

# Subject: Work Programme for the Police and Crime Committee

**Report to: Police and Crime Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 25 October 2012**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out a proposed work programme for the Police and Crime Committee up to January 2013.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **To agree the proposed arrangements for meetings of the Committee as set out at paragraph 4.4 of the report.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 This paper sets out an updated proposed work programme for the Police and Crime Committee for November 2012 to January 2013.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Committee's work programme is intended to enable the Committee effectively to fulfil its roles of holding the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime to account and investigating issues of importance to policing and crime reduction in London. The Committee's work will include a range of formal and informal activities, including formal meetings with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, the Metropolitan Police Service and other stakeholders, site visits, written consultation responses and informal meetings.
- 4.2 The Committee will usually meet twice a month. One of the monthly meetings will be used principally to hold a question and answer session with a representative of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis has been invited to these meetings and has indicated that he or the Deputy Commissioner will attend. The Committee's other monthly meeting will be used to consider a particular topic or aspect of policing and crime in greater detail.

- 4.3 The proposed updated work programme, as outlined in paragraph 4.4 below, has been informed by recent announcements:
- MOPAC stated in its most recent monthly report to the Committee<sup>1</sup> that the Police and Crime Committee will now be sent an early draft of the Police and Crime Plan for its meeting on 27 November (as opposed to October as previously stated)<sup>2</sup>. Public consultation on the Plan is now due to start in December 2012. A final draft of the plan is due to be brought to the Committee in February 2013, for comment. MOPAC has also announced that it is in discussion with the MPS regarding conducting a joint consultation on the Local Policing Model and the Police and Crime Plan. This suggests that the consultation on the Local Policing Model will now not start until December. The Chair has written to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime asking for clarification about what information will be available to the Committee at each consultation stage, and for further details about the consultation periods. However, it appears unlikely that the draft Police and Crime Plan and the consultation proposals for the Local Policing Model will be published in time for the Committee's previously scheduled meeting on 15 November.
  - Detailed information on budget plans and implications now seems unlikely to be available for the previously proposed meeting on this topic scheduled for 6 December. A discussion on budget plans and implications could therefore take place in January 2013.
- 4.4 The table below shows a proposed timetable for the Committee's meetings up to January 2013, in light of the above information. The table shows the previously scheduled meeting topics for the meetings on 15 November and 6 December, with potential alternative options, if relevant information on the previously scheduled topics is not published in time. Proposed changes to the timetable are shown in italics, for clarity, and further information on these proposed changes is provided in paragraphs 4.5 -4.7.

<b>Date of Committee meeting</b>	<b>Proposed main topic(s) for discussion</b>
15 November 2012	Previously scheduled for discussion on Police and Crime Plan and Local Policing Model  <i>Potential option if relevant information for the above is not available: Tackling violence against women and girls</i>
29 November 2012	Question and Answer Session – including Leveson Inquiry
6 December 2012	Previously scheduled for discussion on Budget Plans and Implications.  <i>Potential options if relevant information for the above is not available: Community Safety Funding and/ or initial discussion on the Police and Crime Plan</i>
20 December 2012	Question and Answer Session – <i>potentially to include MOPAC staffing changes</i>
17 January 2013	<i>The Police and Crime Plan, Estate Strategy and Local Policing Model – Consultation Proposals (dependent on publication dates of consultation material)</i>
31 January 2013	Question and Answer Session – <i>potentially to include discussion on budget plans and implications</i>

<sup>1</sup> MOPAC Report to Police and Crime Cttee 25 October 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Deputy Mayor of Policing and Crime to Chair of the Police and Crime Committee, 7 September 2012

- 4.5 Further information on the alternative topics proposed in the work programme for 15 November and 6 December is as follows:
- 15 November – Tackling violence against women and girls. A meeting could be held to review the impact of the Mayor’s current strategy ‘The Way Forward’; to assess progress on implementing the Mayor’s manifesto commitments on tackling violence against women; and to discuss recent management and strategy changes at the Sapphire Unit in the MPS. MOPAC is currently finalising consultation plans for a refresh of the Mayor’s Violence against Women strategy. The Committee could therefore use the information gathered at this meeting to respond to this consultation, and give its views on what the “refreshed strategy” should include.
  - 6 December – Community safety funding. Various strands of community safety funding have been transferred to MOPAC for distribution. The Committee could therefore hold a meeting to discuss the emerging plans and priorities for allocating the community safety funds, which will total £20.5million in 2013/14. The Committee could also consider widening the discussion to look at how crime prevention projects will be funded in the future, and the potential for other partners such as the NHS, third sector and education to become more involved in funding and delivering crime prevention projects.
- 4.6 The table above in paragraph 4.4 also includes a proposal for the 20 December meeting to include a discussion on MOPAC staffing changes. MOPAC is currently going through a restructuring and relocation process. The Committee could look at this process, focusing on the current staffing changes, the rationale for these changes, likely costs, implications for the organisation, and potential impacts as a part of its Question and Answer Session meeting on 20 December, when Helen Bailey, MOPAC’s new Chief Operating Officer will be in post.
- 4.7 The table in paragraph 4.4 above proposes a meeting to jointly consider the consultation proposals for the Police and Crime Plan, the Estate Strategy and Local Policing Model. However, this meeting is dependent on the consultation periods for these strategies and plans being published concurrently and therefore is subject to change.

## 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.

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**List of appendices to this report:** None.

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None
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