

MINUTES

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee

Date: Wednesday 26 May 2021

Time: 9.45 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 the meeting be called as a matter of urgency in order to consider whether the Committee wished to conduct 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 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

3.2 **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.

4 Membership of the Committee (Item 4)

4.1 **Resolved:**

That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Police and Crime Committee as agreed at the Annual Meeting of the London Assembly on 14 May 2021, be noted:

Shaun Bailey AM (Chairman)

Susan Hall AM (Deputy Chairman)

Marina Ahmad AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Tony Devenish AM

Len Duvall AM

Sem Moema AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Nicholas Rogers AM

Caroline Russell AM

5 Terms of Reference (Item 5)

5.1 **Resolved:**

That the following terms of reference for the Committee, as agreed at the Annual Meeting of the London Assembly on 14 May 2021, be noted:

- 1. To review and make a report or recommendation on the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the Assembly by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and on the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime Annual Report, in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.**
- 2. To keep under review the exercise of the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.**

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- 3. To investigate, and prepare reports, as necessary, in accordance with the relevant provisions of section 33 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.¹**
- 4. To submit proposals, as necessary, to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.**
- 5. To hold a confirmation hearing in respect of the Mayor's proposed candidate for Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and to make recommendations to the Mayor and decisions as necessary on the proposed appointment.**
- 6. To fulfil functions in relation to complaints about conduct matters, in accordance with the responsibilities accorded to the Committee by section 31 and schedule 7 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012.**

[Note: The Committee functions must be exercised with a view to supporting the effective exercise of the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.]

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime; London Crime Reduction Board; Violence Reduction Unit Partnership Reference Group.

6 Standing Delegations of Authority (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the following standing delegations to the Chairman of the Committee be noted:

- (a) At its Annual Meeting on 1 May 2013, the Assembly agreed to delegate a general authority to Chairs of all ordinary committees and sub-committees to respond on the relevant committee or sub-committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the committee or sub-committee, where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a committee meeting.**

¹ The powers of the London Assembly include, in particular, power to investigate, and prepare reports about:

- (a) any actions and decisions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
- (b) any actions and decisions of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime;
- (c) any actions and decisions of a member of staff of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
- (d) matters relating to the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
- (e) matters in relation to which the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime are exercisable; or
- (f) any other matters which the Assembly considers to be of importance to policing and crime reduction in the metropolitan police district.

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- (b) At its Meeting on 6 June 2019, the Assembly agreed to delegate authority to Chairs of ordinary committees, sub-committees and working groups to agree, in consultation with the relevant party Group Lead Members and Deputy Chairs:**
- (i) The detailed terms of reference for any investigation to be undertaken by the relevant committee, sub-committee or working group within its work programme as agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee, and any related project plans and arrangements for related site visits or informal meetings; and**
 - (ii) The topic and scope for any additional projects to be added to its work programme, where it is not practicable to secure prior approval from the GLA Oversight Committee and subject also to subsequent ratification by the GLA Oversight Committee.**

7 Notification of the Proposed Appointment of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (Item 7)

- 7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 7.2 The Committee discussed whether or not it wished to hold a Confirmation Hearing for the proposed appointment of Sophie Linden to the office of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.
- 7.3 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the letter from the Mayor to the Chair of the London Assembly advising the Assembly of his proposed appointment of Sophie Linden to the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime be noted;**
 - (b) That it be agreed that a Confirmation Hearing for the proposed appointment of Sophie Linden to the office of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime would be held; and**
 - (c) That Sophie Linden be requested to provide, in advance of the Confirmation Hearing, an updated CV; and any other information in relation to the proposed appointment to the position.**

8 Close of Meeting

- 8.1 The meeting ended at 10.02am.

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Chairman

Date

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