

Subject: Question and Answer Session on the Probation Service and with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 9 October 2014

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report serves as a background paper to the question and answer session with probation leads in London about the changes to the probation service and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) about the other issues set out in paragraph 4.1 of this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes, as background to the question and answer session with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the MPS, the monthly report from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) attached at Appendix 1;**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes the answers given by invited guests on changes to the probation service and by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the MPS to the questions asked by Members.**

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 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 at **Appendix 1**.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The Committee will explore topical issues of importance to policing and crime in London. Discussion at this meeting is likely to include:

- Probation (from approximately 2pm to 3pm)
- Review of the Local Policing Model (from approximately 3pm)
- ASB and community triggers
- Sexual offences in prisons

Probation

4.2 The Committee will hear from probation leads in London about the changes to the probation service, including current progress and future challenges. The Committee will also explore MOPAC's role in securing the transition to the new arrangements.

4.3 The following guests have been invited to attend this meeting:

- Lucy Bogue, Deputy Director, Rehabilitation Services, National Offender Management Service (NOMS);
- Nick Smart, Chief Executive Officer, London Community Rehabilitation Company;
- Sara Robinson, Deputy Director, National Probation Service – London;
- Ian Poree, Director - Rehabilitation Programme, Ministry of Justice;
- Helen Bailey, Chief Operating Officer, MOPAC; and
- Craig Mackey, Deputy Commissioner, MPS.

Review of the Local Policing Model

4.4 The Committee will receive a progress update on the review of the Local Policing Model, being carried out by the Assistant Commissioner for Territorial Policing.

ASB and community triggers

4.5 The Committee will hear about the introduction of community triggers, aimed at tackling persistent anti-social behaviour.

Sexual offences in prisons

4.6 The Committee will explore how the issue of sexual offences in London's prisons is being addressed, in light of the investigation into sexual coercion in prisons by the Howard League for Penal Reform, which found that recorded sexual assaults in prison are now at the highest level since 2005.

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:

Appendix 1 – MOPAC Monthly report

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: There are none.
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