

	Recommendations	Updates
Community Sentencing	<p>RECOMMENDATION 1 Recognise and welcome the findings of the 2017/18 review by the External Services Scrutiny Committee and request that the Chief Executive forward said findings to the Ministry of Justice, requesting that action be taken to amend existing CRC contracts to compel them to co-operate with local partners, specifically in terms of scrutiny.</p>	<p>The Chief Executive sent the Committee’s review findings to the Ministry of Justice on 8 June 2019. A response was received from Rory Stewart MP, Minister of State for Justice, on 6 July 2018 stating:</p> <p>“In recognition of the need to engage with London Boroughs more effectively, London CRC is part of the Reducing Re-offending forum coordinated by the Mayor’s Office for Policy [sic] and Crime (MOPAC) which brings all London boroughs together. HMPPS also recognises the concerns that have been identified about aspects of the probation services and it doing further work to consider improvement to the delivery of those services.</p> <p>“We realise that engagement with key stakeholders is important in maintaining public confidence. The HMPPS contract management team works closely with London CRC and is satisfied that appropriate actions continue which will bring overall performance up to a satisfactory level. The Senior Contract Manager for London CRC, Rupert Nesbitt-Day, is keen to take forward your observations with the Director of Probation for London and will be making arrangements to meet with her to review your findings as soon as practically possible.”</p>

RECOMMENDATION 2

Following the report by the Communities and Local Government Select Committee, request that the Chief Executive also forward the findings of the External Services Scrutiny Committee to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee, requesting that action be taken to improve the local accountability of Community Rehabilitation Companies, specifically in terms of scrutiny.

The Chief Executive sent the Committee's review findings to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee on 8 June 2018. To date, no responses have been received from these two bodies.