

MINUTES

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee
Date: Wednesday 20 September 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)
Unmesh Desai AM
Andrew Dismore AM
Len Duvall AM
Susan Hall AM
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Peter Whittle AM

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

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from Florence Eshalomi AM for whom Dr Onkar Sahota AM attended as a substitute.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 **Resolved:**

- (a) 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; and**
- (a) That it be noted that Andrew Dismore AM declared a disclosable pecuniary**

interest in respect of Agenda Item 5 (Question and Answer Session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service) in so far as the discussion pertained to the route of Notting Hill Carnival arising from his interest in a property on the route of the Carnival.

[Note: In the event, Notting Hill Carnival was not discussed at the meeting].

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

4 Question and Answer Session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service (Item 4)

4.1 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).

4.2 The Chairman welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

- Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London and occupant of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
- Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime; and
- Martin Hewitt QPM, Assistant Commissioner, MPS.

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

4.4 During the course of the discussion, the Mayor:

- Reiterated the commitment to keep the Committee informed about the forthcoming knife prevention media campaign;
- Agreed to explore the idea of establishing a domestic abuser register;
- Agreed to provide an explanation of the calculation that an additional £2 is spent on policing for every £1 spent on counter terrorism, following a terrorist incident in London; and
- Agreed to take on board the comments raised by Unmesh Desai AM about the messaging to the public concerning the proposed closure of some police stations as

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set out in the MOPAC and MPS Public Access and Engagement Strategy consultation, particularly around the perception that it will reduce the number of police officers in an area.

- 4.5 The Chairman stated that the Committee would like to receive an update on the number of responses received to the Public Access and Engagement Strategy consultation once the consultation period had ended.
- 4.6 During the course of the discussion, the Assistant Commissioner, MPS, undertook to:
- Provide data on the response times for S (significant) priority calls in the pathfinder boroughs; and
 - Provide data on:
 - Which wards currently have an uplift in Dedicated Ward Officers (including how many officers are in that uplift) and which wards are planned to have an uplift as a result of the creation of Borough Command areas; and
 - Which local authorities are contributing financially to an uplift in Dedicated Ward Officers, in which wards, and how many officers.
- 4.7 The Chairman stated that he would write to the Metropolitan Police Service, following consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM in relation to the proposed creation of policing hubs within Borough Command Units.
- 4.8 The Chairman informed the Committee that the Commissioner, MPS, would attend the Committee's next monthly question and answer session on 17 October 2017 and he would write to her regarding the Committee's questions on Notting Hill Carnival.
- 4.9 At the end of the discussion the Chairman thanked the guests for their attendance and helpful contributions.
- 4.10 **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;**
 - (c) That the Chairman, following consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, write to the Commissioner, MPS, regarding the proposed local policing hubs; and**
 - (d) That the Chairman write the guests requesting the follow-up information as**

outlined in paragraphs 4.4 to 4.6 above.

5 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 5)

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

5.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the work programme as set out in the report be noted; and**
- (b) That it be noted that Members undertook a site visit to Bethnal Green Police Station, as part of the Committee's scrutiny review of antisocial behaviour in London, on 6 September 2017.**

6 Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

6.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 5 October 2017 at 10am in the Chamber, City Hall.

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

7.1 There was no other business the Chairman considered urgent.

8 Close of Meeting

8.1 The meeting ended at 12.32pm.

Chairman

Date

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