

Subject: Probation Services in London

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 provides background information to the Police and Crime Committee for its meeting with invited guests to discuss probation services in London.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to invited guests on probation services in London, and notes the subsequent discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 In June 2014, under the Transforming Rehabilitation programme, probation services in England and Wales were divided into a new public sector National Probation Service (NPS) and 21 new privately-owned Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs). London is a stand-alone NPS division, one of seven NPS divisions across England, and its CRC is the largest in the country. The transformation to the new model has been challenging. Led by the Ministry of Justice, we are now two years into the reforms.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 At its meeting on 23 February 2017, the Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Chairman, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree the arrangements and topic for this meeting. Following that consultation the Chairman has agreed that this meeting will be used to examine the issue of probation services in London. This meeting provides Members with an opportunity to examine progress so far, in particular the quality of work and services delivered by the CRC and NPS in London and the impact on reducing reoffending.

- 4.2 Invited guests include representatives from:
- London Community Rehabilitation Company;
 - National Probation Service, London;
 - Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime; and
 - Metropolitan Police.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.
- 5.2 Officers confirm that the scope for this thematic session falls within the Committee’s terms of reference.

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:

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| Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 |
| List of Background Papers: None |
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