

Subject: Police and Crime Committee Work Programme

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 4 September 2019

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 the progress on its work programme as set out in the report.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes the summary of the site visit to the South West Borough Command Unit on 7 August 2019, as set out in paragraphs 4.4 to 4.6 of the report.**
- 2.3 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree an Annual Report summarising the work of the Committee over the past year.**

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 (it will meet three times in October 2019). 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 may choose to use its thematic meeting slot for roundtables, briefings and site visits as well as formal committee meetings.

4.2 The Committee's programme currently includes the meeting slots set out in the table below:

Meeting Date	Type of Meeting
Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 10am	Q&A session
Thursday, 19 September 2019 at 10am	Modern day slavery
Thursday, 3 October 2019 at 10am	Domestic abuse
Tuesday, 15 October 2019 at 10am	Q&A (3 PCC meetings in October)
Wednesday, 30 October 2019 at 10am	Domestic Abuse
Wednesday, 13 November 2019 at 10am	Q&A session
Wednesday, 27 November 2019 at 10am	Thematic
Wednesday, 4 December 2019 at 10am	Q&A session
Thursday, 9 January 2020 at 10am	Q&A session
Wednesday, 22 January 2020 at 10am	Thematic
Wednesday, 5 February 2020 at 10am	Q&A session
Wednesday, 12 February 2020 at 10am	Thematic
Wednesday, 4 March 2020 at 10am	Q&A session
Wednesday, 18 March 2020 at 10am	Thematic

Site Visits and Briefings

4.3 From time to time the Committee undertakes site visits to support its work. The Committee has previously agreed that it will undertake site visits to the MPS's Basic Command Units (BCUs) and the Metropolitan Police Marine Policing Unit. Members have also expressed an interest in visiting the

Metropolitan Police Dog Support Unit. These site visits will be arranged during the 2019/20 Assembly year.

- 4.4 As part of the scrutiny investigation into sexual offences and rape, the Committee agreed to hold an additional site visit to support its scrutiny investigation into sexual offences and rape.

The following Members attended the visit:

Tony Arbour AM

Susan Hall AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

- 4.5 The purpose of the visit was for Members to examine how the introduction of BCUs has affected the MPS's response to rape and other sexual offences. Members met representatives of the MPS to discuss the changes around the investigation of sexual offences and rape since the introduction of the BCU model.
- 4.6 The Committee has previously undertaken scrutiny reviews of child sexual exploitation and has continued to take an interest in the MPS's work to tackle child sexual exploitation (CSE) and Members were also able to ask questions about the BCU's work to tackle CSE.

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- 4.7 The Committee undertook a great deal of work in the 2018/19 Assembly year, which was summarised in the work programme report to the Committee's meeting on 30 April 2019. Last year, the Committee produced an Annual Report of its work in 2017/18 and it is proposed to produce a short report this year summarising the Committee's work in 2018/19, which can be sent to stakeholders. It is recommended that the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree the report.

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

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None

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