

# Subject: Police and Crime Committee Work Programme

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 9 July 2015

This report will be considered in public

## 1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out the work programme for the Police and Crime Committee.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme as set out in paragraph 4.1 of this report.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee's work programme is intended to enable the Committee to effectively fulfil its roles of holding the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) to account and investigating issues of importance to policing and crime reduction in London. The Committee's work involves a range of activities, including formal meetings with MOPAC, the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and other stakeholders, site visits, written consultations and round table meetings.
- 3.2 The Committee will usually meet twice a month. One of the monthly meetings is usually used to hold a question and answer session with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. The Commissioner of the MPS has been invited to these meetings. The Committee will primarily use question and answer (Q&A) meetings to investigate topical issues and review MPS performance, including consideration of MOPAC's approach to holding the MPS to account.
- 3.3 The Committee's other monthly meeting is used to consider a particular topic or aspect of policing and crime in greater detail. These investigations will be conducted either by the full Committee or working groups. Working groups will have delegated authority to prepare reports on the Committee's behalf in consultation with party Group lead Members. Final reports will be approved and published by the full Committee. Where possible, working groups will make use of the dates scheduled for the Committee's 'thematic' meetings.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The work programme has been designed to proactively examine issues of interest but also allows for flexibility to respond to topical issues and for the Committee to react to MOPAC's work programme. Topics will be added to the timetable for Q&A meetings as they arise. The Committee's work programme currently includes:

<b>July</b>	Thursday 9 July 2015 Thematic meeting – annual meeting with the Mayor	Tuesday 21 July 2015 Q&A meeting
<b>August</b>	No meetings	
<b>September</b>	Thursday 10 September 2015 Thematic meeting – Safer transport	Thursday 24 September 2015 Q&A meeting
<b>October</b>	Thursday 8 October 2015 Thematic meeting – Safer transport	Thursday 22 October 2015 Q&A meeting

- 4.2 The Committee's current investigation is examining the application of the Government's Prevent Strategy in London and the ways in which London works to prevent extremism. Prevent is one of four elements of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST (the others are Pursue, Protect and Prepare).
- 4.3 The Committee's investigation aims to examine the impact the new Prevent duty will have for the MPS and MOPAC, and its work with partners and community groups; and consider what the objectives and priorities should be for the new strategic board to oversee the work of Prevent and the other elements of the CONTEST Strategy across London. In May, the Committee held its first meeting to examine the development of the Prevent strategy to date, and the challenges and opportunities that exist to improve the application of the strategy in London. In June, the Committee examined how efforts to prevent extremism will be delivered in the future.
- 4.4 In September, it is proposed that the Committee begin an investigation looking at safer transport in London.

## 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

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