

## MOPAC MPS OVERSIGHT BOARD

### Note of Meeting 29 November 2018

**Present:**

Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime  
Cressida Dick, Commissioner  
Steve House, Assistant Commissioner  
Rebecca Lawrence, Chief Executive, MOPAC

**In attendance:**

MOPAC and MPS officials and officers

**1. Minutes of 7 September 2018 meeting**

1.1. The minutes of the 7 September 2018 Oversight Board meeting were agreed.

**2. Understanding the drivers of change in arrests and disposals**

2.1. The Oversight Board had a detailed discussion of the reduction in the number of arrests being made. It was noted that this was a national trend.

2.2. The MPS and MOPAC had worked jointly to understand the reasons for the reduction. The reduction could not be explained by a single factor. A number of changes may have had some impact, including officer numbers; changes in emphasis and priority at a national level (for example on safeguarding and diversion from CJS); the changing nature of offending and reporting to the police, leading to increases in complexity of cases being investigated. In addition, changes to Met structures such a reduction in the number of custody suites have also had an impact.

2.3. The Commissioner advised that the Met was putting additional focus on increasing the number of arrests, particularly in priority areas such as violence, domestic abuse, sexual violence and repeat victimisation.

2.4. It was agreed that more detail on arrest statistics, including on specific priority areas, would be included in the quarterly performance reports to ensure

ongoing monitoring. It was also agreed that further consideration of the topic should take place at the London Criminal Justice Board.

### **3. Q2 Performance Report**

3.1. The Board discussed the Quarter 2 performance report. There was a particular discussion of:

- burglary: the increasing rate of burglary in some areas, the level of sanction detections and the reasons behind these changes;
- street drugs market: the work the Met was undertaking to address this; and
- victim satisfaction: there had been a continuing decrease in victim satisfaction and it was noted that the London Victims Commissioner was working with the MPS on ways to address this.

3.2. The Quarter 2 financial position for 2018/19 was forecasting a £19.8m underspend on a gross budget of £3.3b.

The Quarter 2 Performance Update Report is available [here](#).

### **4. Q2 Met Business Plan Monitoring Report**

4.1. There was a discussion of the progress the Met had made in the second quarter of 2018-19 towards implementing its Business Plan. The board noted that quarter 2 had a high number of large scale events and public order policing, and that the Met had continued to focus effort on reducing violent crime.

The Met's Business Plan 2018-2021 is available [here](#) and its 2018-19 Quarter 2 progress update is available [here](#).

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