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Crime stats: Mayor has 'lost his grip' on crime in London

- ONS figures show crime is up across the board in London
- Robbery, theft and possession of weapon all on the rise

Commenting on the publication of the latest ONS figures showing that crime is rising across the board in the capital,

London Assembly member Steve O'Connell said: "Despite the Mayor's blustering about government funding, officer numbers have remained at stable levels for several years.

"Crime however is going up across the board under the Mayor's watch. He can point to national rises, but the research shows offences are disproportionately concentrated in London.

"These figures give further weight to what we already suspected - the Mayor has lost his grip on crime in the capital. We've seen knife crime, acid attacks and moped offences spiralling out of control. We can now add an extensive number of crimes to that unwanted list.

"The Mayor now needs to stop pointing fingers at the government. He has the resources and he should get on with the job."

ENDS.

Notes

- Steve O'Connell is the GLA Conservatives' spokesman for policing and crime

Crime stats summary (see attached spreadsheet)

Police recorded crime by offence group, percentage change, year ending Sep 16 compared with year ending Sep 17

Robbery – Up 30%

Theft from the person – Up 29%

Bicycle theft – Up 29%

Possession of weapons offences – Up 27%

Homicide – Up 21 %

Vehicle offences – Up 14%
Sexual offences – Up 11%
Domestic burglary – Up 11%
Theft offences – Up 8%
Harassment and stalking – Up 5%
Miscellaneous crimes against society - Up 4%
Violence with injury – up 4%
Violence without injury – Up 4%
Burglary – Up 4%
Violence against the person – up 3%
Public order offences – Up 3%
Shoplifting – Up 2%

Criminal damage and arson – Down 2%
Non-domestic burglary – Down 9%
Drug offences – Down 12%

For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact the press office below.

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