

**Date** 16 October 2007

**Place** CPCG Office

**Present** Anna Tapsell (AT), Paul Andell (PA), Ivelaw Bowman (IB), Shane Collins (SC), Doye Akinlade (DA), Gill Kenealy (GK), Jim Toohill (JT), Wesley Walters-Stephenson (WS), Jim Toohill, Ben McKendrick (BM)

**Apologies** Paul Reynolds (PR), Cheryl Sealey (CS)

### 1. Minutes of Board Meeting 21 August 2007

### ACTIONS

Minutes for 21 August (held in BM's absence) would be circulated at a later date.

### 2. Finance/Funding

JT tabled papers on the Budget and Cash Position as of 16 October, and forecast year end position.

### 3. AGM

**Board agreed** its position in respect of elections: Board members (PA, IB, CS, WS, AT and JT) elected in first year of CPCG becoming a limited company would step down and seek re-election. Board members (DA, SC, GK and PR) elected at last year's AGM would stand down at the AGM 2008.

**Board agreed** to seek a guest speaker for the AGM. Names suggested were Camilla Batman Gelly, Cindy Butts, Kate Hoey, Peter Herbert and Sue Jacobs

**AT & JT to make contact**

A discussion ensued about the content of the Annual Report. There had been a great deal of ground covered during the course of the year with CPCG discussing, amongst other things, Counter-Terrorism, Domestic Violence, Drugs, LGBT issues, Independent Custody Visiting, Mental Health, Restorative Justice, Safer Neighbourhoods, Stop and Search, Virtual Courts, Young People's issues. Also, the report would outline other meetings attended and operations observed on behalf of the Group.

**Board agreed** that each Board member could make a contribution on a particular aspect of the Annual Report

**Board members**

### 4. Group Meetings

#### *Previous CPCG Meeting*

CPCG meeting of 2 October to discuss the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) report, Stockwell Two, had not been as well attended as it was thought it would be.

WS said that CPCG needed new blood and suggested that it should map out

where meetings were being held in the borough by non-member organisations in order that Board members could go to them with an aim of possible recruitment.

DA questioned whether attendance of CPCG meetings was affected by changing the venue. In response, PA said that while at first he preferred to stay in Brixton, he recognised that moving to other parts of the borough helped to enhance CPCG profile while new people could also be in the audience.

AT said that some parts of Lambeth such as Central Hill and Streatham Vale felt left out, not just by CPCG but mainly by the police and local authority.

JT said the Board needed to look at its Action Plan in which there was an express aim to increase CPCG membership.

GK expressed her dismay about how the Trustees of the Lambeth Summer Project (LSP) were treated at the meeting, which was discussed at a later LSP meeting she had attended, and where she had conveyed AT's apologies.

JT said that while comments about the diversity of the LSP were valid, they had been expressed in an aggressive manner.

GK added that her own comments and those by Fernando Senior had been appreciated and she suggested that the CPCG write to LSP expressing its gratitude for attending the meeting and the work they did.

IB said that the matter of police racism against black youths was a matter that came up time and time again, and that CPCG needed to address it.

AT commented on the DV targets having been left out of the police presentation.

**Board agreed** to write to Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe and request that CPCG meetings continue to receive the police report it had been doing so for more than a year until any alternative style of report was agreed.

In respect of Lambeth Council's Drug Deterrence Policy meeting facilitated by CPCG on 9 October, which also had a lower attendance than expected, PA said that there had been a high standard of debate and he came away positive about how a market could be balanced.

Having spoken with John Roberts (JR), who was against the policy, JT said that JR was going to ask for CPCG consultation on the matter, on which JT said funding from the Community Safety Division would be good.

PA said that the policy begged a strategic response and that new national standards, whereby community consultation was sought, could be applied.

AT said that the last Safer Lambeth Partnership (SLP) meeting a routine report had been given. In response to PA, she said that she had raised the issue of the SLP facing the public with JR, who said that would be fine.

#### *Forward Planning*

**Board agreed** the following themes for forthcoming meetings.

November – Night Time Economy

December – Police Critical Encounters

January – DV Research Project.

In response to WS concerns about proposed early release of sex offenders as an issue for CPCG, PA said that sex offences were a volume target at present and not measured by type. However, new targets would be set via Justice For All, with a diversity of people able to have their say about what those targets should be.

## **5. Sub-Groups**

*Youth (GK)*

GK said that she had spoken to Live magazine, which went out to all youth provision, addressing issues of DV, gun crime and identity. She added that she and WS would make a presentation to Live on 6 November.

GK said that she had also been invited to make a presentation to the Executive Committee on Gangs, Guns and Knives about DV and young people and how it may link to girls' involvement in gangs.

IB said that the issue of colleges, gangs and territory needed to be seriously looked into as some young people were afraid to go to school.

AT said that Simon Harding commissioned a report, at a cost of £10k, mapping out of gangs in Lambeth.

AT said that she still had seen a list of all organisations providing youth services in the borough, which was due to be published.

GK said that she had met with a person from Crimestoppers who was collaborating with Trident on work aimed at trying to get young people to report crime.

WS expressed his concerns about the absence of anonymity in using a mobile phone to report crime, as it could be traced.

In respect of the two youths who raised the issue of police racism at the last CPCG meeting, GK said that one of them had agreed to meet with Ch. Supt. Rowe.

JT said that a mechanism needed to be in place that would make the occurrence of police racism indisputable.

AT suggested a telephone line to log incidents of police racism and monitor and test the system.

*Stop and Search Monitoring Group (PA/JT)*

**Board agreed** that the Stop and Search Monitoring Group could hold a special

meeting to report back on its activities when it was ready to do so.

PA said that the MPA were reviewing standard operation procedures for Stop and Search and asked for any comments to be passed through to BM for the S&SMG to coordinate with its own by mid-November

**Board agreed** to set a limit of early December for Nacro to respond to CPCGs concerns about the S&SMG's schools pack.

PA

#### *Domestic Violence*

A DV plan was circulated.

#### *Restorative Justice Group (RJG)*

PA reported that the RJG was putting something together in terms of stop and search mediation between police and persons they stopped. He said that he was talking with Lambeth Mediation Service about designing a project while the police were seeking advice from the Police Federation.

#### *Safer Neighbourhoods*

JT said that Safer Neighbourhoods Panels (SNPs) had formed a working Group (of which he was Chair). The SNP WG had an agenda towards an overall governance lying with the SLP. The SNP WG was a developing a resource pack as a means of support for Lambeth SNPs

### **6. Log/Briefing**

AT reminded Board members to regularly submit their contributions to the CPCG Log and Briefing Paper

### **7. A. O. B.**

There was no A.O.B.

Signed as a true record: Jim Toohill

Date: 20 November