

Subject: Police and Crime Committee Work Programme

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 12 January 2017

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

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

2. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee agrees its updated work programme as set out in this report.**

2.2 **That the Committee agrees that a site visit to a Metropolitan Police Service custody suite be held on Wednesday, 1 February 2017.**

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 (the 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 to hold a question and answer (Q&A) 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 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. Full reports will be approved and published by the full Committee.

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.
- 4.2 The Committee agreed its initial priorities for its work programme at its meeting on 29 June 2016. Since that meeting, the work programme has been revised and an updated work programme is set out below:

January	Thursday 12 January 2017 Thematic meeting – Police and Crime Consultation	Thursday 26 January 2017 Q&A meeting
February	Thursday 9 February 2017 Thematic meeting – TBC	Thursday 23 February 2017 Q&A meeting
March	Thursday 9 March 2017 Thematic meeting – TBC	Thursday 23 March 2017 Q&A meeting
April	No meetings	

The Mayor's draft Police and Crime Plan

- 4.3 The Committee's main piece of work in the New Year will be scrutiny of the Mayor's Draft Police and Crime Plan. The Mayor, as occupant of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (equivalent to a Police and Crime Commissioner outside London), has a statutory duty to publish a Police and Crime Plan. The Plan is required to set out MOPAC's priorities for the Mayor's time in office, including police and crime objectives, financial and other resources to be provided to the Commissioner and performance measures.¹ The Committee is required by statute to review the draft Plan and make a report or recommendations on the Plan to MOPAC. MOPAC must "have regard to any report or recommendations made by the [committee] in relation to the draft Plan."²
- 4.4 The Mayor published his draft Police and Crime Plan for 2017 to 2021 on 1 December 2016.³ Consultation on the draft Plan runs until 23 February 2017 and the final version of the Police and Crime Plan will be published by the end of March 2017. The Committee aims to examine the feasibility and potential impact of the Mayor's draft Police and Crime Plan at its thematic meeting on 12 January 2017 and will dedicate part of its Q&A meeting on 26 January 2017 for further questions on the Plan. In particular, at the meetings the Committee will examine how well the Plan prepares the MPS for current and future challenges; and assess the arrangements for effective oversight of the Plan and its priorities.

Site Visit to a Custody Suite

- 4.5 Site visits are an important part of the Committee's work to assist Members in gaining a deeper understanding of policing issues. From time to time the Committee has included questions about the arrangements of custody suites at its Q&A meetings. It is proposed that the Committee agrees that a site visit be held to a MPS custody suite on Wednesday, 1 February 2017.

¹ [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#)

² [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#)

³ Mayor of London, [Mayor invites Londoners to have their say on plans for a safer city](#), 1 December 2016

Site Visit to the MPS's Specialist Training Centre

- 4.6 At its meeting on 19 July 2016, the Committee delegated authority to the Chairman in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM to agree arrangements for a site visit to the MPS's Specialist Training Centre in Gravesend to observe training for public order policing. It is proposed that the site visit take place in April 2017.

Policing issues and electoral fraud and mismanagement in London

- 4.7 At its meeting on 20 October 2016, the Committee agreed to review its work programme in order to consider proposals for an urgent scrutiny investigation to clarify the involvement of MOPAC and MPS in relation to tackling allegations of electoral fraud and mismanagement in London, with particular attention to Tower Hamlets, following the Election Court Judgement by the Election Commissioner. The Chairman has written to MOPAC requesting background information. Once a response has been received, Members will then decide how this work should then be taken forward.

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 Greater London Authority 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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