

MOPAC

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OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME



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MOPAC Oversight of Counter Corruption

Report by: The Director of Strategy & MPS Oversight

Report Summary

Overall Summary of the Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to set out how MOPAC oversees counter corruption activity and implementation of HMICFRS recommendations in this area.

Key Considerations for the Panel

There are a number of mechanisms enabling detailed scrutiny across counter corruption which feed into MOPAC oversight governance.

Interdependencies/Cross Cutting Issues

This report is presented alongside the MPS report on delivery of the MPS Counter Corruption Strategy.

Recommendations

The Audit Panel is recommended to:

- a. Note the content of this report

1. Supporting Information

Oversight approach

- 1.1. The oversight of counter corruption activity and the implementation of HMICFRS recommendations in this area is set within the context of the new MOPAC Oversight framework.
- 1.2. The MOPAC oversight framework has a formal set of governance arrangements which enable the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to discharge their oversight responsibilities. These are supported by a data framework and published information which will increase transparency on how oversight is conducted.
- 1.3. These formal governance arrangements are informed by the work of MOPAC officers who gather information on the work of the MPS, monitor key data and listen to communities and stakeholders, as part of their oversight role. Oversight is also informed by the work of DARA, who have completed a number of risk reviews within the area of corruption.

Oversight of Counter corruption

- 1.4. The MPS Counter Corruption Board reports into MPS People and Learning Board (MPS Management Board), which MOPAC is represented on.
- 1.5. MOPAC are represented on the MPS Counter Corruption Board, which drives delivery of the MPS Counter Corruption Strategy through a number of sub-groups representing the strands of the Strategy (STUDIOS). The sub-groups are described within the aligned MPS report.
- 1.6. MOPAC are also represented on the Fraud Strategic Oversight Board, which is one of the sub-groups, having responsibility for MOPAC and MPS Joint Anti-Fraud, Bribery & Corruption Strategy. The strategy has a number of objectives and sets out the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in fraud prevention. DARA also have an advisory role on this Oversight Board.

Oversight of HMICFRS Inspection into MPS's counter corruption arrangements and other matters related to the Daniel Morgan Independent Panel

- 1.7. The MPS report describes that the HMICFRS report has been fully accepted by the MPS and the recommendations are being delivered by Op Peridot, overseen by the MPS Counter Corruption Learning Group.
- 1.8. The work of the Counter Corruption Learning Group is reported into the MPS Risk and Assurance Board on a quarterly basis. MOPAC has a representative on the Risk and Assurance Board.
- 1.9. As is standard practice, the MPS provided progress against the recommendations and areas for improvement which were shared with MOPAC

within 40 days of publication. MOPAC formally responded to the inspection report within 56 days of publication and ensures continued oversight of key risk areas as necessary through the oversight governance arrangements. The most recent discussion was a quarterly update to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime by T/Assistant Commissioner Pearson in June 2022.

1.10. Counter corruption is an issue that has been raised regularly within bi-lateral meetings with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and MPS Senior Management.

1.11. To supplement the oversight of all HMICFRS recommendations and other areas of learning, MOPAC is creating additional capacity to provide analysis of the key themes and ensure join up across policing. This is a key commitment within the Police and Crime Plan.

2. Equality and Diversity Impact

Equality and diversity considerations are a key part of MOPAC's oversight framework.

3. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4. Legal Implications

Under the Local Government Act 1999, MOPAC has a statutory duty to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. In discharging this overall responsibility, MOPAC is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs and facilitating the exercise of its functions, including a sound system of internal control and management of risk.

5. Risk Implications

The oversight structures enable risks to be escalated to ensure there are appropriate controls in place.

6. Contact Details

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7. Appendices and Background Papers

Nil