

Subject: Question and Answer Session with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service

Report to:	Police and Crime Committee
Report of:	Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat
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Public Access:	This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report acts as a background paper to a question and answer session with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to the question and answer session and the subsequent discussion.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes the monthly report from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, as attached at Appendix 1.**
- 2.3 **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 Committee has agreed that it will hold monthly question and answer sessions with the Head of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), who is the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, and invite representation from the MPS.

- 3.2 MOPAC produces a monthly report providing an update on policing operational and financial performance, as well as the activities and decisions of MOPAC. The report is used to inform questions to MOPAC and the MPS at monthly question and answer sessions. The latest report is attached for noting at **Appendix 1**.

A New Met for London

- 3.3 The MPS published its two year plan outlining how it will deliver more trust, less crime and high standards on 18 July 2023. The plan, [A New Met for London](#), sets out the MPS's three priorities for reform:
- Community crime-fighting – how it will cut crime, rebuild trust and restore its bond with communities;
 - Culture change – delivered across the Met to embed the values of policing by consent; and
 - Fixing the MPS's foundations – to set its people up to succeed.
- 3.4 *A New Met for London* states that the MPS accepts Baroness Casey's findings and is responding to them. Its commitment to reform the culture of the MPS includes building a "Met that is open, tolerant, diverse and upholds the standards and values that reflects the global city that is London". The Plan also states that "discrimination has no place in the Met, but it is not enough to simply say that. *A New Met for London* commits us to firm action".¹
- 3.5 *A New Met for London* sets out four areas to deliver culture change across the MPS:
- Resetting the MPS's values and the way it works;
 - Upholding the highest standards and removing those that don't meet them;
 - Changing how the MPS works with communities so they're confident the MPS treats them fairly; and
 - Becoming a more diverse and inclusive organisation.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following guests will attend the meeting:
- Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime; and
 - Sir Mark Rowley QPM, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.
- 4.2 Questions will be asked on the following subject area:
- The MPS's resources and response to austerity; and
 - Governance, scrutiny and accountability.

5. Legal Implications

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

¹ [A New Met for London | Metropolitan Police](#)

6. Financial Implications

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

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – MOPAC Monthly Report: 12 January – 9 February 2024

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers:

None

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