

# Subject: Police and Crime Committee Work Programme

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 7 February 2018

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 updated work programme as set out in 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 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. The Committee's work programme from May onwards will be agreed in due course.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Thematic Topic</b>	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>
<b>February</b>	Wednesday 7 February 2018 Policing the 2018 Tower Hamlets Mayoral and Local Elections	Wednesday 21 February 2018 Q&A meeting
<b>March</b>	Wednesday 7 March 2018 Healthcare in Custody	Wednesday 21 March 2018 Q&A meeting
<b>April</b>	No meetings	

### **Healthcare in Custody**

- 4.2 There are widespread concerns over the quality of care being provided to people who pass through London's custody suites. The Committee will assess the steps the MPS and MOPAC are taking to ensure the most effective model of provision and clinical governance is in place. This will involve examining issues such as the recruitment and retention of custody nurses; deaths in custody; the needs of children and young people who enter custody; and support for those with mental health needs. The Committee held a roundtable on 13 December 2017 with various front-line practitioners, to hear about the current opportunities and challenges in improving healthcare in custody.

### **Site Visits and other meetings**

- 4.3 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 and the MPS's training centre at Gravesend. It is anticipated that these visits will take place in the next few months.
- 4.4 On 17 January 2018, as part of its investigation into women offenders in London, the Committee visited HMP Downview. Members had the opportunity to hear from the prison staff, the prison Governor and prisoners themselves about the challenges in supporting London's women offenders and what more the Mayor might do to help reduce reoffending among this group of offenders.
- 4.5 On 1 February 2018, a visit to New Scotland Yard is planned to view the new facilities and receive a short briefing on the MPS's counter terrorism efforts. Members of the Budget and Performance Committee have also been invited for a demonstration of the new technology being used by front line officers in the MPS.

## 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:** None

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