

MINUTES

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee
Date: Wednesday 3 July 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
Sian Berry AM
Florence Eshalomi 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 Andrew Dismore AM and Len Duvall AM.
- 1.2 During the question and answer session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) (Agenda Item 7), the Chair welcomed visitors from Richmond Magistrates Court who observed the meeting from the public gallery.

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 Standing Delegation (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the standing delegation set out below, which was agreed by the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 6 June 2019, to Chairs of ordinary committees, sub-committees and working groups to agree, in consultation with relevant party Lead Group Members and Deputy Chairs, be noted:

- a) The detailed terms of reference for any investigation to be undertaken by the relevant committee, sub-committee or working group within its work programme as agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee, and any related project plans and arrangements for related site visits or informal meetings; and**
- b) The topic and scope for any additional projects to be added to its work programme, where it is not practicable to secure prior approval from the GLA Oversight Committee and subject also to subsequent ratification by the GLA Oversight Committee.**

4 Minutes (Item 4)

4.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Police and Crime Committee meetings held on 23 May 2019 and 4 June 2019 be signed by the Chair as correct records.

5 Summary List of Actions (Item 5)

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

5.2 Resolved:

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

6 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 6)

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

6.2 **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, as set out below, be noted:

- (i) To agree the scope and terms of reference for the Committee's scrutiny investigation of sexual offences and rape; and**
- (ii) To agree the arrangements for the Committee's site visit to the Central South Basic Command Unit.**

(b) That the summary of the Committee's site visit to Brixton Police Station on 19 June 2019, as set out in paragraphs 4.2 to 4.4 of the report, be noted.

7 Question and Answer Session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to the questions and answer session with MOPAC and the MPS.

7.2 The Chairman welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

- Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime; and
- Mark Simmons, Assistant Commissioner, MPS.

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

7.4 During the course of the discussion, the Assistant Commissioner undertook to provide:

- Confirmation about the number of posts that were vacant, and the number of posts where postholders were on maternity leave or long-term sick leave and which were not being covered in respect of the additional 300 posts which had been created to deal with rape and sexual violence in Basic Command Units (BCUs), broken down by BCU;
- Confirmation of how many of the current digital forensic kiosks were operational;
- Confirmation about the timescales for the next generation of digital forensic kiosks to be fully operational in the BCUs;
- Confirmation as to whether the next generation of kiosks to download evidence from electronic devices would be compatible with the MPS other systems (as highlighted in

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the report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary, Fire & Rescue Services in February 2019) regarding child protection;

- Confirmation about the MPS's separate investment in digital capability;
- Confirmation as to whether there were any plans to use facial recognition technology at Notting Hill Carnival;
- Confirmation as to whether the MPS planned to collaborate with private companies to use their technology for facial recognition;
- Confirmation as to whether there had been any discussions with companies about the future use of facial recognition technology in body worn cameras;
- Details of the MPS's visit to Merseyside Police to learn about their work on trauma-informed policing; and
- Confirmation of how many boroughs and schools were involved with Operation Encompass and how many incidents were reported as a result.

7.5 During the course of the discussion, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime undertook to:

- Provide the latest figure for the number of victims of rape and serious sexual assault who were referred to Havens during the last year;
- Provide copies of the reports MOPAC had commissioned on the homicide and serious case review and strategic needs assessment to explore the underlying causes of violence once they had been published;
- Provide a table of progress against the Committee's recommendations in its report, *A Long Way from Home*;
- Provide details of the new women's centre, funded by the Co-Commissioning Fund, which had opened in Islington;
- Provide information about the pilot project to help divert women from the criminal justice system, which was due to start in August 2019; and
- Provide a briefing on the parts of the criminal justice system, which it was anticipated would be devolved to the Mayor.

7.6 At the end of the discussion the Chair thanked the guests for their attendance and helpful contributions.

7.7 **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 Metropolitan Police Service to the questions asked by Members be noted.**

8 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 8)

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

8.2 Resolved:

- (a) That the progress on work programme, as set out in the report, be noted.**

- (b) That the topics for the Committee's thematic meetings in July, September and first thematic meeting in October 2019, which were approved by the GLA Oversight Committee at its meeting on 1 July 2019, be noted.**

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 17 July 2019 at 10am in the Chamber, City Hall.

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

10.1 There was no other business the Chair considered urgent.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 11.50am.

Chair

Date

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