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Dear colleague

London Assembly Police and Crime Committee: investigation into the impact of alcohol on policing London's Night-Time Economy

The London Assembly Police and Crime Committee examines the work of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), which supervises the Metropolitan Police Service, and sets its budget and priorities. The Committee also investigates policing and crime issues that matter to Londoners.

The Police and Crime Committee is currently carrying out an investigation into the impact of alcohol on policing London's Night-Time Economy. The investigation aims to examine how alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour affects the demand placed on policing in London; and examine the role of the Mayor, MOPAC, and other partners in helping to reduce alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour.

As part of the investigation, the Committee will look at the levels of alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour, the impact that licensing arrangements can have in tackling alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour. It will also consider what further powers or arrangements could help licensing authorities to fulfil their objective of preventing crime and disorder, and what the role for the Mayor and MOPAC should be on this issue. With this in mind, we would be very interested to hear your views on this issue. Specifically, we would be interested in your response to any or all of the following:

- What are the levels of alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour in London, and where are the hotspots? How does this compare to other cities?
- How has alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour changed with the introduction of 24-hour licensing?
- What are the consequences of alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour for policing and other public services in London?
- What are licensing authorities doing to prevent alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour, and what more could help them carry out their role?

- What role does MOPAC have in supporting public services to prevent alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour?

We would also welcome any other comments you have that you believe would be helpful to the investigation.

I would be grateful if you could send any comments by **Monday 4 January 2016** to Becky Short, Scrutiny Manager, via becky.short@london.gov.uk. If you have any queries please contact Becky using the email address above, or by phone on 020 7983 4760.

For your information, we would normally publish written submissions on our website, unless they are marked as confidential, or there is a legal reason for non-publication. However, we may be required to send out a copy of your written response if a member of the public or the media request it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even if it has been marked as confidential.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. McCartney', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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