

<b>Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b> <b>Item 4 – Stop and Search and Inclusive Policing</b>	Item No <b>4a</b>
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### **Outline**

The terms intelligence led and area policing are often given as answers in response to questions about disproportionality and racial profiling. The existence of racial profiling is often disputed by the Police and is difficult to prove as there are no metrics or data to monitor this.

There are sections of the community that have experienced trauma and abuse which has shaped their views about engaging with the Police. We acknowledge there are Police officers working and engaging with various sections of the community including young people to build trust and confidence. But there are other departments and units within the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) whose actions when carrying out their duty act contradictory to the message being given by the community engagement police officers.

Decades of negative encounters by some community groups and the growing concern of the use of force has left an impact of deep rooted trauma and pain. Particularly for a young person being handcuffed with no positive outcome for the Police. In Hackney we are concerned about the spike in use of handcuffing. The MPS policy for handcuffing seems to rely heavily on officer discretion for appropriate use.

Recognising a significant proportion of the decision making is held by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and alongside Metropolitan Police Service HQ (MPS HQ) they set the direction of travel for Borough Command Units (BCU). The Commission wanted to have a broader discussion to consider how the police and councils (not just LBH) can address concerns (linked to the stop and search activity) about community relations and trust & confidence between the police and local communities.

The Commission believes engaging and creating positive, sustained relationships and channels of communication with young people and the wider community are key to achieving trust and confidence.

**The Discussion with the MPS HQ, Borough Commander for Hackney and MOPAC will cover:**

The aim of this meeting is to talk with the BCU, MPS HQ and MOPAC about the work to build trust and confidence to help us understand how public concern is being addressed by the MPS and MOPAC. We have included the IOPC to further explore how the IOPC works with the MPS in terms of their complaints system and their review of the use of stop and search.

Questions were sent in advance to the Borough Commander, MPS HQ and MOPAC officers covering the following areas:

1. Stop and Search
2. Trust and confidence
3. Accountability
4. Handcuffing
5. Fair and inclusive policing.
6. Sources of intelligence
7. Community engagement work related to building trust and confidence

**Reports in the agenda:**

- BCU Hackney and Tower Hamlets response to questions.

**Attending for this item will be:**

**Metropolitan Police Service**

- **Head of Profession, Crime Prevention, Inclusion & Engagement,** Commander Catherine Roper
- **BCU Commander,** Detective Chief Superintendent Marcus Barnett

**Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime**

- **Head of Engagement,** Natasha Plummer.

**Action**

Members are asked to consider the presentations and ask questions.