

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Police and Crime Committee**

**Date: Wednesday 26 May 2021**

**Time: 11.30 am**

**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk,  
London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Shaun Bailey AM (Chairman)

Susan Hall AM (Deputy Chairman)

Marina Ahmad AM

Léonie Cooper AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Tony Devenish AM

Sem Moema AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Nicholas Rogers AM

Caroline Russell AM

## **1 To Ratify the Calling of the Meeting in Accordance with Paragraph 1.7 of the Authority's Standing Orders (Item 1)**

- 1.1 The Chairman confirmed that he had agreed that this meeting be called as a matter of urgency in order to hold a Confirmation Hearing for the Mayor's proposed appointee to the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime at the earliest opportunity, in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **2 Apologies for Absence and Chairman's Announcements (Item 2)**

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Len Duvall AM for whom Léonie Cooper AM attended as a substitute.

### **3 Declarations of Interests (Item 3)**

#### **3.1 Resolved:**

**That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 3, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.**

- 3.2 The Chairman invited Sophie Linden to declare any interests relevant to the business of the meeting in relation to her appointment to the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. Sophie Linden confirmed that she did not have any relevant interests to declare.

### **4 Confirmation Hearing in Respect of the Appointment to the Office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (Item 4)**

- 4.1 Before moving to the question and answer session with the Mayor's nominee for the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, the Chairman asked the Committee to formally note the background information circulated within the agenda for the meeting and the information received and circulated after publication of the agenda (attached at **Appendices 1 and 2** to these minutes).
- 4.2 The Chairman then welcomed Sophie Linden to the meeting and the Committee put questions to her in relation to her proposed appointment.
- 4.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 4.4 During the course of the discussion Sophie Linden agreed to provide the Committee with the following information:
- The number of times that she had met with the Mayor during her time as Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime between 2016-2021;
  - Details of occasions when, as Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, she had met with communities in the aftermath of murders; and
  - Further information on the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime's (MOPAC's) cybersecurity training completion rates, and whether a target for this training would be implemented.
- 4.5 At the end of the discussion, the Chairman thanked Sophie for attending the meeting.
- 4.6 The Committee discussed its recommendation to the Mayor in relation to this appointment and it was agreed not to object to the appointment of Sophie Linden to the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

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4.7 The Committee further agreed that the letter to the Mayor should contain additional comments in relation to the appointment, as set out below:

- The Committee would like to see an improvement in the working relationship between the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and Members of the Committee. Members would like to be given the opportunity to meet with Sophie Linden on a more regular and informal basis;
- The Committee expressed its disappointment in MOPAC correspondence response times, and noted that they would expect to see further improvements made to this process as soon as possible; and
- The Committee would like to be provided with MOPAC's strategic objectives and a set of clear key performance indicators for MOPAC programmes to further enable the Committee to effectively fulfil its role of holding MOPAC to account.

4.8 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the background information, as set out on the agenda at Appendices 1-4, be noted.**
- (b) That the following information received and circulated after publication of the agenda, be noted:**
  - (i) An updated summary of the role and responsibilities of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, including a summary of key issues and priorities for the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime; and**
  - (ii) A letter from Sophie Linden to the Chairman of the Committee, with her CV and supporting statement enclosed.**
- (c) That it be agreed to not object to the appointment of Sophie Linden to the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, and that additional comments in relation to the appointment be included in the letter to the Mayor, as set out in paragraph 4.7 of these minutes.**

## **5 Close of Meeting**

5.1 The meeting ended at 1.28pm.

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Chairman

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Date

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