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Dear Darren

London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting 19 March – Motions

Thank you for your letter of 24 March regarding the motions which were raised at Mayor's Question Time on 19 March. I will respond to each motion in turn.

Motion 1

While I, of course, took account of the views of Assembly Members, I also had to consider the professional judgement of the police whose responsibility it is to police the types of violent disorder where water cannon might be of value. I also considered the views of the vast majority of Londoners, across all age groups, all ethnicities and all parts of London, who were supportive of the police having access to this tool.

As I have explained in my letter to the Chair of the Police and Crime Committee, in answering questions about whether or not I had read the PCC report, whilst I had not read the report as published, I had been informed by its contents.

The supporting document published with my letter to the Home Secretary sets out the concerns raised – including references to the Police and Crime Committee's work – along with responses including assurances that I have received from the Metropolitan Police Service. These include the concerns and points raised by the Committee, both when they questioned me and in the report.

Additionally, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, to whom most of the functions I exercise as the occupant of MOPAC are delegated, has advised me extensively on this matter.

Stephen Greenhalgh, and the officials who support him have read and considered all of the documents, including the PCC report and I can assure you that the points raised were seriously considered.

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Motion 2

I will carefully consider the Assembly's response on my proposals for LFEPA reform before deciding what further steps, if any, I should take in this regard.

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London