

POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW

Part 1- Police Reform

Metropolitan Police District

Section 3: Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime

45. *Section 3* creates a new body, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.
46. *Subsection (2)* provides that the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime is a corporation sole, with a separate legal status to the person occupying the office.
47. *Subsections (3) and (4)* provide that the Mayor of London for the time being is to be the occupant of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, the two offices being coterminous as regards their duration.
48. *Subsections (5) to (7)* set out the core functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, which are to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective metropolitan police force, and to hold the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to account for the exercise of his functions. These are the functions previously carried out by the Metropolitan Police Authority.
49. *Subsection (8)* sets out a number of functions in respect of which, in particular, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime must hold the chief constable to account.
50. *Subsection (9)* amends the Greater London Authority Act 1999 with the effect that the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime is a functional body of the Greater London Authority.
51. *Subsections (10) and (11)* ensure that a person acting as Mayor of London in the event of a vacancy in the office or the incapacity of the Mayor occupies the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.
52. *Subsection (12)* abolishes the Metropolitan Police Authority as it is replaced by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.
53. *Subsection (13)* introduces Schedule 3.