

Subject: Police and Crime Committee Work Programme

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 22 October 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 schedules 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:

November	Thursday 12 November 2015 Thematic meeting – Transport crime	Thursday 26 November 2015 Q&A meeting
December	Thursday 3 December 2015 Thematic meeting – tbc	Thursday 17 December 2015 Q&A meeting

Preventing extremism

- 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). It provides a framework and funding to tackle extremism at a local level. The Committee has received evidence from a range of guests, including academics, London boroughs, and the former independent reviewer of terrorism legislation, Lord Alex Carlile. Members visited Birmingham on 22 July 2015 to hear from Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police and other partners on their approach to preventing extremism.
- 4.3 The Committee is also investigating crime on public transport in London. While crime across the public transport network remains relatively low, challenges exist, such as the rise in sexual offences across the public transport network. The investigation will consider how to reduce crime and improve safety on public transport, and how the Mayor is working with key partners to achieve these goals.

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: None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None.

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