

Waltham Forest Together
(The Local Strategic Partnership for Waltham Forest)

**Minutes of a meeting of the LSP SafetyNet Executive, held on Monday
4th February 2008 at Uplands Police Base from 2.00pm to 3.45pm.**

Attendees	
Chief Supt Mark Benbow - Chair	Metropolitan Police Service
Cllr Afzal Akram	LBWF, Portfolio lead, Community Safety
Robin Tuddenham	LBWF, Assistant Director, Safe and Strong Communities
Alastair Macorkindale	LBWF, Drugs and Crime Strategy Manager
Mary Pilgrim	London Probation, Ass't Chief Officer / Hd of Svs Delivery
Steve Williams	Community Safety Board
John Chadwick	GOL, Crime Reduction Adviser
PS Sian Hasler (SH)	LBWF, Partnerships and Operations Manager
Vix Richardson	Higher Analyst, Metropolitan Police Service
Det Supt Sue Williams	Metropolitan Police Service
Chris Kiernan	LBWF, Executive Director, Children & YP Services
Angela Lambillion	LBWF, Senior Community Safety Officer
Chris Robson	Metropolitan Police Service
Tim Vine	LBWF, Project Manager, Drug Improvement Programme
Orla Kennedy	LBWF, Community Safety
Patsy Wollaston	London Probation
Chief Insp. Chris Lovatt (CL)	MPS (<i>deputising for Supt Ade Hutchinson</i>)
Matthew Macdonald	Waltham Forest Primary Care Trust
Matthew Smith	LBWF, Committee Manager

Item No.		Action
1.	<p>Introductions and Apologies for absence All those present introduced themselves. Apologies for absence were received from: Darren Dovey (London Fire Service), Roger Taylor (LBWF, Chief Executive), Colin Moone (LBWF, Head of Housing), Supt. Adrian Hutchinson (Metropolitan Police Service).</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Police Strategic Assessment held on Wednesday 5th September 2007 and matters arising The minutes were AGREED as a correct record.</p> <p>Matters Arising Para. 2a The drug link has been incorporated into the robbery recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Para. 2b Action: Check progress on creation of the Crime Prevention Board. CL ➤ Para. 9 Action: Check that the drug action plan has been formulated. CL 	
3.	<p>Strategic Assessment</p>	
3.1	<p>A presentation on the Strategic Assessment was delivered by Angela Lambillion (LBWF, Community Safety). The Partnership's assessment is based on the Police Assessment covering data for the period July-</p>	

September 2007, with partnership data added. Both the matrix created on National Intelligence Model guidelines and the table calculating the cost of various crime types rank drugs, robbery, violence against the person, and domestic violence as the top four priorities. It is anticipated that the geographical split between levels of crime in the north and south of the borough is likely to increase.

3.2 Following agreement on priorities at this meeting, the next steps will be to agree partners' roles in delivery and to agree resources. A partnership plan development workshop will take place on 21st February at Vestry House, with the intention of presenting the plan to the next regular SafetyNet meeting on 5th March.

3.3 The main points made in the initial discussion were as follows:

- NI 17 and NI 45 are now very unlikely to be included in Waltham Forest's new LAA.
- There is considerable congruence between this list of priority crime types and the indicators that were put forward for the new LAA at the last SafetyNet Executive.
- The statistics on youth crime in the assessment inevitably underestimate the scale of the problem because the figures are only drawn from YOT data.

3.4 The Chair invited comments on whether there was agreement on the assessment. The main points in the discussion are set out in the following sections.

4. **Youth Crime and Violence Against the Person**

It was AGREED that the main concerns around Youth Crime are to do with violence and that Violent Youth Crime should therefore be a priority.

5. **Domestic Violence**

It was suggested that more could data analysis could be done to look at the link between domestic violence and alcohol. It was AGREED that domestic violence is a priority issue for SafetyNet.

6. **Drugs**

Drugs are related to 50% of the acquisitive crime in the borough and this is clearly a partnership issue. There is some evidence that cannabis use is becoming a bigger factor for some young people in the borough and the police have been placing greater emphasis on tackling it. It was AGREED that there should be a single priority around Substance Misuse, covering both drugs and alcohol.

7. **Antisocial Behaviour**

The main points made in discussion were as follows:

- ASB may be a greater generator of other crime and fear of crime than the report seems to suggest.
- The multi-agency strategy around Antisocial Behaviour is fully justified.

It was AGREED that this area remains a major priority.

8. **Terrorism**

It was felt that Terrorism is not the most useful description of the problem type that needs to be addressed as it is too narrow a term and does not reflect the local priority. It was AGREED that there needs to be a priority around Preventing Violent Extremism, and that Hate Crime is a separate priority.

9. **Burglary and Motor Vehicle Crime**

It was noted that these are both high volume offences, although the rate of burglary has gone down.

10. **Fear of Crime**

The main points made in discussion were as follows:

- The Residents' Panel Survey indicates that Antisocial Behaviour is a major component in the fear of crime, which is not reducing.
- There is a link with the street scene – too many takeaways
- A coherent approach to reducing fear of crime needs to be taken across all the Project Boards, with chairs keeping this in focus
- Tackling fear of crime features as a target in the LAA.
- Community Safety now has the services of a Communications Officer and a Communications Plan has been developed.

11. **Homophobic Crime and Hate Crime**

The main points made in discussion were as follows:

- Homophobic crime is rated red for seriousness despite low numbers
- Important to retain hate crime as a priority because of rapid demographic change caused by the arrival of new communities

12. **Other Crimes / Problem types**

Criminal damage – Some links to Antisocial Behaviour but it is sensible to tabulate this separately as has been done here.

Sexual offences – this is a partnership issue but there are robust processes in place

Theft excluding vehicles – lower priority for the Partnership

Fire – lower priority for the Partnership

Traffic related – lower priority

Theft from person – lower priority

Fraud or forgery – lower priority

13. **Strategy Priorities**

It was AGREED by the group that the strategy should be in the following order of priority:

Substance misuse

Violent youth crime (defined as between the ages of 8 and 20 inclusive)

Domestic violence

Antisocial behaviour

Preventing violent extremism

Burglary & motor vehicle crime

