

MINUTES

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee
Date: Wednesday 7 February 2018
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)
Sian Berry AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Unmesh Desai AM
Andrew Dismore AM
Susan Hall AM
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Peter Whittle AM

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

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from: Len Duvall AM; and Florence Eshalomi AM for whom Dr Onkar Sahota AM attended as a substitute.

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 11 January 2018 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 previous meetings of the Committee, as listed in the report, be noted.

5 Response to London Assembly Brexit Directive III - Security after Brexit (Item 5)

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

5.2 Resolved:

That the response from the Mayor to the letter from the Chairman of the Police and crime Committee in respect of London Assembly Brexit Directive 111, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

6 Policing the Tower Hamlets Mayoral and Local Elections (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat, as background to putting questions to invited guests on policing the Tower Hamlets Mayoral and Local Elections.

6.2 The Chairman welcomed the following guests:

- Will Tuckley, Chief Executive, London Borough of Tower Hamlets;
- Claire Bassett, Chief Executive, Electoral Commission;
- Chief Superintendent Sue Williams QPM, Borough Commander, Tower Hamlets, Metropolitan Police Service (MPS); and
- Detective Superintendent Stuart Ryan, Special Enquiry Team, MPS.

- 6.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 6.4 During the course of the discussion, the Chief Executive of the Electoral Commission agreed to write to the Committee with:
- Confirmation of whether the use of the English language was enforceable in polling stations;
 - Information about the research locally which had been undertaken as part of the due diligence process into the proposed name Aspire prior to the Aspire Party being registered; and
 - Information about whether party emblems fell within the legal definition of “likely to cause confusion” as part of a political party’s registration process and whether it would be possible to limit the use of the Aspire Party’s emblem on literature.
- 6.5 During the course of the discussion, the Detective Superintendent, Special Enquiry Team, MPS, undertook to provide the Committee with a monthly update on the number of allegations that the MPS had received about offences under the Representation of the People Act 2000 in relation to the Tower Hamlets Mayoral and local elections and the outcomes.
- 6.6 At the end of the discussion, the Chairman thanked the guests for their attendance and very helpful contributions.
- 6.7 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the report and discussion be noted.**
 - (b) That the Chairman writes to guests requesting the follow-up information as outlined in paragraphs 6.4 to 6.5 above.**
 - (c) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree any output from the Committee’s discussion.**

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 updated work programme, as set out in the report, be noted.

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

- 8.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 21 February 2018 at 2pm in the Chamber, City Hall.

9 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 9)

- 9.1 There was no other business the Chairman considered urgent.

10 Close of Meeting

- 10.1 The meeting ended at 12.23pm.

Chairman

Date

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