Appendix 2 – Summary of Police and Crime Plan

The Police and Crime Plan has now been completed following an eight week public consultation with 2,600 people including meetings in every London borough and receiving over 200 responses from stakeholders.

This strategy will put more officers on the streets, drive down crime and make policing more efficient by reforming the Met and boosting safer neighbourhood teams.

The priority for policing in London is to maintain officer numbers and keep local police out on the streets. The plan confirms the Mayoral commitment to maintain police numbers at or around 32,000, and includes a new local policing model that redeploys officers from the back office to the frontline with 1,200 more officers in boroughs and an additional 2,600 officers in Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

The plan also heralds long-overdue changes to the Met estate – with almost 500 buildings, costing £203 million a year to run, it is vast and expensive. The estate plans are projected to save £60m in running costs that can help balance the Met budget and protect frontline policing.

The Plan will improve access to local police across London’s communities, with the remaining local police estate, despite having fewer buildings, having more that are open to the public.

In addition to 73 front counters, there will be almost 100 contact points which will be open a minimum of three times each week for the public to talk to their local officers face to face. Contact points will be located in Safer Neighbourhood Team bases, and civic and public buildings such as libraries and hospitals.

Other highlights of the Police and Crime plan include:

* Key targets for the Met Police to meet the 20-20-20 Challenge by 2016. The challenge is to cut seven priority, high impact, high volume neighbourhood crimes by 20 per cent, boost public confidence by 20 per cent, and make 20 per cent savings in the MPS budget by 2016.
* For the first time the Mayor is setting new goals for London’s criminal justice system to cut delays getting to court, to increase compliance with community sentences and to cut youth reoffending – objectives backed by Londoners in the poll conducted for the consultation
* Better working with partner organisations to identify crime hotspots and develop smarter solutions to alcohol and drug-related crime including the roll-out of the pilot Alcohol Abstinence Monitoring Requirement
* Extending existing funding agreements for all four rape crisis centres in London, guaranteeing the continuation of their services
* Creation of Crime Prevention Fund from which new Safer Neighbourhood Boards in every borough (from 2014) will be able to bid for £1m to fund local projects