

Subject: Gun Crime in London

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 5 October 2017

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides background information to the Police and Crime Committee for its meeting with invited guests to discuss gun crime in London.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to invited guests on gun crime in London, and notes the subsequent discussion.**
- 2.2 **That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree any output from the Committee's scrutiny investigation of gun crime in London.**

3. Background

- 3.1 This meeting will be used to consider gun crime in London. The Metropolitan Police Service's 2016-17 end of financial year crime statistics showed there had been a 42 per cent rise in gun crime, from 1,793 offences in 2015-16 to 2,544 offences in 2016-17, and a 28 per cent rise in offences where guns were fired, from 239 offences in 2015-16 to 306 offences in 2016-17.
- 3.2 The number of gun crime offences in London fell significantly between 2010 and 2014. However, in the last three 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 Metropolitan Police is responding to this.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 This meeting will be used to consider gun crime in London, and will look at: the current levels and types of gun crime in London; the drivers associated with the rise in gun crime; and how the Metropolitan Police and other partners are working to tackle gun crime.

4.2 Invited guests include:

- Temporary Commander Jim Stokley, Gangs & Organised Crime, Specialist Crime & Operations, Metropolitan Police Service;
- Andy French, Firearms Threat Lead, National Crime Agency;
- Mike Eveleigh, Senior Firearms Officer, British Association of Shooting and Conservation (BASC); and
- Martin Griffiths, Consultant vascular surgeon, Royal London Hospital and Major Trauma Centre Barts Health NHS Trust.

4.3 The scoping and terms of reference for the Committee's investigation were noted at the Committee's meeting on 20 July 2017 but maybe accessed on the GLA's website [here](#)¹:

The terms of reference are to:

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 Met's response to the rise in gun crime offences and learn from previous successes.
4. To examine how MOPAC can further support the Met and partners to reduce gun crime.

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.

List of appendices to this report:

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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¹ <https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=240&MIId=6276&Ver=4>