

MOPAC MPS OVERSIGHT BOARD

Note of Meeting 1 December 2020

Present:

Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime
Dame Cressida Dick, Commissioner
Diana Luchford, Chief Executive, MOPAC
Sir Stephen House, Deputy Commissioner

In attendance:

MOPAC and MPS officials and officers

1. Minutes of 23 September 2020 Meeting

1.1. The minutes of the 23 September 2020 Oversight Board meeting were agreed.

2. MPS Criminal Justice Update

2.1. The MPS provided a comprehensive update on criminal justice issues, including the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The MPS highlighted issues that were going well over the past 12 months, including:

- More crimes solved;
- An increase in arrest numbers;
- Greater use of bail and reduced use of release under investigation; and
- A reduction in the number of 'wanted' offenders.

2.2. There was a discussion of the challenges that the MPS was facing and the steps it was taking to address them, including:

- The court backlogs, which have been severely impacted by Covid-19, posed significant resource challenges to the MPS and impacted on the delivery of justice. There was a discussion on the impact on victims and on the uses of out of court disposals.

- Video Remand Hearings, which had been introduced to allow courts to operate safely during the pandemic, placed unsustainable resources requirements on the MPS. National resources would be required to maintain these.
- Domestic abuse – the increase in incidents during the pandemic lockdown measures.
- A decline in offences ‘dealt with in the day’.
- Case file quality.

2.3. The Board noted the MPS’s next steps for:

- supporting vulnerable and intimidated victims whose cases were in the backlog;
- raising the quality of the case files;
- expanding the use of conditional cautions and community resolution;
- preparing for the new Director’s Guidance on Charging Edition 6 and the revised Attorney General’s guidance on Disclosure and CPIA; and
- reducing disproportionality in the Criminal Justice System.

The paper presented to the Board is published alongside these minutes.

3. MPS Business Plan Monitoring Quarter 2 Report

3.1. There was a discussion of the progress the MPS had made in the second quarter of 2020-21 towards implementing its Business Plan.

The MPS Business Plan 2019-2022 is available [here](#) and its 2020-21 Quarter 2 progress update is available [here](#) .

4. Quarter 2 Performance Report and Financial Position

4.1. The Board discussed the 2020-21 Quarter 2 performance report. There was a particular discussion of:

- Robbery
- Sexual offences
- Domestic abuse
- Response times during the Covid19 period
- Dedicated Ward Officers

4.2. The Quarter 2 financial position for 2020-21 was discussed.

The Quarter 2 Performance and Financial Report is available published alongside these minutes.
