

Executive

Developing the 2017-20 Police and Crime Plan

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Summary: The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime is at the early stages of developing the statutory 2017-2020 Police and Crime Plan for London. This report outlines the process and sets out some of the opportunities for boroughs to influence this process.

Recommendations: The Executive is asked to:

1. Note the process and time table for developing the Police and Crime Plan.
 2. Consider the emerging opportunities to influence the next Police and Crime Plan.
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Developing the 2017-20 Police and Crime Plan

Introduction

1. This reports sets out the process for developing the next Police and Crime Plan and details some of the opportunities that are available for boroughs to influence the outcome.

Background

2. The statutory Police and Crime Plan sets out what the Mayor wants to achieve in the area of policing and crime and explains to Londoners what they can expect from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).
3. The first Police and Crime Plan ran from 2013 to 2016. The second plan will cover the period up to 2020 and is due to be published in March 2017.

The emerging Police and Crime Plan – early indications

4. The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, has begun early engagement with partners on a framework for the Plan, which will be followed by more formal consultation later in the year.
5. The Police and Crime Plan is expected to build on the Mayor's manifesto, which included commitments to:
 - *Ensure that the restoration of real neighbourhood policing is the top priority for the Met, maintaining the role of officers as a visible local presence, helping to prevent and detect crime, and as the local eyes and ears our security services need to identify the spread of extremism at its roots.*
 - *Seeking Criminal Justice System powers: further powers over youth justice, probation and courts, so that the Mayor has a joined up role across the justice system in cutting crime and reoffending.*
 - *Tackling violence against women and girls, including prioritising a greater police presence on public transport at key times to clamp down on sexual assault, zero tolerance of domestic and sexual violence and work closely with public sector and voluntary organisations on developing better support for victims of sexual and domestic violence.*

- *Work closely with local authorities, schools and youth services to develop anti-gang strategies, while working with community organisations to further youth engagement, building upon a review of the anti-gang Matrix system.*

Development and consultation on the second Police and Crime Plan

6. The time table for the development Police and Crime Plan is as follows:

July – October 2016:

Early engagement and Police and Crime Plan development

November 2016 – January 2017:

12 week consultation period on formal draft.

March 2017:

Police and Crime Plan published

7. London Councils is supporting borough engagement with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and MOPAC to help ensure boroughs have a voice in the development of the new Police and Crime Plan, followed by effective engagement over the Mayor's term of office. This includes:

- Regular bilaterals between Cllr. Lib Peck and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.
- A roundtable discussion with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime at London Councils (2pm on 12 September) to which crime lead-members have been invited.
- A formal session for members of the London Crime Reduction Board (LCRB) to discuss the future operation of the partnership. The LCRB is chaired by the Mayor and is comprised of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, three borough leaders nominated by London Councils (at present: Cllr. Claire Kober, Cllr. Lib Peck and Cllr. Richard Cornelius), the MPS Deputy Commissioner and senior officials from Criminal Justice agencies.
- A potential slot for the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to discuss the draft Police and Crime Plan at Leaders' Committee in October or December 2016.

8. Cllr. Lib Peck met the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime for a bilateral meeting on the 2nd September 2016. The key areas covered in this meeting were:

- I. **The Police and Crime Plan**, which is expected to be built around key themes, including:

- Neighbourhood and local policing.
- Keeping children and young people safe.
- Tackling violence against women and girls.
- Tackling violent extremism, terrorism and hate crime.
- Ensuring an effective Criminal Justice System.

Underpinning themes are expected to include:

- Partnership working.
- Social integration and tackling inequalities.

II. **MOPAC Crime Prevention Funding**

- Options for extending MOPAC's programme of funding for borough crime prevention projects were discussed in outline.
- The Deputy Mayor was positive about the case for continuing the programme beyond March 2017.
- Consideration was being given to revisiting the existing allocations to ensure that the programme would be able to take account of any significant changes in need, or demand, over recent years.

III. **MOPAC / London Councils Engagement**

- The Deputy Mayor reiterated her commitment to wide-spread and early engagement with boroughs on the development of the Police and Crime Plan.
- The draft programme outlined above (in paragraph 7) was agreed as a basis for engagement over coming months.
- The Deputy Mayor indicated that she is interested in aligning the future work of the London Crime Reduction Board around key areas of partnership work that would be built into the Police and Crime Plan (after appropriate consultation).
- The Deputy Mayor was keen to speak to Leaders' Committee about the Police and Crime Plan.

9. As noted above, the Police and Crime Plan is likely to include the objective of ensuring an effective Criminal Justice System. This may range from realising opportunities to influence the system within the boundaries of existing legislation, through to exploring opportunities for greater devolution. The Deputy Mayor indicated an interest in a

conversation with partners, including London Councils and boroughs, about the potential for greater devolution, including a potential London model for youth justice and options for oversight of community rehabilitation.

10. London Councils engagement with the process of developing the plan has been complemented by long term engagement with the Metropolitan Police Service, which included a series of meetings over the last year between the senior London Councils members and the MPS Management Board. This has, in turn, been supported by engagement that London Councils has facilitated between borough chief executives and senior MPS Officers. These discussions have encompassed consideration of MPS proposals around potential changes to the local policing model and bringing together services to focus on vulnerability.
11. In parallel with the development of the Police and Crime Plan, some consideration is being given to the potential of trialling elements of the operational plan which the MPS is developing to strengthen local policing, which is known as 'One Met Model 2020'. The mooted trials are expected to involve the testing of a model for emergency response teams that operate across borough boundaries. The proposals also include measures to align resources to meet savings targets and to align resources with priority areas. The model includes the decentralisation of a range of services to hubs which will operate closer to borough level. New approaches to protecting vulnerable people and protecting young people are also proposed.

Conclusion

12. Cllr. Lib Peck emphasised the following points during her meeting with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime:

- The importance of clarity of the process of engagement around the Police and Crime Plan and the full involvement of boroughs.
- The importance of principles that had been developed as part of earlier discussions between the MPS and London Councils. These principles included consultation with boroughs around changes and the need for clarity about who from the MPS would contribute to the overall leadership of public services in a place. The importance of individual relationships was recognised alongside councils' need for confidence about the senior MPS figures that they would relate to on a regular basis at a borough level.

- The importance of clarity of process in relation to any voluntary trialling of elements of the 'One Met Model 2020'.
- The importance of early consultation with boroughs in relation to any changes to MOPAC's programme of funding for borough crime prevention projects.

13. It may be appropriate to provide a report to Leaders' Committee in October or December 2016, covering the development of the Police and Crime Plan and the future of MOPAC's borough funding.

Recommendations

14. The Executive is asked to:

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Financial implications for London Councils:

None

Legal implications for London Councils:

None

Equalities implications for London Councils:

Consideration of equality and social inclusion are expected to be included in the process of developing the Plan, which will encompass a focus on victims and vulnerability.

There are no direct equalities implications for London Councils as a result of this paper.

Attachments:

None