

MINUTES

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee

Date: Thursday 29 September 2022

Time: 10.00 am

**Place: Chamber, City Hall,
Kamal Chunchie Way, London, E16 1ZE**

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Present:

Susan Hall AM (Chairman)

Unmesh Desai AM (Deputy Chair)

Marina Ahmad AM

Emma Best AM

Hina Bokhari AM

Tony Devenish AM

Neil Garratt AM

Caroline Russell AM

Dr Onkar Sahota AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, for whom Hina Bokhari AM substituted; and Keith Prince AM, for whom Emma Best AM substituted.
- 1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 2.4, Sem Moema AM participated remotely with the permission of the Chairman.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

2.2 **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 meetings of the Committee held on 6 July and 20 July 2022 be signed by the Chairman as correct records.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

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

4.2 **Resolved:**

That the completed and ongoing actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee, and the additional correspondence received, be noted.

5 Mayor's Response on Violence Against Women and Girls (Item 5)

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

5.2 **Resolved:**

That the response from the Mayor to the Committee's report, *Violence Against Women and Girls*, as attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.

6 Missing Children (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat as background to putting questions on missing children in London to the following invited guests:

- Commander Kevin Southworth, Head of Profession, Safeguarding, Metropolitan Police Service (MPS);
- Will Balakrishnan, Director of Commissioning and Partnerships, Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
- Susannah Drury, Director of Policy and Development, Missing People;

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- Sarah Parker, Research and Development Officer, Catch22, and Co-Chair of the English Coalition for Runaway Children;
- Marc Stevens, Senior Service Manager, Catch22;
- Beverley Hendricks, Assistant Director for Safeguarding and Social Care, London Borough of Haringey; and
- Sherry Peck, Chief Executive, Safer London.

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

6.3 During the course of the discussion, the Head of Profession, Safeguarding, MPS, agreed to provide the following additional information:

- The number of children who had been missing for over seven days;
- How the MPS works with the British Transport Police in response to missing children; and
- Information and evidence that shows how effective police prevention interviews are in preventing future missing children incidents.

6.4 The Assistant Director for Safeguarding and Social Care, London Borough of Haringey, agreed to provide the Committee with a briefing note on how local authorities in London manage return-home interviews and maintain relationships with young people.

6.5 **Resolved:**

(a) That the report and discussion be noted.

(b) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion.

6.6 The meeting was adjourned at 12.42pm and reconvened at 12.45pm.

7 Proposed Changes to GLA Guidance on Complaints and Conduct Matters About the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Monitoring Officer.

7.2 The Chairman welcomed Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer, Greater London Authority (GLA), to the meeting who introduced the report.

7.3 **Resolved:**

That the amended GLA Guidance for the handing of complaints and conduct matters be agreed to take effect immediately.

8 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 8)

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the work programme for the 2022/23 Assembly year be noted.

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 12 October 2022 at 10.00 am in Committee Rooms 2&3, City Hall.

10 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 10)

10.1 There was one item of urgent business, which had been accepted by the Chairman, in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, in order to consider the item at the earliest opportunity, therefore providing any agreed formal notice as soon as possible, and to have allowed officers to provide informal notice to the invited guests.

10a Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent - Summons (Item 10a)

10.2 The Committee considered the recommendations as set out on the supplementary agenda.

10.3 Recommendation (a) was agreed by general consensus.

10.4 The following amendment was proposed by Unmesh Desai AM and seconded by Dr Onkar Sahota AM:

To replace the recommendation set out at Item 10a (b) of the Supplementary Agenda with:

“The Committee is recommended to formally invite the Mayor, Sadiq Khan, in his capacity as the occupant of the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime, to attend the Committee’s meeting on 16 November 2022 at 10am to answer questions in relation to the resignation of the former Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM.”

10.5 Following debate and upon being put to the vote, the amendment was not agreed, with 4 votes being cast in favour and 5 votes being cast against.

10.6 The Committee debated recommendation (b), and upon being put to the vote, the recommendation was agreed with 5 votes being cast in favour and 4 votes being cast against.

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10.7 The Committee debated recommendation (c), and unanimously agreed to amend the recommendation to additionally include reference to inviting the former Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM, and the former Home Secretary, The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP.

10.8 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Committee’s meeting on 16 November 2022 be used principally to put questions to invited guest on matters around the resignation of the former Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM.**
- (b) That the Committee, under provisions of Section 33(5) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, requires the attendance of the Mayor, Sadiq Khan, in his capacity as the occupant of the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime, at the meeting of the Police and Crime Committee which will take place at 10am on 16 November 2022, for which notice will be given in due course in accordance with Section 62 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended) (as per Section 33(9) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011), to answer questions around his actions in relation to the resignation of the former Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM.**
- (c) That the Committee invites Sir Thomas Winsor, Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM, and The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, to attend the Committee’s meeting on 16 November 2022 at 10am to answer questions in relation to the resignation of the former Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM.**

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 1.01pm.

Chairman

Date

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