

MINUTES

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee

Date: Wednesday 6 July 2022

Time: 10.00 am

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

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Present:

Susan Hall AM (Chairman)

Marina Ahmad AM

Tony Devenish AM

Len Duvall AM

Neil Garratt AM

Sem Moema AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Keith Prince AM

Dr Onkar Sahota AM

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

- 1.1 The Chairman began the meeting and adjourned at 10.00am as invited guests were not yet present. The meeting reconvened at 10.02am.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Chair, Unmesh Desai AM, for whom Len Duvall AM substituted, and from Caroline Russell AM.

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 meeting held on 8 June 2022 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 Assembly Secretariat.

4.2 **Resolved:**

That the completed, ongoing and closed actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee, and the additional correspondence sent and received, 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 Assembly Secretariat as background to the question and answer session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

5.2 The Chairman welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

- Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime;
- Louisa Rolfe OBE, Assistant Commissioner for Met Operations, MPS; and
- Laurence Taylor, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Local Policing, MPS.

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

5.4 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following from the MPS:

- Further information on the issue of recording anti-social behaviour (ASB) and when that issue was first identified by the MPS;
- The ethnicities of the children in the eight strip search cases being investigated by the Independent Office for Police Conduct;

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- Further information on the operational activity the MPS has undertaken to tackle the issue of bicycle theft, including details of the differences in the approach taken by the MPS and Avon and Somerset Police, who have had success in that area;
- Further information on the prevention of vehicle theft, including the work done to identify 400 streets that the MPS could focus on; and
- Clarification on the responsibilities of the MPS, local authorities and private landlords regarding ASB reports, and further information on when the public should escalate issues and to whom.

5.5 The Committee also requested the following from the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime:

- Further information on how MOPAC will measure progress within the MPS on the issues raised in Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services' police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy report; and
- Further information on the Pan-London Anti-Social Behaviour Forum, including the membership, how often it meets and its priorities.

5.6 The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime left the meeting before the end of the discussion, and the Committee therefore agreed to request written responses to any remaining questions.

5.7 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and discussion be noted.**
- (b) That the monthly report from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, as attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion.**

5.8 The meeting was adjourned at 12.52pm and reconvened at 12.57pm.

6 Complaint About Former Mayor (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Monitoring Officer.

6.2 The Monitoring Officer presented the report explaining the outcome of her initial assessment and handling of the complaint.

6.3 The Committee asked for an update on their request made at the Committee's meeting on the 23 February 2022, during its exempt discussion of the complaint, namely to request that John Ware identify the dates that correspond to the transcription extracts of Jennifer Arcuri's diary that had not been previously identified. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that the requested information was published in the agenda and set out at Appendix F to the report in blue font.

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6.4 Resolved:

That the outcome of the initial assessment and the handling of the complaint be noted.

7 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 7)

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

7.2 Resolved:

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

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

8.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 20 July 2022 at 10.00am in the Chamber, City Hall.

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

9.1 There were no items of business that the Chairman considered to be urgent.

10 Close of Meeting

10.1 The meeting ended at 1.02pm.

Chairman

Date

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