



Susan Hall AM
Chairman of the Police and Crime Committee

Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

(Sent by email)

13 July 2026

Dear Deputy Mayor,

I am writing to you following the London Assembly Police and Crime Committee meeting on 17 June 2026, at which your decision to block the Metropolitan Police Service's (the Met's) proposed Unified Operational Analytics (UOA) contract was discussed. The Committee was particularly keen to understand more about the procurement process and the tough policing choices that now need to be made as a result. We are therefore seeking clear assurances regarding the timely communication and sharing of information on the "tough choices" currently being developed by the Met.

During the Committee's meeting, you confirmed that you asked the Met for a breakdown of the operational and financial impacts arising from the halted procurement, both before and after you made your decision.¹ The Committee understands that you have been made aware of only the headline areas under consideration, and have not yet seen the underlying data, modelling or detailed options that the Met is working up "at pace" and was planning to bring forward in the two weeks following the meeting.^{2 3}

The "tough choices" now under consideration could have serious implications for Londoners. As such, it is vital that the Met makes transparent to both MOPAC and the London Assembly the areas it has identified as being within scope for potential reductions or restructuring, to ensure appropriate oversight and accountability.

¹ Police and Crime Committee, [Q&A session with MOPAC – transcript](#), 17 June 2026, p. 10

² Police and Crime Committee, [Q&A session with MOPAC – transcript](#), 17 June 2026, p. 12

³ Police and Crime Committee, [Q&A session with MOPAC – transcript](#), 17 June 2026, p. 11

We are now more than two weeks on from the meeting. We therefore ask that you share with the Committee:

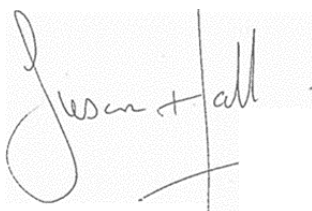
- The full list of areas under consideration that the Met has provided to you and the Mayor, including the original contingency list and any further options that have been considered.
- A summary of the specific questions you and the Mayor have asked the Met, including those relating to operational impact, officer numbers, affordability, and alternative procurement pathways, and the information or data you are still awaiting.
- Any areas where information is still to be confirmed, including savings assumptions, redeployment plans, and the interaction with other technology contracts currently being explored.
- Details of how and when the Met will confirm the final tough choices and what this means for Londoners.
- Consideration the Met and MOPAC have made of the risk that work done by the UOA could be legally challenged.

As you are aware, in the past, the London Assembly has been frustrated about the Met's decision to move ahead with "tough choices" without providing the information needed to scrutinise the decision. This includes the announcement of the reduction and closure of police station front counters without any public consultation. We trust that requesting the information in this letter now will avoid a similar situation.

Given the scale of the potential impact on frontline policing, officer numbers and public confidence, the Committee believes it is vital that transparency is upheld throughout the development and consideration of the tough choice options being considered and taken forward.

Please send your response by 7 August 2026 to Janette Roker at AssemblyPCC@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Hall', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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