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14 NOV 2012**Joanne McCartney AM**Chair of the Police and Crime Committee
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
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Dear Joanne,

Thank you for your letter of 23rd July 2012 relating to the development of the local policing model, estate strategy, and other issues. I apologise for the delay in responding to you fully.

You asked for information regarding the evidence base for proposed changes and the projected cost savings. The Met Change programme aims to assist the MPS to deliver a reduction in crime, a reduction in costs and an increase in public confidence. As this Met Change programme develops, the MPS will be able to demonstrate the evidence base and cost benefit of the internal reforms they are planning.

One element of the Met Change programme is the roll-out of a new Local Policing Model (LPM), the aim of which is to put more officers into neighbourhoods, through redeployment of staff and reduction in management. You will be aware that on 30th October, a MOPAC Challenge was held with the MPS which addressed the topic of neighbourhood crime and policing, with a particular focus on the LPM. The points covered in your letter did indeed inform the discussions and I thank you for raising them with me. If you were not able to attend that meeting, you can read a transcript of proceedings here:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-and-crime/mopac-challenge-reducing-neighbourhood-crime-and-disorder>

At that meeting, I challenged the Metropolitan Police to outline how they are proposing to cut costs whilst improving their policing response, as well as preventing crime and making the police more accessible to local communities. I also made the Mayor's commitment to Londoners clear: no police front counter will close unless an equivalent or better facility for public access has been identified.

In their answers, the Deputy Commissioner Craig Mackey and the Assistant Commissioner Simon Byrne presented their intentions to increase the amount of face-to-face contact with the public and outlined their plans for the LPM which makes Safer Neighbourhoods the bedrock of local policing and would increase the number of Police Constables in those teams by 2,000. As you know, the Local Policing Model and the issue of public access is tied to proposals around the MPS Estates Strategy which is under development and borough commanders are now leading a conversation with key local partners to discuss the impact these proposed changes may have.

At the meeting it was made clear that there have been discussions between myself and senior MPS officers as plans have developed and I have given my views. However, no formal proposals have been submitted to MOPAC (either to me or the Mayor) for endorsement and there has been no informal agreement on any proposals.

Finally, you requested information about the Public Access Review. This forms part of the MPS Estates Strategy and following dialogue with local partners that the MPS is now leading, the final version of those plans will come to MOPAC for review, before I take a final decision.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Greenhalgh
Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime