

Subject: Work Programme for the Police and Crime Committee

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 30 January 2014

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out a proposed work programme for the Police and Crime Committee.

2. Recommendation

2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme as set out at paragraph 4.2 of this 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 (the Met) and other stakeholders, site visits, written consultations and roundtable meetings.
- 3.2 The Committee will usually meet twice a month. One of the monthly meetings is usually used to hold a question and answer session with the Deputy Mayor of Policing and Crime. The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis has been invited to these meetings. The Committee will primarily use Q&A meetings to investigate topical issues and review Met performance, including consideration of MOPAC's approach to holding the Met 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 group leads. Final reports will be approved and published by the full Committee. Where possible, working groups will make use of the dates scheduled for the Committee's 'thematic' meetings.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 At its meeting on 10 October 2013, the Committee published a monitoring report that provided an update on the progress against the Mayor's policing and crime objectives as set out in his Police and Crime Plan 2013-2016, as well as performance in a range of other areas of importance to Londoners. It was agreed that this report will be produced on a bi-annual basis: once following the end of the financial year, and again mid-way through the year. The most current monitoring information can be found [here](#).
- 4.2 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.

Month	Thematic meetings	Q&A meetings
February	4 February: Additional meeting - water cannon	
	13 February: Child safeguarding	27 February
March	13 March: Child safeguarding	27 March

- 4.3 On 6 January 2014, the Mayor wrote to the Home Secretary to notify her of his intention to provide funds for the Met to purchase water cannon. Subject to consultation, he will then seek a license from the Home Secretary for its use. The Committee has agreed to investigate this issue and as such at its meeting on 16 January agreed to call an additional meeting to discuss the proposal with external witnesses. This meeting will take place on 4 February.
- 4.4 The Committee's next investigation, beginning in February, will review the impact of the changes the Met has put in place to improve child protection and safeguarding following high profile abuse cases.

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: There are none.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: There are none

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