

Subject: Stop and Search

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 23 January 2019

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 on stop and search.

2. Recommendations

- 2.2 **That the Committee notes that following consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, the Chairman agreed the scope for this meeting under delegated authority.**
- 2.3 **That the Committee notes the report as background to a discussion with invited guests and notes the subsequent discussion.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree any output from the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 In 2014, the Committee published its last report on stop and search.¹ The report acknowledged progress in improving the efficacy of stop and search but raised issues with regards to public confidence in usage of the powers, lack of recording, disproportionality, ad hoc engagement with young people, and a complaints system that did not function. It made ten recommendations.
- 3.2 As the Committee has focused on violence over the last year, Assembly Members have often questioned the Metropolitan Police Service and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime on stop and search. Areas of interest have included the use of powers under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 and the work of the MPS's Violence Crime Task Force, which uses 'intelligence-led and targeted stop and search' as a tactic.² The Committee has also heard from

¹ London Assembly Police and Crime Committee, [Stop and search: An investigation of the Met's new approach to stop and search](#), February 2014

² Mayor of London, [Mayor takes action to strengthen London's Violent Crime Taskforce](#), 11 September 2018

Londoners that stop and search can be problematic for their communities, particularly for young Black and minority ethnic men who are disproportionately subject to searches.

- 3.3 At its meeting on 12 December 2018, the Committee delegated authority to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree the scope for the Committee's thematic meetings in January, February and March 2019.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The meeting will explore the current issues related to stop and search.
- 4.2 Invited guests are to be confirmed.
- 4.3 Areas for discussion with the guests may include:
- How stop and search has changed since the Committee's last report;
 - Use of Section 60 powers;
 - Community engagement; and
 - Further changes that are required.

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 GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: Member Delegated Authority Form 1032 (scope for thematic meeting in January 2019).
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