

DRAFT MINUTES

Waltham Forest Working Together (The Strategic Partnership (LSP) for Waltham Forest)

SAFETYNET PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the WFWT SafetyNet Partnership Board held on Thursday 9th
February 2006 at 2.30pm in Committee Room 3 at Waltham Forest Town Hall

Present:

Members.

Jacquie Dean (Chair)	LBWF, Chief Executive
Chief Supt. Mark Benbow	Metropolitan Police Service
Councillor Barry Smith	LBWF, Cabinet Member
Chief Inspector Ian Larnder	Metropolitan Police Service
Leroy Harley	LBWF, Social Inclusion Manager (<i>alternate for Colette McCann</i>)
Alastair Macorkindale	LBWF, Drugs and Crime Strategy Manager
Linda Wacey	LBWF, Head of Community Protection
Jennette Arnold	Greater London Authority representative on MPA
Jomo Brown	London Probation (<i>alternate for Carol Hartley</i>)
Karen Bellamy	Community Empowerment Network representative
Pat Bhabha	Community Empowerment Network representative
Teresa Sharpe	Community Empowerment Network representative
Sarah Humphreys	Community Empowerment Network representative (<i>alternate for Maria Lin Wong</i>)
Lisa Chan	Government Office for London (<i>alternate for Alison Dale</i>)
Mimi Konigsberg	LBWF, Executive Director, Community Services
Colin Moone	LBWF, Head of Housing Services
Fr. Steven Saxby	Faith Forum
Graham Sinclair	Vice-Chair, Police & Community Consultative Group
Brian Whyte	Victim Support (<i>alternate for Chris Casey</i>)

Officers.

Tanya Gomez	LBWF, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Bruce Clarke	LBWF, LSP Committee Manager

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1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

All those present introduced themselves.
Member apologies for absence were received from Robin Tuddenham (LBWF, Head of Community Safety), Ron Gray (EduAction), John Ayers (HM Revenue & Customs), Carol Hartley (London Probation – *Jomo Brown as alternate*), Alison Dale (Government Office for London – *Lisa Chan as alternate*), Darren Dovey (London Fire Service), Ruth Woodward (Warwick School for Boys), Robin Jones (Waltham Forest College), Natasha Porter (Metropolitan Police Authority), Maria Lin Wong (CEN representative – *Sarah Humphreys as alternate*), Chris Casey (Victim Support – *Brian Whyte as alternate*) and Colette McCann (LBWF, Head of

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Youth Service – <i>Leroy Harley as alternate</i>).	
2. MINUTES OF PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING (10th November 2005) & MATTERS ARISING.	
<u>Accuracy:</u> Agreed.	
<u>Matters Arising:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Page 5, item 5 – Local Area Agreements – Alastair Macorkindale advised that the first submission to the Government Office for London had been made and would be subject thereafter to ongoing negotiations with them.	
ACTION: the Community Safety proposals within the LAA submission to be circulated to all Partnership Board members.	LSP Sect.
AGREED: That the Minutes of the LSP SafetyNet Board meeting held on 10 th November 2005 are confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings.	LSP Sect.
3. MINUTES OF SAFETYNET EXECUTIVE GROUP MEETINGS (9th November, 7th December 2005 and 11th January 2006).	
There were no questions or further discussion items raised by the meeting.	
4. OPERATION STRONGBOX – OPERATIONAL UPDATE.	
4.1 Chief Inspector Larnder reported as follows:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to 300 extra officers.Covered a six week period.Sanctioned Detections comparison (SD – judicial disposal – charged, cautioned or given an official warning in respect of a particular offence / ‘bringing people to justice’) – good results – BCS up by 55%, TNO’s up by 92%.Additional resources used as additions, allowing regular Police processes in the Borough to carry on as usual.Operation to be repeated in April 2006.Other Boroughs haven’t seen such positive results from Strongbox.Offences comparison – BCS down from 2,405 to 1,870, TNO’s down from 3,780 to 3,170.	
4.2 The following further comments were noted:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Officers involved to be commended for their professional and courteous approach throughout the Operation.Police numbers in the Borough are over-strength; a good position to be in. Safer Neighbourhoods now close to being fully rolled-out.	
5. CRIME, DISORDER & DRUGS STRATEGY – KEY ISSUES.	
5.1 Alastair Macorkindale highlighted the following points:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">In the financial year to December 2005 the number of all crimes in the Borough had increased by 5%.The number of the ten priority crimes had increased by 6.7%, although there had been reductions in four out of the ten.Paradoxically the CDRP had been rated green by the Government Office for London regarding the ways partners worked together.The focus of individual partners needs to be reviewed by the Partnership.The Partnership needs to tighten its focus around the ten priority crimes but balanced against long-term strategies.Partnership activities have been ‘skewed’ towards a longer-term agenda – partners need a clearer focus on the shorter-term agenda to support the Police. At the end of 2005 TJAG was developed where short-term activities	

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<p>can be progressed with active partner participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to drive down the incidence of the ten priority crime types – refine TJAG, improve the analytical process, review the Delivery Groups and invest in more institutional crime prevention activities (e.g. CCTV). <p>5.2 The following further comments were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to progress the interaction between the Police’s Borough Intelligence Unit and the Council’s own analysis work. • Need to work within the Partnership Priorities 2006/7 – combination of BCS (ten priority crime types), longer-term scenario and ‘quick wins’ / public reassurance. • Need to combine the Strategy with the Safer Neighbourhoods→new Neighbourhood approach→Super Output Area scenario, possibly with the assistance of new linkages to the re-energised PCCG and others to involve them in speaking strategically. • Local Strategic Partnerships haven’t yet really started to form a community identity for the Super Output Areas (SOA). Need to identify how SOA can be directly involved in discussions – existing forums may not be the right vehicles. • Neighbourhood Watch has been under estimated in terms of significant impact – SOA could have a ‘super’ Neighbourhood Watch scheme to allow for proper consultative availability and involvement with instant access. • SOA policy still under discussion. A key issue is how to consult with them – could use existing Forums where possible – almost certainly different SOAs will need different approaches. Partner proposals will be welcomed. • Police Community Support Officers have direct involvement with residents – could increase the SOA consultation role by feeding back their information. • ‘Safer Neighbourhood Panel’ model – some powerful evidence already coming out from those already in existence elsewhere. 	
<p>6. SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITY FUND - PROPOSALS.</p>	
<p>6.1 Chief Inspector Ian Larnder presented the twelve Agreed Outcomes 2006/7, the guiding principles as to how the two available sets of funding (Safer & Stronger Communities Fund and Basic Command Unit Fund) are to be used.</p> <p>ACTION: any further comments on the proposed spending plan to be passed back by 8th March to either Chief Inspector Larnder or Robin Tuddenham.</p>	<p>All Members</p>
<p>6.2 The following further comments were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No provision for mental health awareness training for the Police – this to be further discussed outside the meeting. • Lesbian, Gay, Transsexual & Bisexual activities? To be further discussed outside the meeting. • The quarterly review to the Home Office regarding the Basic Command Unit Fund will require relevant data pertaining to one / several of the outcomes being targeted. • Specific outcomes and targets need to be brought into sharper focus. <p>ACTION: Supply more focussed outcomes and targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome 6 should be amended – ‘reduce reported incidents of enviro-crime’ to be amended to ‘reduce incidents of enviro-crime’. • Target hardening Crime Prevention activities in 2005/6 focussed on older people. It isn’t possible to cover all target hardening opportunities given insufficient resources. 	

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- There are some problems with the HEET project – need to increase the links with other existing such schemes (e.g. Reaching Out).

7. THE FUTURE OF THE SAFETYNET PARTNERSHIP BOARD.

Noted the following further comments regarding the circulated paper:

- Discussion on this issue is critical – the current situation has insufficient community exposure plus insufficient scrutiny and monitoring of results. The Waltham Forest Police and Community Consultative Group (WFPCCG) really only scrutinises one partner, the Police.
- There's a need for the convergence of the SafetyNet Board and the WFPCCG in order to scrutinise the activities of all partners by the community of the Borough. Both bodies are doing their bit at present but mostly consist of the same individuals.
- The proposed single new body, to include representation from Neighbourhood Panels, would become a more robust body taking evidence from all relevant partners.
- The concept of the WFPCCG has been rather unchanged over the years with the overwhelming majority of questions directed towards the Police; the need now is for wider participation.
- The two existing bodies are not seen as readily compatible for 'grafting together' – the WFPCCG is an independent body and should both continue and seen to be continuing as such.
- The WFPCCG is probably failing in a number of areas when considering whether or not it's fit for purpose – it's Chair has no recourse when dealing with failed promises. Changes in its programme of work will need to be made to encourage continuation of funding. Needs to be more professional in critically challenging the Police as well as all other partners.
- The WFPCCG currently has two members from each of the political groups within the Council – needs to continue to ensure political challenges, although there are other existing mechanisms such as the MPA to ensure that concerns can be addressed through the political process.

ACTION: Robin Tuddenham to investigate the reality of integrating the SafetyNet Board and the WFPCCG with the outcome of such investigation being distributed to all Board members requesting their further comments and suggestions.

It was **AGREED** that the SafetyNet Board is favourably inclined towards the integration of the Board with the WFPCCG, subject to the provision of further proposals as actioned above.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

None raised.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Thursday 9th November 2006 – 2.30pm to 5pm – provisional booking to be confirmed and venue arranged.

ACTION: Once outcome of integration investigation has been distributed (see item 7. above) consider arranging an earlier meeting to discuss / ratify.

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Agreed.....Chair **Contact:** Bruce Clarke, Committee Manager
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