

MINUTES

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee
Date: Wednesday 30 October 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.
- 1.2 During the discussion on domestic abuse, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, who was facilitating that part of the meeting, welcomed students and staff from Bolton School Girls Division, who were observing the meeting from the public gallery.

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 Summary List of Actions (Item 3)

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

3.2 Resolved:

That the outstanding and completed actions arising from the previous meetings of the Committee, as listed in the report, be noted.

3.3 Following this item, in accordance with Standing Order 2.2D, and the consent of the Committee, the Chair took Agenda Item 5 (the Police and Crime Committee's Work Programme next).

4 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 5)

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

4.2 Resolved:

(a) That the progress on the work programme as set out in the report be noted.

(b) That the topics for the Committee's thematic meetings in November 2019 and January 2020, which were agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee at its meeting on 16 October 2019, be noted.

(c) That the summary of the site visit to the cross-community weapons sweep organised by Camden Borough Operational Command Unit on 16 October 2019, as set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report, be noted.

5 Domestic Abuse (Item 4)

- 5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat, as background to putting questions to invited guests on domestic abuse in London.
- 5.2 The Chair welcomed guests with a wide range of experiences and from varied organisations who were involved in supporting victims and survivors of domestic abuse and perpetrators of domestic abuse in London.
- 5.3 During the discussion, Sherry Peck, Chief Executive, Safer London offered to share a briefing paper on strengthening the pathways for children who were victims of domestic violence.
- 5.4 During the discussion, Joanna Sharpen, Director of Policy and Projects, Against Violence and Abuse, offered to share briefings for the Domestic Abuse Bill 2019 on what best practice would look like, what children's services should be doing, what was already available and what the gaps were.
- 5.5 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 5.6 At the end of the discussion, the Chair thanked the guests for their attendance and very helpful contributions, and invited them to write to the Committee with any further comments.
- 5.7 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the report and discussion be noted.**
 - (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair of the Committee, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree any output from the Committee's investigation into domestic abuse in London.**

6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

- 6.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 13 November 2019 at 10am in the Chamber, City Hall, but was subject to decisions about London Assembly committee meetings during the pre-election period for the general election on 12 December 2019.

7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)

- 7.1 There was no other business the Chair considered urgent.

8 Close of Meeting

8.1 The meeting ended at 12.01pm.

Chair

Date

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