

Subject: Crime on Public Transport

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 12 November 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides background information to the Police and Crime Committee for its second meeting with invited guests to discuss crime on public transport in London.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to the invited guests on crime on public transport in London, and notes the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Police and Crime Committee is currently investigating crime on public transport in London. The investigation will consider how to reduce crime, improve safety and increase reporting on public transport, and how the Mayor is working with key partners to achieve these goals.
- 3.2 Improving safety on public transport is a priority for the Mayor. The Mayor's Transport Strategy¹ (MTS), published in May 2010, sets out the Mayor's vision to be "the best big city on earth". One of the MTS goals is to "improve the safety and security of all Londoners". Its outcomes, by 2031, include to reduce: crime rates on the London Underground and Docklands Light Railway (DLR) by 15 per cent to 11.1 crimes per million passenger journeys; crime rates on London buses by 25 per cent to nine crimes per million passenger journeys; and the proportion of Londoners who have significant concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour on public transport such that it deters them from using it.
- 3.3 Preventing crime on public transport remains a priority. In January 2015, Transport for London (TfL) published the Mayor's second community safety strategy – *The Right Direction: the Mayor's strategy for improving transport safety, security and reliability in London (2015-2017)*². The strategy is delivered by the London Transport Community Safety Partnership, made up of a range of organisations that work together in partnership to make journeys within London "increasingly safe and reliable".

¹ <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/transport/vision-strategy>

² <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/safety-and-security>

- 3.4 TfL fund more than 2,300 police officers across London's transport network to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. Policing the network is split between three policing agencies:
- Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) – the MPS's Roads and Transport Policing Command oversees policing on London's roads and transport network;
 - British Transport Police (BTP) is responsible for policing the London Underground, DLR, Tramlink, London Overground, Emirates Air Line and the rail network in London; and
 - City of London Police is responsible for safety and security in the 'square mile' of London.
- 3.5 While crime on the public transport network remains relatively low, challenges exist. The Committee will examine these in more detail. In particular, this includes: the 30 per cent rise in reported sexual offences across the public transport network in 2014/15; the planned introduction of the night tube; and the growth of London's population and increasing passenger numbers.
- 3.6 The investigation aims to:
- examine crime trends on public transport and to determine whether certain groups of Londoners are more at risk of becoming a victim;
 - to identify the challenges and opportunities to further reduce crime on public transport in London and to assess how the key agencies are responding; and
 - to identify the risks associated with the introduction of the night tube relating to crime and safety on London's public transport network.
- 3.7 The scoping and terms of reference for the investigation can be accessed on the GLA's website [here](#)³

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The meeting will be used to examine crime on public transport in London, and the challenges and opportunities that exist to further reduce crime and increase passenger safety. Invited guests include:
- Steve Burton, Director of Enforcement and On-Street Operations, TfL;
 - Richard Jones, Head of Command and Control, London Underground;
 - Assistant Commissioner Helen King QPM, MPS;
 - Chief Constable Paul Crowther OBE, BTP;
 - Commissioner Adrian Leppard, City of London Police; and
 - Stella Morris, Head of Security and Revenue Protection Strategy, Govia Thameslink Railway.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

³ <http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Crime%20on%20public%20transport%20scoping%20paper.pdf>

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
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List of Background Papers: None.

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