

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Police and Crime Committee**  
**Date: Tuesday 15 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  
Jennette Arnold OBE AM  
Siân Berry AM  
Andrew Dismore AM  
Florence Eshalomi MP AM  
Susan Hall AM  
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM  
Peter Whittle AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Len Duvall AM for whom Jennette Arnold OBE 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 4 September 2019 and 19 September 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 outstanding, completed and closed actions arising from the previous meetings of the Committee, as listed in the report, be noted.**

### **5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)**

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

#### **5.2 Resolved:**

**(a) That the recent action taken by the Chair under delegated authority, following consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, namely to agree the Committee's report on Hate Crime be noted.**

**(b) That the report on Hate Crime attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.**

## **6 Question and Answer Session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service (Item 6)**

- 6.1 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).
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 6.4 During the course of the discussion the Deputy Commissioner, MPS undertook to:
- Confirm the number of current vacancies in the MPS and provide detail of funding for recruitment (noting that last year's budget was underspent);
  - Examine whether the assessors employed by SSCL, the agency that was undertaking recruitment of police officers, had experienced problems with being paid and obtaining identification cards;
  - Confirm the numbers and coverage of police officers who had been issued with a spit hood;
  - Confirm the number of police officers who had been treated in the last year for an injury from being bitten or spat at; and
  - Confirm the maximum number of schools in which a Safer Schools Officer would work.
- 6.5 During the course of the discussion the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime undertook to:
- Confirm the target for the rates of attrition in cases of violence against women and girls as they pass through the criminal justice system;
  - Provide detail on the work which the Mayor has funded Google £500,000 to undertake with young people in respect of social media and reducing violence; and
  - Keep the Committee updated on which community groups will receive a grant from the Small Grants Scheme for Countering Violent Extremism and radicalisation.
- 6.6 At the end of the discussion the Chairman thanked the guests for their attendance and helpful contributions.

6.7 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That the monthly report from the MOPAC, 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.**

**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 progress on the Committee's work programme be noted.**

**8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)**

8.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 30 October 2019 at 10am in the Chamber, City Hall.

**9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)**

9.1 There was no other business the Chair considered urgent.

**10 Close of Meeting**

10.1 The meeting ended at 12.41pm.

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Chair

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