

Subject: Action Taken Under Delegated Authority

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 29 March 2017

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines recent action taken by the Chairman of the Police and Crime Committee in accordance with the delegated authority to take decisions granted to him by the Police and Crime Committee at its meeting on 9 March 2017.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the recent action taken by the Chairman of the Police and Crime Committee, Steve O'Connell AM, under delegated authority, following consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, namely to send a letter to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime about tackling electoral fraud and malpractice.**

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 9 February 2017, the Police and Crime Committee had a discussion with invited guests on tackling election fraud and malpractice in London.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 9 March 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 any output from the Committee's scrutiny review on tackling allegations of electoral fraud and malpractice

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 Following the meeting of the Committee on 9 March 2017, and consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, the Chairman wrote to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to recommend that she use the powers conferred to her under section 54 of the Police

Act 1996 (as amended by the Police reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to request that Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary inspect the activities of the Metropolitan Police Service as they pertain to investigating matters relating to the 2014 Mayoral Election in Tower Hamlets; the findings of the Election Court judgement 2015; and related investigations thereafter.

- 4.2 The Committee is recommended to note the letter from the Chairman of this Committee to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime attached at **Appendix 1**

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – letter from the Chairman to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime regarding tackling electoral fraud.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: Member Delegated Authority Form 796 (electoral fraud and malpractice)
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