

# Subject: Police and Crime Committee Work Programme

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 20 July 2017

This report will be considered in public

## 1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out progress on the Police and Crime Committee's work programme.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee agrees its updated work programme as set out in the report.

2.2 That the Committee agrees the terms of reference for its scrutiny review of Gun Crime in London, as set out in paragraph 4.6 of this report and the scoping paper, attached at Appendix 1.

2.3 That the Committee agrees the terms of reference for its scrutiny review of Women Offenders in London, as set out in paragraph 4.8 of this report and the scoping paper, attached at Appendix 2.

2.4 That the Committee notes its quarterly monitoring report attached at Appendix 3.

2.5 That the Committee agrees, in relation to urgent matters only, a general delegation of authority in respect of the Committee's powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 be delegated) to the Chairman of the Committee, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, from the close of this meeting until the next meeting of the Committee, scheduled for 6 September 2017.

## 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 (the 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 to hold a question and answer (Q&A) 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 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. Full reports will be approved and published by the full Committee.

#### 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.
- 4.2 A proposed updated work programme for the Committee is set out below:

<b>August</b>	No meetings	
<b>September</b>	Wednesday 6 September 2017 Thematic meeting – Antisocial behaviour	Wednesday 20 September 2017 Q&A meeting
<b>October</b>	Thursday 5 October 2017 Thematic meeting – Gun crime in London	Tuesday 17 October 2017 Q&A meeting
<b>November</b>	Wednesday 1 November 2017 Thematic meeting – Women offenders in London	Wednesday 15 November 2017 Q&A meeting

- 4.3 The Committee's thematic meeting on 6 September 2017 will be used for a second discussion with invited guests on antisocial behaviour in London. It will build on evidence heard at the first meeting and consider the demand antisocial behaviour places on the MPS and other partners, how these partners work together to tackle and prevent antisocial behaviour and what more the Mayor and the MPS can do to help tackle antisocial behaviour in London.
- 4.4 The Committee normally meets with the Mayor on an annual basis to discuss issues related to policing and crime. The Mayor has been invited to attend the Committee's meeting on 20 September 2017 alongside MOPAC and the MPS. This will give Members the opportunity to hear about the Mayor's initial progress on the commitments in the Police and Crime Plan 2017-21, and raise any topical issues for discussion.

- 4.5 It is proposed that the Committee's meeting on 5 October explores gun crime in London. The number of gun crime offences in London fell significantly between 2010 and 2015. However, in the last two years it has started to rise again. Although recorded offences remain lower than in 2010, it is nonetheless important to understand why they have started to rise again and how the MPS is responding. The meeting will be used to explore the nature and extent of gun crime in London and the possible drivers associated with the rise in gun crime offences; examine the Met's response to the rise in gun crime offences and learn from previous successes; and consider how MOPAC can further support the MPS and partners to reduce gun crime.
- 4.6 The Committee is recommended to agree the scoping paper on Gun Crime in London attached at **Appendix 1** to this report and the terms of reference for its scrutiny review, as set out below:
1. To assess the extent and nature of gun crime in London;
  2. To consider the possible drivers associated with the rise in gun crime offences in London;
  3. To examine the MPS's response to the rise in gun crime offences and learn from previous successes; and
  4. To examine how MOPAC can further support the MPS and partners to reduce gun crime.
- 4.7 The Committee's thematic meeting on 1 November will be used for a discussion on women offenders in London. While women make up a small amount of the overall number of offenders in London, they are, however, a distinct group that often have very specific needs in relation to preventing offending and rehabilitation. This meeting will examine whether the current and proposed approach to dealing with women offenders in London is an effective one, particularly in light of the closure of HMP Holloway in July 2016.
- 4.8 The Committee is recommended to agree the scoping paper on Women Offenders in London attached at **Appendix 2** to this report and the terms of reference for its scrutiny review, as set out below:
1. To examine the extent to which the closure of HMP Holloway has affected that rehabilitation of London's women in prison;
  2. To examine the provision of specialist support services for women offenders, in particular women's centres, across London; and
  3. To assess the current and potential effectiveness of MOPAC's proposals to support the rehabilitation of women offenders through a Female Offender Service.
- 4.9 The Committee regularly receives a monitoring report summarising the data available to MOPAC, the MPS and other sources in relation to the Police and Crime Plan priorities. The latest quarterly monitoring report which includes data for the period ending March 2017 is attached at **Appendix 3** for noting.

## 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 to the Greater London Authority arising from this report.

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### List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Scoping paper for Gun Crime in London.

Appendix 2 – Scoping paper for Women Offenders in London.

Appendix 3 – Quarterly Monitoring Report for the period ending March 2017.

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None
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