

Subject: Police and Crime Committee Work Programme

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 26 November 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out the work programme for the Police and Crime Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees its updated work programme, as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes the summary of its site visit on 29 October 2015 to the Metropolitan Police Specialist Training Centre (MPSTC), as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report.**

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 (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 used to hold a question and answer 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 question and answer (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. Final reports will be approved

and published by the full Committee. Where possible, working groups will make use of the dates scheduled for the Committee's 'thematic' meetings.

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. The Committee's work programme currently includes:

December	Thursday 3 December 2015 Thematic meeting – Alcohol related crime	Thursday 17 December 2015 Q&A meeting
January	Thursday 14 January 2015 Thematic meeting – Alcohol related crime	Thursday 28 January 2015 Q&A meeting

- 4.2 On 29 October 2015, the Committee visited the Metropolitan Police Specialist Training Centre (MPSTC), as part of its ongoing scrutiny of issues related to firearms use, such as Taser and body worn cameras. The MPSTC was officially opened in April 2003 and provides the capital's officers with firearms and public order training. Firearms officers are called to a range of different scenarios including alarm calls, suspect packages or calls for urgent assistance. In 2014 the MPS attended around 4,000 firearms incidents, with one fatality.¹ During the site visit, Members had the opportunity to see some of the training that officers undertake and to raise questions about the MPS's use of body worn video and how the use of cameras affects performance – including mounting options, complaints management, public confidence and satisfaction and criminal justice outcomes.

Current investigations

- 4.3 The Committee is currently investigating crime on public transport in London. While crime across the public transport network remains relatively low, challenges exist, such as the rise in sexual offences and violence against the person. The investigation will consider how to reduce crime and improve safety on public transport, and how the Mayor is working with key partners to achieve these goals. At its meeting on 8 October 2015, the Committee heard from academics and campaign groups about crime on public transport in London, and the challenges and opportunities that exist to further reduce crime and increase passenger safety. The Committee went on to discuss these challenges and opportunities with those responsible for passenger safety, including the MPS, British Transport Police, City of London Police, Transport for London and industry representatives at its meeting on 12 November 2015. The Committee also went on a site visit to observe a transport policing operation and had a tour of the London Underground and British Transport Police Control Centre on 12 November 2015, as part of this scrutiny investigation.
- 4.4 The Committee will shortly begin an investigation into the impact of alcohol on policing London's night time economy. London is said to experience a disproportionate level of alcohol related crime because of the number of night time economy spots.² London Councils suggest that "alcohol is a

¹ [MOPAC Challenge, 20 May 2015](#)

² MOPAC, [Sobriety pilot](#)

significant factor in crime and is believed to be a factor in up to half of all violent incidents” in London.³ In December 2014, the Mayor, in response to a question about the rise in violence with injury in London, suggested that in addition to an increase in reporting, “there is low-level violence taking place in town centres associated particularly with alcohol and the perpetrators aged typically between 26 and 41”.⁴ The Committee will examine the level and perception of alcohol related crime in London, and what MOPAC can do to tackle this issue, including examining the impact of MOPAC’s compulsory alcohol sobriety trial in south London. The Committee has agreed to use its meeting slot on 3 December 2015 a for a question and answer session with invited guests on this topic and it is also proposed that its meeting slot on 14 January 2016 be used for second question and answer session on this topic.

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 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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³ London Councils, [London key facts](#)

⁴ Mayor’s Question Time, [Question 2014/4963 \(Oral\)](#), Tuesday, 09 December 2014