

Subject: Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime – Strengthening Oversight of the Metropolitan Police Service

Report to:	Police and Crime Committee
Report of:	Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report acts as a background paper to a discussion with invited guests on the work of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and its oversight of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to invited guests and notes the subsequent discussion.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Mayor is responsible for holding the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to account for policing in London. In this capacity, the Mayor is the Head of MOPAC. He has delegated his responsibilities to Sophie Linden, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

- 3.2 MOPAC’s core remit is set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, which states that MOPAC must “secure the maintenance of the metropolitan police force”, and “secure that the metropolitan police force is efficient and effective”. It also states that MOPAC must hold the Commissioner to account and issue a Police and Crime Plan. The current London Police and Crime Plan 2022-25 was published in March 2022.
- 3.3 MOPAC has no operational powers in respect of policing, such as decisions about specific investigations or police staffing. These remain the responsibility of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis. Its powers also do not extend further than policing, for example to prisons, offender management services or the courts. MOPAC does, however, seek to influence partners in those areas to meet the Mayor’s priorities.
- 3.4 MOPAC delivers its oversight function through the MOPAC-MPS Oversight Board. It also sits on His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Policing Performance Oversight Group; the MPS’s Turnaround Board; and is in the process of establishing a new Policing Board for London, to be chaired by the Mayor of London.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 This meeting will be used to discuss the effectiveness of MOPAC’s oversight of the MPS. Members will have an opportunity to assess how well MOPAC is delivering its oversight functions and how it is supporting the Met to implement reforms recommended by HMICFRS and Baroness Casey.
- 4.2 The Committee’s investigation aims to:
- Assess the effectiveness of MOPAC’s oversight of the MPS;
 - Examine MOPAC’s role in the implementation of Baroness Casey’s recommendations and the implementation of new governance structures; and
 - Examine how MOPAC is supporting the MPS’s progression through the HMICFRS Engage monitoring process.
- 4.3 The following guests have been invited to attend:
- Diana Luchford CB, Chief Executive Officer, MOPAC; and
 - Additional guests will be confirmed in due course.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers:

None

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