

MINUTES (Draft)

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee
Date: Wednesday 4 September 2019
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Unmesh Desai AM (Chair)
Steve O'Connell AM (Deputy Chairman)
Tony Arbour AM
Sian Berry AM
Len Duvall AM
Florence Eshalomi AM
Susan Hall AM
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Peter Whittle AM

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

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Andrew Dismore 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.

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3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Police and Crime Committee meeting held on 3 July 2019 be signed by the Chair 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 ongoing, completed and closed actions arising from the previous meetings of the Committee, as listed in the report, be noted.

5 Question and Answer Session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to the questions and answer session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

5.2 The Chair welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

- Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime; and
- Sir Stephen House QPM, Deputy Commissioner, MPS.

5.3 Claire Waxman, the Victims' Commissioner for London, joined the panel from 11.30am for the discussion on the Rape Review.

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

5.5 During the course of the discussion the Deputy Commissioner, MPS, undertook to:

- Confirm whether the MPS would publish images of the weapons it had taken off the streets during Notting Hill Carnival;
- Provide a breakdown by age profile of the stop and searches undertaken under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 during Notting Hill Carnival;
- Provide a copy of Sir Richard Henriques' QC report reviewing Operation Midland with

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revised redactions;

- Provide the total cost of Operation Midland with a breakdown of the costs;
- Look into the number of sexual offences and rape cases that supervisors were managing;
- Provide details and the context of a letter the MPS sent to a third-party legal firm in which the MPS rebutted that they were responsible for delays to the investigation of the VoteLeave/Leave.EU/BeLeave Campaign;
- Confirm when the MPS would publish its technical evaluation report on facial recognition technology;
- Write to Sian Berry AM concerning the report that a facial recognition van had been observed during the pro-democracy protest in Trafalgar Square and respond to her with details on how “watchlists” were compiled.

5.6 In relation to the Rape Review, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime was requested to:

- Inform Members when the Justice Matters meeting which would discuss the Rape Review would take place; and
- Provide a copy of the action plan to address the recommendations contained in the Rape Review.

5.7 During the course of the discussion, the Victims’ Commissioner for London undertook to explain how MOPAC would ensure that the Crown Prosecution Service and the MPS would act on the findings of Rape Review.

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

5.9 **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.**

6 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 6)

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

6.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the progress on the work programme, as set out in the report, be noted.**
- (b) That the summary of the site visit to the South West Borough Command Unit on 7 August 2019, as set out in paragraphs 4.4 to 4.6 of the report, be noted.**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree an Annual Report summarising the work of the Committee over the past year.**

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

7.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 19 September 2019 at 10am in the Chamber, City Hall.

8 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 8)

8.1 There was no other business the Chair considered urgent.

9 Close of Meeting

9.1 The meeting ended at 12.40pm.

Chair

Date

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