

Subject: Police and Crime Committee Work Programme

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 17 October 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. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme as set out in the report.**

2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to write to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime in advance of the publication of the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy.**

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 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 The updated work programme agreed at the meeting of the Committee on 20 September 2017 is set out below. Members are currently in discussion about the work programme for the remainder of the year.

Month	Thematic Topic	Q&A Session
November	Two thematic meetings: Wednesday 1 November 2017 Thematic meeting – Women offenders in London; and Thursday 30 November 2017 Thematic meeting – TBC	Wednesday 15 November 2017 Q&A meeting
December	No thematic meeting.	Wednesday 13 December 2017 Q&A meeting

Women Offenders in London

- 4.3 The Committee's thematic meeting on 1 November 2017 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 the light of the closure of HM Prison Holloway in July 2016.

Site Visits

- 4.4 From time to time the Committee undertakes site visits to inform its work. The Committee has agreed previously to undertake site visits to Hendon Police College, the MPS's training centre at Gravesend, and Members have requested that a visit be arranged to the MPS's new headquarters at New Scotland Yard. It is anticipated that these visits will take place in the next few months.

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAGW) Strategy

- 4.5 Members attended an informal meeting with the DMPC and officers from MOPAC to discuss the forthcoming VAWG strategy on 5 October 2017. Arising from that meeting, it is proposed that the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE, write to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime in advance of the publication of the VAGW strategy.

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: None

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List of Background Papers: None
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