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### ***Terms of reference***

The group will work to establish co-ordinated oversight of the joint venture partnership with the London Office Brussels, concentrating on European policy initiatives, partnerships, funding applications and subsequent EU projects under development across the MPS. The group will exercise oversight of EU policy and funding matters to support oversight of the partnership across Co-ordination and Policing Committee and or Finance Committees where appropriate.

#### **Role:**

- To enhance the Authority's ability to scrutinise through knowledge building;
- To support the MPS in identifying financial and policy opportunities available across the EU;
- To support MPS directorates in the production of EU funding applications and to support MPA committees to ensure compliance with financial regulations, corporate strategy and policing objectives of funding applications;
- Develop and agree the London Office annual work plan and work towards the development of an MPS/MPA European strategy;
- To understand how the MPA/MPS can influence the European policy agenda;
- To monitor major EU partnership projects;
- To assure that all policy and subsequent EU based projects have due regard to equal opportunities generally, the general duty of the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, Disability Discrimination Act 2005 and the requirements of any other equalities legislation;
- Report annually to the Full Authority and provide twice-yearly reports to Finance Committee with relevant updates to EODB.

The Oversight group does not have executive powers; those remain with MPA committees or as delegated to the Commissioner. The existence of the Oversight Group and its scrutiny function does not prevent the Commissioner from taking urgent action without delegated authority on any matter that might otherwise require consultation with or scrutiny by the Oversight Group, where urgent action is necessary to meet any contractual or other legal obligation on the Authority.