MOPAC | MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

Our ref: MOPAC210726-D5752

Professor Suzanne Shale
Chair
London Policing Ethics Panel
EthicsPanel@mopac.london.gov.uk

24 July 2026

Dear Suzanne,

Re: Publication of the London Policing Ethics Panel Report on AI in policing

Thank you for the London Policing Ethics Panel (LPEP) report on the adoption and implementation of AI in the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), which I very much welcome. This review comes at a pivotal moment for policing where we need to harness modern technology to drive efficiencies and improve performance, whilst ensuring the police maintain the utmost transparency, accountability and integrity to secure the trust and confidence of those they serve.

As you know, the Mayor and I have been clear that we support the use of AI to improve efficiency, prevent crime and make London safer. Your report clearly highlights that ethical considerations are key to both trust and effectiveness. This is a point often missed in debates around AI safety; namely, how transparency, governance and ethical principles can help ensure we avoid the pitfalls of AI while realising its huge potential. Ethical considerations are not, therefore, a roadblock to progress but a key enabler as the Mayor has clearly stated.

The Mayor recognises the wider potential of AI in terms of building jobs and skills for the future, and has invested £12m over three years to help small and medium-sized businesses harness the power of AI and boost economic growth across the capital.

The Mayor also sits on the Mayor's International AI Forum, established by Bloomberg Philanthropies and John Hopkins University, bringing together some of the most forward - thinking city leaders to collectively demonstrate what visionary, responsible artificial intelligence implementation can deliver for people everywhere. Your work in this space makes a helpful contribution to that wider debate.

With this in mind, I want to formally support the recommendations set out in your report for the MPS.

It is important that we continue to develop our understanding of Londoners' views about the use of AI in policing, so I have asked my team to work up some new questions to add to the MOPAC Public Attitudes Survey, which will enable us to track perceptions over time.

I recognise the importance of ensuring transparent and accountable use of AI is core to the implementation of such tools, and how central it is to have the right governance in place to do so that is proportionate to the need to move quickly and ethically.

My officers will continue to work collaboratively with the MPS on these matters, and I will be writing to the force to request a formal response to all the recommendations. This will be used to inform MOPAC's continued oversight of the use of AI in the MPS.

Yours sincerely,

Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Deputy Mayor for Policing And Crime