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THE LEVESON INQUIRY

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Witness Statement of **Kit Malthouse**

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Minutes - draft

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Metropolitan Police Authority** held on 30 September 2010 at City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA.

Present

Members

- Kit Malthouse (Chairman)
- Reshard Auladin (Vice Chairman)
- Tony Arbour
- Falth Boardman
- John Biggs
- Christopher Boothman
- Victoria Borwick
- Valerie Brasse
- Cindy Butts
- James Cleverly
- Dee Doocey
- Toby Harris
- Kirsten Hearn
- Jenny Jones
- Joanne McCartney
- Steve O'Connell
- Caroline Pidgeon
- Amanda Sater (Items 3-9)
- Valerie Shawcross
- Graham Speed

MPA officers

- Catherine Crawford (Chief Executive)
- Jane Harwood (Deputy Chief Executive)
- Bob Atkins (Treasurer)

MPS officers

- Sir Paul Stephenson (Commissioner)

- Tim Godwin (Deputy Commissioner)
- Anne McMeel (Director of Resources)
- Martin Tiplady (Head of Human Resources)

21. Apologies for absence and announcements

(Agenda Item 1)

21.1 Apologies for absence were received from, Jennette Arnold, Neil Johnson and Clive Lawton

22. Declarations of interests

(Agenda Item 2)

22.1 No declarations of Interest were made.

23. Appointment of an Independent Member

(Agenda item 3)

23.1 Members received a report that asked them to approve the recommendation of an Appointment's Panel to fill the Independent member vacancy on the Authority. The Panel's recommendation was that Amanda Sater fills that vacancy. Following ratification of her appointment the Chairman and members welcomed Amanda to both the Authority and the meeting.

23.2 It was noted that Amanda had requested to join the Finance and Resources Committee and the Resources and Productivity and Equality and Diversity Sub-Committees

Resolved – That

1. **Amanda Sater be appointed as an Independent member of the MPA from the date of this Authority meeting until 30 June 2012; and**
2. **be appointed to the Finance and Resources Committee and the Resources and Productivity and Equality and Diversity Sub-Committees.**

24. Minutes: 22 July 2010

(Agenda item 4)

24.1 Members considered the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 22 July 2010.

24.2 It was noted that a briefing note on photography in public places requested that the July full Authority would be circulated to members in the next few days.

Resolved – That, the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 22 July 2010 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

25. Chairman's update

(Agenda Item 5)

25.1 The Chairman informed the Authority of a number of meetings/events that he had attended since the last meeting of the Authority.

25.2 He formally welcomed Amanda Sater as a new Independent member of the Authority and informed members that Fay Scott had now taken up her appointment with the Authority as the MPA's new Head of Equalities and Engagement.

25.3 The Chairman commented on the policing of the Notting Hill Carnival, which he was pleased had been relatively peaceful with crime falling by a third compared to last year. He congratulated the MPS and partners who had contributed to the safety and smooth running of the largest carnival in Europe.

25.4 The Chairman also congratulated the MPS on the police operation for the visit of Pope Benedict XVI's visit in September.

25.5 Members were reminded of the 'weapons bins partnership work' which had taken place on 20th September; the first weapons bin (the 11th to be installed by charity 'Word 4 Weapons') was launched in Peckham. The Chairman informed members that last month three firearms were discarded in the Westminster weapons bin and in the last 11 months over 650 knives have been recovered. In Islington the weapons bin, combined with policing operations, had resulted in a reduction in knife crime of 16% and serious youth violence 30% in the past year.

25.6 The Chairman took the opportunity to remind members that this year was the tenth anniversary of Peace Week and that this had taken place during September with local activities being held across London. He was delighted that the Volunteer Police Cadets had assisted at the Peace Debate and the Peace Awards.

25.7 The Chairman updated members on details relating to 'cash in transit attacks'. He informed members that compared to 2009 there had been 88 fewer cash and valuables in transit (CVIT) attacks (35% reduction). Value of property stolen had been reduced by £1,035,608. Through the Vanguard Delivery Group, SNTs had been tasked to visit cash centres and CVIT depots to develop local intelligence and identify opportunities to support the SNT business initiative. Training of CVIT teams in suspicious incidents and in intelligence and evidence gathering has had a significant impact on the recent successes.

25.8 The Chairman asked members if they were happy to allow work to commence to develop terms of reference for the proposed scrutiny into corruption and professional standards. Members supported the proposed scrutiny into corruption and professional standards. Some members also requested that a scrutiny into territorial policing be developed. Members were informed that a report was being presented to the October meeting Strategic and Operational Policing Committee on territorial policing and whilst there could be some overlap between the scrutinies it was suggested that the outcomes of that debate be heard before pursuing a scrutiny into territorial policing.

25.9 He confirmed that he had launched a petition in Battersea Park in August to encourage the government to take action on the issue of irresponsible dog ownership and the use of dogs as weapons. The petition was launched online on the same day.

25.10 In conclusion the Chairman highlighted a number of key meetings that he had attended since the last meeting of the Authority. These included:

- A number of meetings with Home Office Official and ministers including Nick Herbert and Kenneth Clarke to discuss 21st Century Policing Legislation.
- A series of budget scrutiny meetings, which had included meetings with Deputy Commissioner of Police, Directorate of Public Affairs, Directorate of Resources, Territorial Policing, Human Resources and Directorate of Information. He informed members that he had agreed with Nick Griffin at the GLA that the budget and draft London policing plan would be submitted at the end of November, in line with previous years and in order to take account of the CSR. He added that the Members Away Day on 29 October will allow members not on the budget scrutiny panel to discuss the budget and the implications of the CSR.
- Attendance at the inaugural meeting of the London Crime Reduction Board, one of the commitments set out in Met Forward to develop a single board for London. It aims to initiate a new way of partnership working with borough leaders, the Met police and other key organisations.
- Attendance at a number of JEMs meetings which had focused on violence and which had seen new partners, such as the CPS and probation service now engaged and attending. Lewisham and Brent had both attended JEMs in September and a number of actions were identified and are being progressed.

25.11 The Chairman reported that he had received the following question from Dee Doocey.

The final draft of the Civil Liberties Panel report Responding to G20 was brought before Full Authority in March this year. Six months later, why has it not yet been published and may we now have a publication date?

25.12 The Chairman confirmed that a copy of the report, which had been approved by the Authority in March 2010, had been published on the MPA website and circulated to those participants who contributed to the work of the Panel. However, now that the report has been updated, in relation to G20, and not wishing to set a precedent, a small print run of the report was being undertaken. The Chairman agreed that it was disappointing that it had taken six months to produce a final version of the report and to circulate it to those who had expressed an interest in receiving a copy

25.13 The Chairman was asked if he was aware or involved in an investigation that was subsequently withdrawn about on-street parking enforcement contract in Westminster. He confirmed that he was not aware of the contract nor any investigation. The Deputy Commissioner agreed to meet with any members if they had any specific details or concerns about this matter outside of the meeting.

25.14 In response to a request from members that where he made a visit to borough, the Chairman agreed if and where appropriate, he would also invite or provide details to the MPA borough link member.

Resolved – That

1. **the report be received;**
2. **officers prepare draft terms of reference for a scrutiny into corruption and professional standards.**

26. Commissioner's report

(Agenda item 6)

Performance issues

26.1 The Commissioner presented a report summarising recent performance in the MPS, as well as operational and initiatives designed to tackle crime and make London safer.

26.2 In relation to performance, the figures referred to in the report were those for April to July 2010.

26.3 The Commissioner in presenting performance figures informed members that there had been a 0.6% in total notifiable offences which meant 2,260 fewer crimes compared with the same period last year. Despite this improvement the Commissioner agreed that there was more to be done and in specific areas.

26.4 As previously discussed by the Chairman, the Commissioner highlighted a real success in the 35% (88 fewer cases) in cash in transit robberies. He felt that this had been achieved through some excellent partnership work with the industry. The Commissioner also highlighted no increase in serious youth violence in this period, despite it covering the school holidays. He added that preventative operations were having a positive effect. Regrettably, he reported that since the previous Authority meeting in July, there had been one more teenage homicide which meant that for the calendar year there had been 15 such homicides in comparison with 12 last year. He stressed that MPS could therefore not be complacent. Members asked the Commissioner if at a future date if he could provide them with any correlation between the reduction of cash in robberies and knife enabled robbery rising.

Budget

6.5 As with other organisations, the Commissioner stated that the MPS awaited the outcomes of the Comprehensive Spending Review and the consequential Home Office budgets as well as the effects on the allocation formula, Mayoral budget constraints and decisions about specific grants. On the later, the Commissioner confirmed that the MPS

received about 10% of the total budget from income such as charging for events and partners buying police services. He added that operational capability would be maintained and that the focus would be on the MPS delivering services at the least possible costs: more about delivering 'more for less'. He informed members that the MPS would be expected to do this leading up to the challenge of providing a safe and secure 2012 Olympics/Paralympics games.

26.6 The Chairman, in thanking the Commissioner for his report, requested that the Authority's thanks be noted on the encouraging crime statistics.

Issues raised by members

26.7 Members had submitted a number of questions in advance of the meeting.

26.8 In order to allow full consideration of a number of other items on the agenda a number of members agreed to receive a written response to their questions to the Commissioner. These included the submitted questions on:

- Safe and efficient staffing levels in borough commands.
- Police officer strength in Southwark.
- 101 number and new Internet site.
- Prostitutes and ASBOs.
- Taxi touting.
- Wanstead Flats.
- Advanced stop lines.

Telephone hacking

26.9 Several members had submitted questions to the Commissioner on the investigation into telephone hacking by journalists working on the News of the World and with the agreement of the members who had submitted those questions they were taken together.

26.10 Member questions included:

- Did he agree with the Mayor that there was no new substantive information about this case?
- Had the reporters that had recently given their stories to the New York Times during the original investigation been spoken to?
- Why were all senior members of staff and investigative reporters at the News of the World interviewed, given that the list of victims indicated the practice went well beyond the Royal correspondent?
- Have all identified victims been contacted?
- Would the Met be proactively seeking further evidence and speaking to people that were not spoken to in the initial investigation?

26.11 The Commissioner prefaced his comments by stating that the MPS had been notified of a judicial review regarding this matter as well as two separate Parliamentary inquiries and both the Standards Committee and Home Office Select Committee indicating that they also intended to inquire further into this matter. He added that most of the pre-submitted questions had been gone through before and would certainly be raised as part of the judicial review and parliamentary process. However, he would try to respond to those questions in as much detail as is possible.

26.12 The Commissioner reminded members that the issues of telephone hacking had been investigated, with evidence secured in 2005/06 and which had led to two people being convicted. In June 2009 the issue re-emerged and the MPS re-examined if any new evidence had also emerged and if so if it was justified reopening the investigation.

The Commissioner confirmed that there was a clear view, endorsed by the Director of Public Prosecutions and leading Counsel that at that time there was no new evidence and therefore no need to re-investigate the matter. He added that the MPS have always stated, however, that this could change if new evidence did emerge.

26.13 In light of new material about the telephone **hacking** at the News of the World which has recently come to light, the Commissioner confirmed that MPS would be considering this and consulting with the Crime Prosecution Service (CPS). The Commissioner confirmed that as part of that process and determining if the material was new or existing information two men had been interviewed and on the outcome of those interviews a decision as to whether there is any new evidence would be determined.

26.14 The Commissioner now turned to the criteria to inform people who may have been subjected to telephone **hacking**, the Commissioner stated that this is likely to be subject of judicial review proceedings as well as the parliamentary inquiries. However, he informed members that where information exists to suggest some form of interception was or may have been attempted, the criteria was for the MPS to take reasonable steps, in conjunction with the service providers, to inform those people. He stated that that included the eight people whose mobile phone voicemails were unlawfully intercepted by the two people who were subsequently convicted. The Commissioner added that AC John Yates had also publicly provided details around the information held on some people and that the criteria that was applied to inform them. He added that he expected the judicial review to ask if the criteria was reasonable.

26.15 Responding to members' questions, the Commissioner confirmed that the MPS had not interviewed the reporters who had recently provided their stories on telephone **hacking** to the New York Times during the original investigation. In reply to members' questions about the New York Times report stating that the CPS had not seen all the police evidence, the Commissioner could not answer that question specifically, but added he was sure that that matter would also be forming part of the judicial review and parliamentary inquiries.

26.16 In response to members' questions about contacting potential victims, the Commissioner outlined the process, which would have been to investigate allegations, obtaining the right information and agreeing a prosecution strategy. He added that in criminal law you did not charge every potential crime nor necessarily did you present all the evidence for every potential victim. He added that it is for the prosecutor to put sufficient information before the court and to properly give that information to allow for an informed decision. The Commissioner also added that the MPS do have a duty to investigate thoroughly and impartially but also proportionately. He stated that proportionate use of police resources was important and therefore it was not possible to pursue every lead on every occasion and that the test would be if that had been done or not.

26.17 Members asked the Commissioner to comment on decisions not to widen an investigation which can often arise at a later stage and therefore become more demanding on resources. The Commissioner stated that some cases do require subsequent investigation and therefore do cost more, however, he stated that in excess of 300,000 people go through MPS police cells each year and the vast majority of these do not require further investigation and that investigation officers are both overwhelmingly successful making proportionate use of resources.

Safer Neighbourhood Team abstractions

26.18 Members asked the Commissioner if he could confirm if there had been a change in the established and well understood policy that Safer Neighbourhood Team officers will not be abstracted from their ward for anything other than major events such as New Year's Eve.

26.19 The Commissioner confirmed that there was no change in the policy around abstractions. He added that current abstraction rates in the MPS were currently running

at 5% and these were often for issues around the edges of certain wards, but principally, there was no policy change.

26.20 Members also asked about abstractions, not around the edges of wards but into town centres. It was accepted that the safer neighbourhood policing model needed to be looked at, but not the erosion of the principles of ring fencing safer neighbourhood teams. The Chairman agreed that the safer neighbourhood policing model needed to be looked at and confirmed that there remained a commitment to safer neighbourhood policing. He added that if there were specific examples where abstractions of teams to town centres could be identified then he was sure the Commissioner would want to have a look at those. The Commissioner reiterated that there was no policy change and added that while there may well be some exceptions, these should only be exceptions and undertook to look at any specific areas members identified to see if they were justified.

Deaths in Police Vehicles

26.21 Members asked the Commissioner if he agreed that it would aid all parties in the investigation the deaths of people in custody during transportation if police vehicles were fitted with CCTV and sound recording devices. In addition, the Commissioner was asked what are the prospects for being implemented.

26.22 The Commissioner confirmed that CCTV in police vehicles had been considered and that it had been recommended by the IPCC, however, as the cost of the equipment and installation was approximately £4,000 per vehicle the cost across the MPS fleet would be considerable.

Targets

26.23 Following the Government announcement, on 29 June, that they are removing the single confidence measure and policing pledge, members asked the Commissioner what actions had the MPS done to ensure that this statement leads to a genuine reduction in bureaucracy.

26.24 The Commissioner stated that he was always grateful when there was a reduction of targets. In relation to the policing pledge the Commissioner highlighted the important component of confidence within the pledge which he, along with safety and value for money thought was extremely important. He was keen for the MPS to take these forward to ensure that they are ingrained to the standard business of the MPS.

Regarding the attempts to reduce bureaucracy he confirmed that one area the MPS would be looking at considerable number standing operation procedures, which he hoped could be reduced.

CPEG concerns

26.25 Members asked if MPA borough Link member should be required to attend Community Engagement Partnership Engagement Group (CPEG) meetings. It was suggested that if not, how can MPA members be sure that, first, CPEGs fulfil their statutory duty to properly consult with residents and ensure democratic accountability and public participation and, secondly, given the current CPEG objectives and funding process, be sure that CPEGs provide value for money?

26.26 The Chairman reminded members that there were only 23 members to cover 32 boroughs and some link members had responsibility for more than one borough. He added that taken account of other responsibilities, he thought that it would be difficult for link members to attend all CPEG meetings, but in stating this he added that the majority of link members had attended at least one CPEG meeting in the last 12 months and some had also periodically attend CPEG executive committee meetings. He suggested that link members effect oversight of their link CPEGs through liaison with borough commanders and in some cases community safety partnership representatives.

26.27 The Chairman added that the Authority had a team of link officers supporting link members in delivering their borough responsibilities who work with CPEGs to support them in meeting their responsibilities and outlined a number of ways in which they do this including: Negotiating CPEGs' annual work programmes and service level agreements (SLA); monitoring delivery against those SLAs and financial expenditure on a quarterly basis and liaising with link members where there are particular concerns; attending CPEG management meetings to provide advice and guidance to ensure CPEGs deliver against their SLAs; and attending CPEG public meetings to ensure the MPA is properly represented and to gather community views.

26.28 He also indicated that other officers within the Authority also played a key role, including Treasury officers who provided further scrutiny of the funding allocations and CPEG accounts and the Directorate of Audit Risk and Assurance, which periodically reviews the related system controls. Members were also reminded that the work of CPEGs are also scrutinised by the Community Engagement and Citizen Focus Sub-Committee, which receives regular reports with regard to funding assessments and allocations and in relation to the range of work undertaken by CPEGs. He concluded by stating that a value for money review of CPEGs was currently being conducted under the auspices of the sub-committee, looking at efficiency, economy and effectiveness, the outcome of which will inform further discussions on how to best to secure effective delivery and value for money.

26.29 The Chairman concluded that he had held a number of meetings with the London Communities Police Partnership (the umbrella body of CPEGs) and discussed such issues of effectiveness and financial issues. He agreed to keep members informed of those discussions

Transport crime

26.30 The Commissioner was asked what action could a member of the public, if they witnesses illegal driving by rickshaw drivers, take to report their concerns and what action should a member of the public, who feels that they have been harassed by touting taxi drivers, take to report their concern?

26.31 He stated that at present this was a particular problem in the Westminster area. In response to the specifics of the question he suggested that the public should report any concerns to the safer neighbourhood team or to the police at the police local station. He confirmed that the MPS had carried out operations to target illegally operated pedicabs and that a London Councils bill was being proposed which would regulate against this industry. In response to members who confirmed that there was an increase in pedicabs in the Kensington and Chelsea area, he agreed to feed this back to territorial policing and safer neighbourhood teams.

Police visibility

26.32 Members asked the Commissioner, in order to seek to implement the ambition of increasing the visible presence of policing, would the MPS encourage officers to wear uniform whilst using public transport free of charge.

26.33 The Commissioner confirmed that he had considered this and that in the past it had also been considered when discussions on travel concessions had taken place. However, he was of the opinion that officers out of uniform had better options to deal with an incident. In addition officers travelling to and from work would not have personal protection equipment with them which they are trained to use to defuse a situation and this would also be a major issue for the Police Federation. He added that a wider issue would be a need for officers to understand the environment that would be working in and that this would need training and associated working with the British Transport Police, which was not as straightforward as he had originally anticipated. Nevertheless, it was an area that needs continued discussion.

26.34 Those issues that the Commissioner undertook to report back on to members have been circulated in the form of an addendum report and are appended to these minutes at Appendix 1.

Agenda items 7 and 8 were brought forward and taken before Item 6 – Commissioners report members' questions.

Resolved – That the report be received.

27. Update on the proposed new model of recruitment and training for Police Officers

(Agenda Item 7)

27.1 At the Authority meeting on 24 June 2010, Members considered a report that set out proposals for the utilising of the Metropolitan Police Special Constabulary (MSC) as the principle point of recruitment for new police officer recruits.

27.2 Members noted the report, but place on record a number of concerns about some of the proposals and therefore welcome the assurances given that none of the proposals would be implemented without full consultation with the MPA; and that a further report on the proposals would be submitted to the September meeting of the Authority.

27.3 Members now considered a report that updated on the proposed new model of recruitment and training for police officers. The report outlined the routes to joining the regular service and provided an indication of foundations training changes under the new proposals. The update on the proposals also took account of the views of members given at the June meeting of the Authority, subsequent discussions with members since that meeting and findings from the equalities Impact assessment.

27.4 In presenting the report, the MPS Director of Human Resources reminded members that that the introduction of new policy would save between £1.2 and £2 million per 100 recruits, therefore providing the MPS with a required pool of potential applicants that have received the required level of training and importantly had had the opportunity to assess if policing was their preferred occupation.

27.5 Whilst most members broadly supported the proposal and welcomed the MPS innovative approach in developing the proposed policy, some members raised a number of issues and concerns about the proposed change of policy. In particular, members were concerned that the proposed policy could impact on the MPS ability to recruit a workforce more representative of London's communities and specifically affecting those from lower economic groups who may not be able to volunteer. Alternatively, a member gave an example that indicated that the change of policy may not have a negative effect on representative issues and outlined the example of teachers and social workers who are required to undergo training at their own volition prior to taking up a post.

27.6 The MPS Director of Human Resources added the MPS were already working closely with several large employers within lower paid industries about allowing staff to volunteer and he also drew members attention to the positive figures for MSC staff composition which included 30% female and 34% BME.

27.7 Members asked the MPS Director of Human Resources about attrition rates for MSC, which in some areas were high and which could indicate either management issues and or undervaluing of the MSC role and which may not improve if this policy was adopted. The MPS Director of Human Resources agreed that current attrition rates were an issue, but reassured members that the MPS were currently focusing on MSC attrition.

27.8 As part of this discussion members raised questions about bursary support, which some members felt lack detail in the report. The MPS Director of Human Resources confirmed that there were a number of discussions taking place about bursaries and that these had yet to be concluded.

27.9 In light of this an amendment to the recommendation was proposed by Dee Doocey and seconded by Cindy Butts. The amended recommendation was:

'that Members endorse the proposed way forward, subject to there being a bursary set up for those who cannot afford to pay for their courses or to volunteer for 16 hours a month'.

27.10 The Chairman invited the Authority to consider and vote on the amended recommendation. The vote was 4 in favour and 8 against, therefore the proposed amended recommendation was there for lost.

27.11 Members sought confirmation about the recommendation in the report and specifically if it could not be endorsed by the Authority, would the Commissioner seek to impose the policy. The Commissioner stated that as in previous discussions with the Authority there were occasions whereby it could be perceived that the decision lay with the Authority or the Commissioner and on this occasion he felt that final decision lay with him, however, he felt that the process of coming to the Authority and seeking support would lead to a better product. He added that despite having responsibility for the day to day operational direction and control of the force, including the level of recruitment and establishing the criteria for recruitment, seeking the Authority's support would allow the MPS to try to satisfy some of the concerns members had raised.

27.12 The Chairman then invited the Authority to consider and vote on the recommendation. 12 members voted for the recommendation and 6 voted against the recommendation.

27.13 Jenny Jones requested that her vote against the recommendation be recorded.

Resolved – that the proposed way forward for a new model of recruitment and training for police officers be endorsed.

28. Policing in the 21st century: reconnecting police and the people - MPA response

(Agenda item 8)

28.1 The Chief Executive presented a report that provided details of the MPA response to the Home Office 'Policing in the 21st Century: Connecting Police and the People' consultation document.

28.2 In presenting the report, the Chief Executive confirmed that the MPA response to the consultation document had been formally presented to the Strategic and Operational Policing Committee on 16 September 2010 and had taken account of members' responses and comments. The response had been submitted to the Home Office by the closing date of 20 September 2010, subject to its ratification by the Authority at this meeting.

28.3 In receiving the report some members were disappointed that the Authority had not had the opportunity to fully discuss and debate matters before submitting a response and some members could not support some or all of the views expressed in the response. Members asked if the Chairman supported the views expressed in the response to the consultation. He stated that he did not support some of the views and that he had not been involved in the MPA response, but had submitted his views through the GLA response. Some members also felt that making such fundamental structural changes shortly before the Olympics/Paralympics was not good timing.

Resolved - That the MPA response to the Home Office 'Policing in the 21st Century: Connecting Police and the People' consultation document, as given at Appendix 1 of the report, be endorsed.

29. Local Government Finance Formula Grant Distribution consultation: proposed response by MPA/MPS

(Agenda item 9)

29.1 The Treasurer informed the Authority that the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) had published a consultation document, requesting the views of local authorities on possible changes to the Local Government Finance Formula Grant

Distribution methodology. He informed members that the consultation would be used to determine grant allocations for two years 2011/12 and 2012/13. He added that his report was due to be presented to the Finance and Resources Committee but had not been available in time for that meeting and that the closing date of the consultation was 6 October 2011.

29.2 In receiving the report members expressed concern that the carrying out of a funding formula review at this time, particularly as there was a further review scheduled for 2011 and with both the current financial uncertainties and the technical work being carried out for the delivery of the Olympic/Paralympics was not good timing.

29.3 In addition members raised serious concerns about the possibility of losing the 'damping down' mechanism, which provided a budgetary safety net and possible impacts this could have. Members suggested that representations be made to the Home Secretary about undertaking this review, including the impact issues on non delivery of crime reduction or of a safe Olympic/Paralympics.

Resolved – That

1. **subject to members comments to share responses and work with the GLA and London Councils to ensure a consistent and wider response to the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG).**
2. **to agree the response attached including opposition to the Transfers and Adjustments proposal which could potentially result in a loss of over £35m to the MPA/MPS.**

30. Treasury management financial review 2009/10

(Agenda item 10)

30.1 The Authority received a report that presented the Annual Review of Treasury Management for the 12 month period ended 31 March 2010 and which also included and update for Quarter 4 2009/10.

Resolved – That members

1. **note the 2009/10 annual report and 4th Qtr update of the Treasury Management function;**
2. **approve continued membership of the jointly funded creditor action for the return of Icelandic deposits; and**
3. **note the statement of assurance from the Treasurer and Director of Resources;**

31. Reports from committees

(Agenda item 11)

31.1 The Authority received a report outlining key issues that had been considered at recent Authority Committee meetings. The report covered the following meetings:

- Finance and Resources Committee – 15 July 2010.
- Communities, Equalities and Peoples Committee – 2 September 2010.
- Corporate Governance Committee – 13 September 2010.
- Standards Committee – 15 September 2010.
- Strategic and Operational Policing Committee – 16 September 2010.

31.2 As part of the report from the Strategic and Operational Policing Committee on 16 September 2010, members were asked to approve amendments to the terms or reference of the Professional Standards a Case Sub Committee.

Resolved – That

1. the report be received
2. the amendments to the terms of reference of the Professional Standards Cases Sub-Committee, as outlined in report (agenda item 11) be agreed.

32. Action taken under delegated authority

(Agenda item 12)

32.1 Members received a report that outlined actions taken under delegated authority by the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency.

Resolved - That the report be received.

33. Any other urgent business

(Agenda item 13)

33.1 There were no items of urgent business

The meeting closed at 12.35 p.m.

Appendix 1

Addendum to the Commissioner's report

Report by the Commissioner

This report follows up on the actions and commitments made verbally by the Commissioner at the Full Authority meeting on 30 September 2010.

The Commissioner committed to provide an update to Members on the following issues:

- Photography In public places
- Parking contract investigation
- Safer Neighbourhood Team abstractions
- Knife crime and gun crime link

1. Photography in public places

A briefing note regarding dissemination of guidelines has been provided as requested.

2. Parking contract investigation in Westminster

Jenny Jones has been contacted for further information so a response can be provided.

3. Safer Neighbourhood Team abstractions

Graham Speed has provided examples of abstractions. Further information is being established and will be discussed with Graham by 21st October.

4. Correlation between Cash In Transit robberies decreasing and knife enabled robberies

The Commissioner did not believe there was and agreed to provide more detailed information. A briefing note to be provided to the MPA by 27 October.