

London Crime Reduction Board meeting minutes - 27 April 2022

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Board and advisors

Present

Sadiq Khan (SK) Mayor

Sophie Linden (SL) Deputy Mayor, MOPAC

Helen Ball (HB) Deputy Commissioner of the MPS

Debbie Weekes-Bernard (DBW) Deputy Mayor

Barry Hughes (BH) Chief Crown Prosecutor, CPS

Lionel Idan (LI) Chief Crown Prosecutor, CPS

Will Balakrishnan ((WB) Director, C&P, MOPAC

Kenny Bowie (KB) Director, S&MPS Oversight MOPAC

Ian Bickers (IB) London Prisons

Sinead Dervin (SD) NHS England

Carolyn Downs (CD) London Councils

Diana Luchford (DL) CEO, MOPAC

Cllr Racheal Robathan (RR) London Council

Gareth Roberts (GR) London Council

Rhiannon Sawyer (RS) Asst Director, VRU

Claudia Strut (CS) CEO, YJB

Kilvinder Vigurs (KV) Regional Director, NPS

Claire Waxman (CW) London Victims Commissioner

Apologies

Cllr Jas Athwal (JA) London Councils

Cllr Darren Rodwell (DR) London Council

Officials in attendance

Doug Flight (DF) Advisor, London Councils

Jane E Garvan (JG) HQ Strategy and Governance, MPS

Tina Price (TP) Officer, MOPAC

Naomi Sterling (NS) Senior Advisor, MOPAC

Welcome and apologies

The Mayor opened the meeting welcoming Deputy Commissioner Helen Ball and Amy Lane. Apologies were received from Councillor Athwal and Councillor Rodwell.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2022.

Members noted the action from the previous meeting.

2. Partnership board terms of reference

Members noted and approved the terms of reference for the new partnership board structure.

3. Operational update

Members received the report and noted the progress made by the MPS to reduce violence, in particular youth violence and VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls).

The MPS set out their focus to reduce teen homicide which included a series of targeted strategies for preventing serious youth violence. It was noted that the refreshed action plan to tackle violence against victim and girls was launched in April and set out the MPS' focus to raise professional standards of officers with the aim to root out unacceptable behaviour.

The MPS gave mention to the work carried out with the Deputy Commissioner's delivery group which had particular focus on working in partnership to address young Black women in gangs which arose from the Mayor's action plan to combat this issue.

The CPS provided an update on the partnership work that has been pursued with the MPS around RASSO (rape and serious sexual offences) highlighting further work that could be done with regards to stalking and to reduce serious youth violence.

Members were advised regarding the shared intelligence hubs that were being developed in conjunction with the NPS and the Met that would facilitate immediate crime updates and allow enforcement to take place quickly.

4. Police and Crime Plan: update

Members were provided with a summary of the Police and Crime Plan (PCP) outcomes framework and its core focus on whether London is a safer city.

Members engagement with the PCP was acknowledged and the shared commitment as the plan developed. MOPAC officers expressed appreciation to the CPS for the collaborative work and their engagement around the work of victimisation.

5. Women's safety at night

Set out to members was the Mayor's key concerns in relation to violence against women at night particularly following the pandemic and in light of the re-opening of the night time economy.

The Mayors' commitment to ensure that London was a city where all women felt confident and safe at night was made clear and as such the Women's Night Safety Charter launched in 2018 was noted as being one of the key ways in which the commitment was being implemented.

In addition, was shared regarding the investment of over £60 million in programmes set up to support survivors of VAWG and challenge perpetrator behaviour.

Members were encouraged to consider ways in which they could take action and work in partnership to further the objectives of the Women's Night Safety Charter, in order to encourage local businesses to sign up and promote positive action to combat sexual assault and harassment against women.

6. Tackling fraud

The Mayor stated his commitment to keep Londoners safe which formed part of the Police and Crime Plan.

It was recommended that tackling fraud of this nature required, as a priority, the implementation of a nationally coordinated response.

It was advised the new Police and Crime Plan set out the Mayor's plan to develop an evidence base.

Members noted MOPAC's intention to set up a roundtable in which partners would be invited to discuss the issue of fraud and how best to combat this issue.

MOPAC officers made clear their support to partners stating that they would provide and the tools to assist work to tackle fraud.

Members welcomed the roundtable which was viewed as a good opportunity to bring on board the CPS nationally and other partners to be involved at national and London level.

7. Any other business

There was no other business to report.

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