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## **APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW COMMISSIONER, METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE**

Dear Dame Diana,

I am writing to you as the chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee regarding the appointment of the new Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

I am pleased to let you know that Her Majesty The Queen has approved the appointment of Sir Mark Rowley QPM as the new Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service, following my recommendation after a highly competitive recruitment process. I also had regard to the views of the Mayor of London, as occupant of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.

The Metropolitan Police Service faces major challenges and needs to demonstrate sustained improvements in order to regain public trust in London and nationally. The Metropolitan Police will once again need to get the basics right and provide the first-class service expected of it; restoring confidence in policing, delivering on the Beating Crime Plan, and making our capital and country safe place to live, work, and visit. It is vital that the right person is in place to take on the biggest leadership role in policing in this country.

Support for police is often based on personal experience, and the public have a set of basic expectations of the criminal justice system. They expect to be able to contact their local police, knowing their names and how to reach them. They want to see police in their neighbourhood confronting crime and making streets safer. They expect crimes to be investigated, offenders caught and punished, and when a case proceeds for justice to be swift and certain. The Beating Crime Plan outlines our approach to this, but to be successful the new Commissioner must embed the aims and objectives in wider strategic plans.

Sir Mark brings a wealth of experience with him and I am confident he will be able to exercise the strong and decisive leadership required, in order to meet this challenge and deliver the sustained improvement that we urgently need. I am certain that under Sir Mark's leadership, the Metropolitan police will restore public trust and take every necessary action to keep the public safe.

While it is the responsibility of the Mayor to hold the Commissioner to account for the Metropolitan Police's Transformation, I will be closely monitoring

progress. I look forward to working with them both to drive the real change in the force.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

*With our good wishes*  


**Rt Hon Priti Patel MP**