

MINUTES

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee
Date: Wednesday 21 June 2017
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Steve O'Connell AM (Chairman)
Sian Berry AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Unmesh Desai AM
Andrew Dismore AM
Len Duvall AM
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Peter Whittle AM
Susan Hall AM (attended as an observer)

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

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed Members, guests and members of the public and stated that before the Committee moved onto its formal business, he would invite everyone in the Chamber to stand and observe a minute's silence in memory of the victims of the fire at Grenfell Tower and the terrorist attack at the Finsbury Park Mosque.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Florence Eshalomi AM for whom Dr Onkar Sahota AM attended as a substitute.
- 1.3 Susan Hall AM attended as an observer.

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 Membership of the Committee (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Police and Crime Committee, as agreed by the Annual Meeting of the London Assembly on 3 May 2017 be noted, as follows:

Steve O'Connell AM (Chairman)

Sian Berry AM (Deputy Chair)

Tony Arbour AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Andrew Dismore AM

Len Duvall AM

Florence Eshalomi AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Peter Whittle AM

3.2 There was a vacancy on the Committee following the resignation of Kemi Badenock MP from the London Assembly.

4 Terms of Reference (Item 4)

4.1 Resolved:

That the terms of reference, as agreed at the Annual Meeting of the London Assembly on 3 May 2017 as set at Agenda Item 4 for the meeting, be noted.

5 Standing Delegations of Authority (Item 5)

5.1 Resolved:

That the standing delegation of authority to the Chairman of the Police and Crime Committee, as set out below, be noted.

To respond on the Committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the Committee, where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a committee meeting.

6 Minutes (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Police and Crime Committee meeting held on 29 March 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7 Summary List of Actions (Item 7)

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

7.2 Resolved:

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

8 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 8)

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

8.2 Resolved:

That the recent actions taken by the Chairman, Steve O'Connell AM, under delegated authority, following consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, namely to agree the terms of reference and scope for the Committee's first thematic meeting of the 2017-18 Assembly year on 5 July 2017, which would be used for a discussion with invited guests on tackling antisocial behaviour be noted.

9 Question and Answer Session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service (Item 9)

9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of 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).

9.2 The Chairman welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

- Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime;
- Cressida Dick CBE QPM, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis; and
- Craig Mackey QPM, Deputy Commissioner, MPS.

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

9.4 During the course of the discussion, the MPS undertook to:

- Provide data on the number of websites that the MPS has taken down to date as part of its counter terrorism work;
- Confirm the proportion of police officers in response teams that will have Taser following the increase in Tasers announced on 20 June 2017; and
- Provide a weblink for the operational guidelines on the use of Taser.

9.5 The Commissioner invited the Committee to observe Taser training. She also undertook to review the issue raised of complaints about the length of time it took on occasions for phone calls to be answered on the non-emergency number for the police service.

9.6 During the discussion, the Committee was informed that the Home Office had withdrawn the review of the Police Funding Formula but that the MPS was nevertheless facing a flat cash funding settlement which was of great concern to the Committee. The Chairman, therefore, stated that he would consult with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM about writing to the Government to reiterate the Committee's agreed position that the MPS should be adequately funded to reflect the full range of its responsibilities.

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

9.8 **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.**

10 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 10)

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

10.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the remainder of the Committee's meeting dates in the 2017/18 Assembly year, as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report, be noted.**
- (b) That the Committee's work programme, as set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.5 of the report, be agreed.**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Committee's Chairman, Steve O'Connell AM, 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.**

11 Date of Next Meeting (Item 11)

11.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 5 July 2017 at 10.00am in the Chamber, City Hall.

12 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 12)

12.1 There was no other business the Chairman considered urgent.

13 Close of Meeting

13.1 The meeting ended at 12.17pm.

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Police and Crime Committee
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Chairman

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