brought against someone

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accused of emotional abuse.

- 5.5 At the conclusion of the first part of the discussion the Chair thanked the Chief Operating Officer (MOPAC) for her attendance and very helpful contribution to the discussion. Assistant Commissioner Cressida Dick, MPS, and Temporary Commander Keith Niven, MPS, remained for the second part of the question and answer session.
- 5.6 The Chair welcomed the following guests for the second part of the question and answer session on child sexual exploitation in London:
- Suzanne Elwick, Waltham Forest Safeguarding Children Board Business Manager; and
  - George Curtis, Pan-London Programme Manager, The MsUnderstood Partnership.
- 5.7 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 5.8 At the conclusion of the discussion the Chair thanked the guests for their attendance and their very helpful contributions to the discussion. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair formally placed on record her thanks to Assistant Commissioner Dick for her contributions to the Committee's work and wished her well in her new role at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
- 5.9 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the report and answers given by the invited guests for the question and answer session on safeguarding and child sexual exploitation in London, be noted.**
  - (b) That MOPAC's response to the recommendations set out in the Committee's report *Keeping London's children safe*, and as appended to the agenda, be noted; and**
  - (c) That the response of the MPS to the Committee's report *Keeping London's children safe*, which was circulated to Members of the Committee on 2 December 2014 (and would be reported formally to the Committee's meeting on 18 December 2014), be noted.**

## **6 Policing in Austerity - an Update from the Budget and Performance Committee (Item 6)**

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

6.2 The Chair, whilst noting that the London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee had a duty to monitor the performance and budget of the MPS, stated that part of the duties of the Police and Crime Committee was also to monitor the performance and financial provision for policing within the MPS. Hence, there was a close connection between the scrutiny work of the two Committees.

6.3 **Resolved:**

**That the report and the supporting information, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.**

## **7 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 7)**

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

**That the work programme, as set out at paragraph 4.1 of the report, be noted.**

## **8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)**

8.1 The date of the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 18 December 2015 at 10am in the Chamber City Hall.

## **9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)**

9.1 There was no other business the Chair considered urgent.

## **10 Close of Meeting**

10.1 The meeting ended at 1.11pm.

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Chair

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