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Appointment of the next Metropolitan Police Commissioner

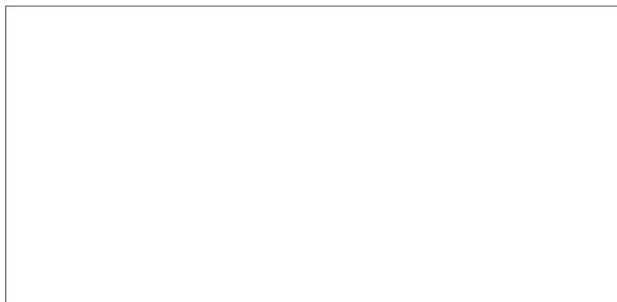
We have already discussed the need to recruit the next Commissioner as soon as possible and I am now putting in motion the process through which, as required by the Police Act 1996, I will recommend a new permanent appointment to Her Majesty. The Act provides that before recommending to Her Majesty that she appoints a person as Commissioner, I shall have regard to any recommendations made to me by the Metropolitan Police Authority and to any representations made to me by you personally as Mayor.

I am aware of the process that was followed for the appointment of the current Commissioner and I think that this provides a good basis for proceeding now. I would therefore like the MPA to join with the Home Office in issuing the invitation for applications from suitably qualified candidates. Once applications have been received the Home Office Permanent Secretary will lead a selection panel including MPA representation, which would then sift the applications and interview a short list.

I am sure that the MPA and you will then want to meet qualified candidates in order to inform both MPA recommendations and your own personal representations to me.

My officials will be in touch with yours to set the process in motion.

I am copying this letter to Kit Malthouse.



The Rt. Hon. Theresa May MP