

Subject: Police and Crime Committee Work Programme

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 9 March 2017

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out progress on the Police and Crime Committee's work programme.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee notes its work programme as set out in this report.

2.2 That the Committee delegates authority to its Chairman, Steve O'Connell AM, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree any output from the Committee's scrutiny review on tackling allegations of election fraud and malpractice.

2.3 That the Committee delegates authority to its Chairman, Steve O'Connell AM, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree arrangements for a site visit to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to observe policing in and around the Park.

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. The Committee will shortly produce a new work programme for its meetings from May 2017 onwards.

March	Thursday 9 March 2017 Thematic meeting – Probation services in London	Wednesday 29 March 2017 (instead of Thursday 23 March 2017) Q&A meeting
April	No meetings	

- 4.3 The Committee recently agreed its response to the Mayor’s Draft Police and Crime Plan. The Committee examined the feasibility and potential impact of the plan, concluding that there are some issues in the draft plan that need further thought or explanation. The report stresses that it is critical the final plan, and the strategies that follow it, build and inspire confidence in these challenging and uncertain times: both of the police in the leadership shown by the MPS and MOPAC, and of the public in the police’s ability to respond to their needs effectively.¹
- 4.4 The Committee used its thematic meeting on 9 February 2017 for a discussion with invited guests on tackling allegations of electoral fraud and malpractice. It is recommended that the Committee delegates authority to its Chairman, Steve O’Connell AM, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree any output from that meeting.
- 4.5 The Committee used its thematic meeting on 1 December 2016 for a discussion with invited guests on policing and security in and around the London Stadium. Members have expressed a wish to visit the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to observe policing in and around the Park. It is therefore recommended that the Committee delegates authority to its Chairman, Steve O’Connell AM, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree arrangements for a site visit to the Park.

¹ London Assembly Police and Crime Committee, [Response to the Mayor’s Draft Police and Crime Plan](#), February 2017

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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