POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW

Part 1- Police Reform

Metropolitan Police District

Schedule 3: Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime

- 54. Schedule 3 deals with a number of ancillary matters in relation to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime such as remuneration, staff and powers. To a large degree these are consistent with the provision for police and crime commissioners in Schedule 1.
- 55. Paragraph 1 provides for the Mayor to receive allowances, to be determined by the Secretary of State, in respect of his occupation of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (there is already provision in the Greater London Authority Act 1999 for the Mayor, in his capacity as such, to receive a salary, allowances and pension from the Greater London Authority).
- Paragraphs 2 and 3 require the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime to appoint a person to be its head of staff (referred to in the Act as the chief executive), and allow it to appoint any other necessary staff. Paragraph 2 makes reference to the fact that the Greater London Authority Act 1999 requires each functional body of the Greater London Authority to appoint an officer responsible for the administration of the body's financial affairs (known in that Act as the chief finance officer). It is accordingly not necessary for the Act to make provision for the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime to appoint such an officer. The staff of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime are employees of that body, and not employees of the Mayor or the Greater London Authority.
- 57. Paragraph 4 applies to any person appointed under section 19 as the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. The paragraph lists persons disqualified from being appointed as the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.
- 58. Paragraph 5 requires the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime to notify the London Assembly of any appointments of staff that it makes (this is similar to the requirement imposed on the Mayor, in his capacity as such, by the Greater London Authority Act 1999).
- 59. Paragraph 6 allows the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime to pay its staff.
- 60. Paragraph 7 provides the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime with a general power to do anything intended to allow it to discharge its functions or assist it in doing so.
- 61. Paragraph 8 protects the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and any member of its staff from personal liability for acts done in the course of their duties and in good faith.