

**Date** 15 May 2007

**Place** CPCG Office

**Present** Anna Tapsell (AT), Paul Andell (PA), Doye Akinlade (DA), Canon Ivelaw Bowman (IB), Shane Collins (SH), Gill Kenealy (GK), Paul Reynolds (PR), Wesley Stephenson, Jim Toohill (JT), Abdul Sultan Virani (ASV), Ben McKendrick (BM)

**Apologies** Cheryl Sealey (CS)

Prior to the Board conducting its business, Det. Supt. John Corrigan (JC), representing Brgh. Cmdr. Martin Bridger (MB), attended the meeting to respond to Board concerns, specifically: **ACTIONS**

a) To devise a template for reporting on Operation Neon (of which there were currently two exercises per month) to the CPCG in order to demonstrate its effectiveness and to ensure that CPCG were notified of upcoming operations and would be able to attend as observers. **JC**

b) To a copy of the Rules of Engagement for the police use of the Taser, including any new Home Office guidance **JC**

c) To feedback on Rastafarian Temple and arrests to date. **JC**

d) To review arrangements for EWF engagement in future

e) JC reported that the Violent Crime Action Group (JAG) would be looking at the three most challenging Wards in Lambeth: Coldharbour, Ferndale and Vassall.(JC).

f) There was discussion of the need to raise the Sanction Detection rate for Domestic Violence offences; **JC**

g) JC highlighted concern about victims and potential witnesses whose immigration status was problematic

h) Board awaiting evaluation of Gun Consortium.(JC)

i) There was discussion on Council's proposals for Safer Neighbourhood Panels. JC indicated that any change of role would have to be agreed by the MPS.

## **1. Minutes of Board Meeting 24 April 07**

Minutes of the Meeting 24 April 2007 were accepted with one amendment.

## **2. Matters Arising from Board Meeting 20 March 07**

**See Agenda items**

### **3. Finance/Funding**

JT provided the Board members with a Proposed Budget Allocation and a table of Non-Staff Costs 2007/8.

In respect of the design for the CPCG website, JT said that the Youth sub-Group could update their own section..

SC said that he knew someone who provide the Group's refreshment, which would bring down CPCG costs.

WS suggested holding CPCG meetings at CPCG members' premises to reduce the budget for room hire.

### **4. Reports**

GK said that a person who worked at a children's home had told her that he thought CPCG meetings had become a cosy talking shop that gave too much credit to the police and did not reflect reality.

AT said that if he was working young children he should speak up for them if he thought their issues were not being addressed.

JT said that CPCG meetings had become more civil in recent times but more probing behind the scenes.

SC proposed that there should be greater coordination before CPCG meetings which lead to more challenging questions being asked.

PA suggested that CPCG needed a greater presence in the media

AT said that Laura Rawnsley (LR) was well into the DV project and working at Frank O'Neill House. Having devised a format to help her find what she was looking for in the DV police reporting form (124D), LR had looked 100 forms and already interesting findings were emerging. It was expected that the police would find the carefully research it difficult reading

AT said there would also be a message for the Government whose idea was impossible to work in the way that it was envisaged while the sense of ownership of the issue had been lost.

AT said that LR would also be holding focus groups.

As LR was not accepting payment for the project PA proposed that she be given a budget for publishing and distributing the final report.

### **5. Group Meetings**

#### *Forward Planning*

June – Policing the Transport System

JT said that Supt. Ellie Bird would be representing BTP at the CPCG's June meeting. The Board suggested the following issues to raise with BTP: sniffer dogs, MPS/BTP merger, knife arches, Section 44 and 60, youth gangs (buses), children's behaviour, MPS/BTP radio compatibility, tasking, hotspots, accounting crime, displacement, mobile phones, training, BTP IAG, reporting crime to BTP.

JT proposed that an annual report style presentation be sought from British Transport Police

July – Terrorism

- AT asked Board members to read the MPA's Anti-Terrorism Report before the CPCG meeting in July. BM to recirculate hardcopy to those who wished.

**BOARD**

JT said that report recommended a review of Section 44

In respect of the IPCC's announcement about its investigation into the killing of Jean Charles de Menezes, AT said she had written a letter to be sent to the press.

*Country Show*

SC proposed that the format of drugs debate at the could Country Show could take the form of a straw poll followed by an hour long for and against debate with the summing of the discussion followed by another poll.

Persons considered to be invited to form a debating panel were Kate Hoey MP, Brian Paddick, Peter Herbert, Cllr. Reed, Cllr. McGlone and SC.

The Board agreed to

- form a CPCG Country Show Sub-group to meet discuss arrangements for the CPCG tent

**SC/JT/IB/WS**

**The Board agreed that**

*Parenting Conference*

JT proposed discussing with Simon Harding the possibility of Community Safety supporting a CPCG Parenting conference instead of a guns, gangs and youths one, such as had already been held by Lewisham and, soon, Croydon

JT proposed that a Parenting Conference Sub-Committee be established to support Cheryl. CS/GK/PA/WS

## **6. Sub-Groups**

*Youth*

GK said that the CPCG Youth sub-Group (YsG) had welcomed a new member from the Somali Information and Advice Centre.

GK said that the YsG would be meeting the following evening (16 May). She said that [redacted] was keen to hold people to account i.e. to find out what has

happened to the Youth Service/provision and was considering doing an interview for Lambeth Life magazine.

GK said that it had been noted that there seemed to be no commitment from the YsG to young disabled people.

GK reported that [redacted] had taken up voluntary work with Victim Support.

WS commented that there didn't seem to be any communication from the YsG to the wider community about it was doing and what was going on and suggested that they produce a newsletter.

### *Stop and Search*

JT said that people needed to be cognisant of the report's findings concerning the reduction of stop and searches and greater effectiveness.

PA said that the subtext to the reduced number of stops was how the police would monitor, dip sample and drill down into individual teams. He said that there was a need to know internal processes to help create a Lambeth Action Plan as a model for Operation Penant and non-performing boroughs.

JT added that it could be helpful in designing their management procedures.

The Board agreed

- to extend an invitation to Catriona Robertson to attend the next Stop and Search Monitoring Group meeting **PA**

### *Elders*

ASV reported that Mr B, an alleged victim of elder abuse had been offered temporary accomodation in Kensington and Chelsea after his landlord had ejected from the flat he was living in. Work with Lambeth Adult Social Serviices, Lambet Housing and CPCG was ongoing to find him permanent accomodation.

- BM to continue to seek a block case review for an alleged victim of elder abuse

## **7. Lambeth Community Representatives Identification**

See Matters Arising

## **8. Communications and Protocols**

BM to progress.

## **9. A. O. B.**

PA reported back on a successful first meeting of the Restorative Justice (RJ) sub-Group, which had resulted in the production of a draft RJ Adult System illustrating potential points of intervention with the various control agencies and with whom RJ could be mediated/facilitated The RJ sub-Group would next meet on 29 May

JT proposed that Board members of more than one years standing to voluntarily stand again for election at the CPCG AGM in October [PA/CS/JT/IB/WS/AT](#)

Signed as a true record: Anna Tapsell

Date: 19 June 2007