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MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

Report to the Police and Crime Committee: 7 August

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report is provided to the Police and Crime Committee (PCC) to assist the Committee in exercising its function in scrutinising and supporting the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and to hold it to account.

This report covers the period from **3 July 2020 to 7 August 2020**.

In addition to the range of regular meetings and briefings with key stakeholders, including senior Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) officers, below are the main activities I have been involved in during this period.

2 MOPAC ACTIVITY REPORT

- I have held a number of meetings with the MPS as part of my oversight and engagement work. For example, I have met with:
 - Commissioner Cressida Dick
 - Deputy Commissioner Steve House
 - Assistant Commissioner Nick Ephgrave
 - Chief of Corporate Services Robin Wilkinson
 - Assistant Commissioner Helen Ball
 - Assistant Commissioner Louisa Rolfe
 - Assistant Commissioner and Head of Counter Terror Policing Neil Basu, with the Mayor
 - Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D'Orsi
 - Commander Jane Connors.
- I have held a fortnightly VAWG sector wide meeting, to assess ways in which MOPAC and the wider GLA can do everything possible to support women at risk.
- I have attended a weekly task and finish group chaired by the Mayor's Night Czar, Amy Lame, to discuss high street reopening, and I have also chaired a weekly Public Disorder Risk Management Group.
- On 3 July I met with Police and Crime Commissioner colleagues to discuss work across APCC portfolios to address racism and disproportionality. Also, on 29 July, I met with the Ministry of Justice to discuss funding for victims.
- On 3 July, the Mayor and I visited a Violence Suppression Unit in Westminster, where we spent time with a group of officers on patrol.
- On 6 July I held my quarterly meeting with the Superintendents' Association to discuss their current priorities and concerns.
- I attended a number of board meetings during the period, including: the GLA's Corporate Investment Board on 6, 13, 20 and 27 July; London Transition Board Reopening Subgroup on 20 July; and our regular Investment Advisory and Monitoring meeting on 30 July.
- On 8 July I attended the London Crime Reduction Board where the focus of the meeting was on disproportionality and race equality in the criminal justice system, Covid-19 recovery and court backlogs.
- On 14 July I attended the VRU Partnership Reference Group.

- On 15 July I took part in a Q&A session with the Police and Crime Committee, along with the MOPAC CEO Diana Luchford and Deputy MPS Commissioner Stephen House.
- On 17 July I had a call with MOPAC commissioned services to discuss how they are responding to the challenges of Covid-19, recovery planning, and how MOPAC can support them.
- On 20 July I met with the MPS trade unions to discuss their current concerns and priorities. I also met with Janet Hills, chair of the Black Police Association, on 21 July
- On 21 July I held my regular catch up with Sal Naseem from the IOPC.
- On 23 July the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor for Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement and I attended a meeting with the Black Majority churches to discuss Black Lives Matter, Covid-19 and recovery.
- On 23 July I met with the Leader of Haringey Council and local MPs to discuss policing over the summer. Following this, on 28 July the Mayor and I attended a meeting with a number of community groups at Tottenham Town Hall, facilitated by David Lammy MP, Haringey Council and chaired by Councillor Mark Blake. AC Nick Ephgrave attended as a representative from the Met. The meeting focused on ongoing policing issues in Haringey and the potential for unrest over the summer. We discussed the ongoing work being done to produce an Action Plan for improving trust, confidence, transparency and accountability in policing.
- On 27 July I met with Matt Parr, the HM Inspector of Constabulary and HM Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services, where we discussed issues including the impact of Covid-19.
- On 29 July I attended an event organised by the Police Foundation on Public Safety and Security in the 21st Century.
- On 30 July I met with Suresh Grover, Director of the Monitoring Group, to discuss the increase in hate crime.
- As part of our work on the Mayor's Action Plan for improving trust and confidence in policing, my colleagues and I have spoken with over 200 people through a number of highly interactive workshops with community members, religious leaders, and rights groups, alongside the police. I have also met with local councillors and Assembly Members to discuss the plan and convened a youth workshop. There have been several staff workshops, across MOPAC and the GLA, bringing together the expertise and experiences of colleagues.
- During this period, I have also had regular calls with councillors and Borough Leaders across London.

3 MPS PERFORMANCE

Police data are now fully updated on the London data store. In addition, more police and crime data and information and interactive dashboards can be found at <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/data-and-statistics/crime-dashboard>. An overview of key crime types is below.

	Jul - Jun	2018/19	2019/20	% change
TNO	Total Notifiable Offences (TNO)	884,989	851,269	-3.8%
	TNO Victim Based	811,236	766,589	-5.5%
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour Calls	257,969	390,378	51.3%
VAP	Violence Against the Person	217,077	218,823	0.8%
	Violence with Injury	77,749	72,598	-6.6%
	Homicide	130	133	2.3%
	Youth Homicide	28	27	-3.6%
	Serious Youth Violence	8,057	7,367	-8.6%
	Non Domestic Abuse VWI	53,717	48,751	-9.2%
	Violence without Injury	139,198	146,092	5.0%
Domestic Abuse	Domestic Abuse Notifiable	88,460	91,397	3.3%
	Domestic Abuse Incidents	142,124	150,932	6.2%
	Domestic Abuse VWI	24,032	23,847	-0.8%
Sexual Offences	Total Sexual Offences	20,445	18,800	-8.0%
	Rape	8,203	7,492	-8.7%
	Other Sexual Offences	12,242	11,308	-7.6%
Robbery	Total Robbery	36,271	34,220	-5.7%
	Business Robbery	2,515	2,706	7.6%
	Personal Robbery	33,756	31,514	-6.6%
Burglary	Total Burglary	81,564	70,743	-13.3%
	Burglary - Residential	60,154	52,508	-12.7%
	Burglary - Business and Community	21,410	18,235	-14.8%
Vehicle	Total Vehicle	120,659	121,575	0.8%
	Aggravated Vehicle Taking	962	1,023	6.3%
	Theft from MV	72,259	76,238	5.5%
	Theft or Taking of MV	31,234	27,854	-10.8%
Theft	Total Theft Offences	241,672	209,795	-13.2%
	Theft from Person	49,523	42,646	-13.9%
	Bicycle Theft	20,987	19,262	-8.2%
	Shoplifting	43,512	40,694	-6.5%
Criminal Damage	Arson and Criminal Damage Offences	4,416	4,188	-5.2%
Drugs	Total Drugs Offences	41,979	53,734	28.0%
Weapons	Possession of Weapons	7,639	6,690	-12.4%
	Knife Crime Offences	14,956	13,828	-7.5%
	Knife Crime With Injury	1,695	1,330	-21.5%
	Knife Crime With Injury victims under 25 (non DA)	4,119	3,496	-15.1%
	Knife Crime with Injury Personal Robbery	590	475	-19.5%
	Knife Possession	884,989	4,756	-99.5%
	Gun Crime Offences	2,257	1,779	-21.2%
	Gun Crime Lethal Discharge	357	280	-21.6%
Gun Crime Personal Robbery	532	373	-29.9%	
Hate Crime	Racist and Religious Hate Crime	17,288	19,455	12.5%
	Faith Hate Crime	2,189	2,026	-7.4%
	Anti-Semitic	603	616	2.2%
	Islamophobic	1,212	1,009	-16.7%
	Sexual Orientation Hate Crime	2,498	2,947	18.0%
	Transgender Hate	259	260	0.4%
Disability Hate Crime	416	459	10.3%	

		Mar-19	Mar-20	p.p difference
Satisfaction	Overall Satisfaction	67%	64%	-3.0%

Public Attitude	The police do a good job in the local area	60%	58%	-2.0%
	The police can be relied upon to be there when needed	71%	70%	-1.0%
	The police treat everyone fairly regardless of who they are	76%	77%	1.0%
	The police are dealing with the things that matter to this community	63%	64%	1.0%
	The police listen to the concerns of local people	68%	68%	0.0%
	Feels well informed about local police activities over the last 12 months	36%	35%	-1.0%

4 FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 4.1 The external financial reporting of MOPAC is on a quarterly basis. The MOPAC Quarter 1 2020/21 Performance Update Report is scheduled to be published 18 August 2020 and as such is currently draft.
- 4.2 The finance section of this will cover the full year forecast outturn position for the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and MOPAC as at end of June 2021. It will also include a breakdown of Revenue, Capital and Reserves positions.
- 4.3 A key change from the previous reporting will be specific reference to COVID costs and impact of this including the treatment of reimbursements from the HO for specific PPE medical grade items.
- 4.4 The MOPAC Quarter 1 2020/21 Performance report is currently in draft and will be presented in next month's PCC report.

The currently available published content relates to Quarter 4 2019/20 and is below for reference.

- 4.5 At the end of quarter 4, the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) overall gross expenditure outturn position is an overspend of £8.4m, which is 0.2% of the total gross expenditure budget. After other income, specific grants and reserves transfers, the net expenditure outturn is a balanced position against the net budget.

Key headlines are:

- Police Officer Pay - there is an overspend of £6.9m. £5.3m of this pressure relates to recruiting ahead of the budgeted Police Officer numbers.
- Police Officer Overtime - there was a £20.1m overspend. Partly arises from the policing of special events. Over the course of the year there were £11m of Special Grant claims that were not approved by the Home Office in relation to Extinction Rebellion protests and the visit of the President of the United States. The residual overspend is driven by operational pressures in Frontline Policing and MPS Operations as the MPS has stepped up operations to tackle violence across London and to meet other crime demands.
- Police Staff Pay - came close to budget following successful recruitment activity, with the small underspend largely due to fewer staff being in post than budgeted for.
- Police Staff Overtime - amounted to an overspend of £8m due to vacancies earlier in the year in MPS Operations, and an increase in call volumes handled in MPS Command and Control and a drive to reduce call waiting times.
- Running Expenses - were under budget by £15.9m predominately due to suppliers and services budgets being reprofiled into 2020/21.
- The gross expenditure outturn variance of £8.4m is offset by additional income received mainly within Met Operations from sales proceeds, recharges and reimbursements.

- Special Grant Claims – there is an ongoing risk to the recovery of costs relating to Special Grants. This is due to a more stringent application of the principle that claims can only be granted where the related costs are in excess of 1% of expenditure Budget. In the case of the Met this puts the threshold for recovery at circa £35m.
- 4.6 The capital investment 2019/20 outturn position is a spend of £249.6m against a budget of £274.3m (underspend of £24.7m). The majority of the outturn underspend relates to Transformation (underspend of £9.1m), NCTPHQ (underspend of £8.4m) and Digital Policing (underspend of £7.5m).
- 4.7 Total transfers to reserves in 19/20 amounted to £207.5m which included £15.1m of carry forward requests. Within this there is the transfer of £118.6m of business rates funding to support 1,000 officers for 21/22 and 22/23. Total earmarked reserves for the MPS now stand at £348.68m.

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR’S QUESTIONS

MOPAC manages and prioritises all Mayor’s Questions and correspondence received to ensure that it is meeting its obligation to respond in a timely manner and to a high standard.

5.1 Mayor’s Questions (MQs)

6. Mayor’s questions	Total received	Responded to within the GLA agreed timeframe	In percentage terms
July 2019	97	53	58%
August 2019	No MQs		
September 2019	84	58	69%
October 2019	75	19	25%
November 2019	110	44	40%
December 2019	70	41	58%
January 2020	54	26	48%
February 2020	128	63	49%
March 2020	77	77	100%
April 2020	No MQs		
May 2020	27	16	60%
June 2020	74	27	36%
July 2020	60	13	21%

5.2 Correspondence received and responded to within 20 days

Month	Correspondence received	Number responded to within 20 working days	In percentage terms
January 2019	187	164	88%
February 2019	196	165	84%
March 2019	233	200	86%
April 2019	193	189	98%
May 2019	193	182	94%
June 2019	104	66	63%
July 2019	177	167	94%
August 2019	345	342	99%
September 2019	180	168	93%
October 2019	186	175	94%
November 2019	284	239	84%
December 2019	259	232	90%
January 2020	265	225	85%
February 2020	199	156	80%
March 2020	236	211	89%
April 2020	195	175	90%
May 2020	180	178	99%
June 2020	335	288	86%
July 2020	372	334	90%

6. MOPAC BUSINESS AND MEETINGS

In the last month, my office and I have had a range of meetings with key stakeholders and MPS officers in support of the Mayor.

6.1 Regular Meetings with:

- the Mayor and his Team
- the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner
- MPS Senior Officers
- Partners including local authorities, criminal justice agencies, government departments, policing bodies, service providers and community groups.

Other meetings are described in section 2. Please note that fewer meetings have taken place during this period due to Covid-19.

6.2 Boards:

Date	MOPAC Meeting
06/07/2020	Corporate Investment Board
08/07/2020	London Crime Reduction Board
13/07/2020	Corporate Investment Board
20/07/2020	Corporate Investment Board
27/07/2020	London Transition Board Reopening Group

6.3 Decisions

The following formal decisions have been published since the last report:

PCD	746	Vehicle Recovery and Examination Service (VRES) Continuity Project Update
PCD	756	Request for authorisation to settle a claim against the MPS
PCD	757	Application for Financial Assistance for the legal representation of a former police officer at an Independent Inquiry
PCD	761	Continuation of the GPS tagging for knife crime offenders on licence pilot
PCD	763	Forensic Accreditation Services

PCD	764	Forensic Pathology Services
PCD	766	Collaboration with City of London Police and UK Payments to fund the Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit
PCD	767	Enhancing capability to respond to Indecent Images of Children in Frontline Policing
PCD	771	Funding approval from the Modern Slavery Transformation Unit to the MPS
PCD	772	Ministry of Justice Emergency Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services
PCD	775	Victims' Commissioner Funding Extension
PCD	776	Serious Violence Toolkit and HeadStart Action
PCD	777	MOPAC 19/20 Quarter 4 Financial Outturn
PCD	778	Amendment to MOPAC Financial Regulations
PCD	780	Fund management support for MoJ Emergency Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services
PCD	781	Technology Refresh for MPS Forensic Services – Project Horizon
PCD	788	Summer / Autumn 2020 Activity for Children & Young People

6.3 Future MOPAC meetings

Date	MOPAC Meeting
07/09/2020	Delivery Management Group (LCRB) Awayday.
10/09/2020	London CONTEST Board
20/10/2020	London Crime Reduction Board (LCRB)
07/12/2020	Delivery Management Group (LCRB)
08/12/2020	London CONTEST Board