

# Subject: Police and Crime Committee Work Programme

**Report to: Police and Crime Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 22 July 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. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme as set out at paragraph 4.1 of this report;**

2.2 **That the Committee agrees, in relation to urgent matters only, a general delegation of authority in respect of the Committee's powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 be delegated) to the Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chairs of the Committee, from the close of this meeting until the next meeting of the Committee, scheduled for 4 September 2014; and**

2.3 **That the Committee agrees to delegate authority to the Chair of the Committee in consultation with Group lead members to agree the final draft of the safeguarding 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 MPS) 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 for Policing and Crime. The Commissioner of the MPS has been invited to these meetings. The Committee will primarily use

question and answer (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 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 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’s work programme currently includes:

<b>August</b>	No meetings	
<b>September</b>	Thursday 4 September 2014 Q&A meeting	Thursday 18 September 2014 Thematic meeting – Diversity in the MPS
<b>October</b>	Thursday 9 October 2014 Q&A meeting	Tuesday 21 October 2014 Thematic meeting - Cyber crime
<b>November</b>	Thursday 13 November Q&A meeting	Thursday 27 November Thematic meeting – Cyber crime

- 4.2 The Committee’s current investigation is examining the MPS’s efforts to progress towards a workforce that is as diverse as the city it serves. The Committee’s investigation into the changes the MPS has put in place to improve child protection and safeguarding is due to conclude in July. In the autumn, it is proposed that the Committee begin an investigation of cyber-crime in London.
- 4.3 At its meeting on 27 February 2014, the Committee published a monitoring report. This 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 important 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 on the Committee’s [webpage](#).<sup>1</sup>
- 4.4 This is the Committee’s last meeting before September. The Committee is being asked to agree a general delegation to the Chair, in consultation with Group Leads, to respond to urgent matters should they arise before the date of the Committee’s next meeting.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s34091/PCC%20Monitoring%20report%20-%202013-14%20-%20Q2\\_DRAFT2.pdf](http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s34091/PCC%20Monitoring%20report%20-%202013-14%20-%20Q2_DRAFT2.pdf)

## 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.

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**List of appendices to this report:** There are none.

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
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List of Background Papers: There are none.
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