

Future Meetings

27 April 2010 6.00 p.m.

Theme

Venue: Karibu Centre, Gresham Rd, Brixton SW9

CPCG Business Meeting

11 May 2010 6.00 p.m.

Theme

Venue: Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton SW2 1RW

Safer Lambeth Partnership:
Drugs & Alcohol Priority Action
Group

Nb. second Tuesday of May due to timing

1 June 2010 6.30 p.m.

Theme

Venue: To be confirmed

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Ben McKendrick Moving On

After nigh on 18 years with the Group, the last 7 as Administrator, Ben McKendrick will be moving on to pastures new at the end of April.

Ben has been one of few fixed points, for both CPCG and the Independent Custody Visitors, over this long period and we have all valued his commitment, discretion and unflappability though changing, and sometimes difficult times.

We thank him for his long service and wish him every success in the next stage of his personal and professional development.

Business Meeting

We have now resolved almost all of the outstanding issues in respect of this years funding round with the MPA and will be able to give a full report to our Business Meeting on 27 April. The findings and recommendations of the Engagement Project shall also be available for that meeting.

We have denoted the meeting an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting and so members will be able to put any motions they wish to the meeting. We shall be circulating papers for the meeting on Monday 19th and any motions received by the office by that date will be sent out to members with the papers.

The Business Meeting will also be an opportunity for Members to make their farewells to Ben.

Lambeth Police Diversity and Hate Crime Coordinator

PC Eren Bessim is the Diversity and Hate Crime Coordinator for the borough of Lambeth police, based at 205 Stockwell Road with the Council's Community Safety Team. He writes:

“A lot of work goes into LGBT matters across the whole borough. This includes working with venues (which are regularly policed over the weekends) LGBT stakeholders, community groups and others sectors. Though my role is to look after each strand of Diversity which includes, LGBT, Disability, Race, Religion and Transgender.

We regular patrol public sex environments (PSE) in joint partnership with Wandsworth and we also have a full time LGBT liaison officer who covers the north of the Borough. We currently have 20 LGBT police/PCSO liaison officers who assist with crimes, events and patrols, and who are part time and work in either response teams or Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT).

We visit victims of hate crimes and Domestic violence and our local SNT LGBT link officers hold drop events across the borough.

In partnership with the venues we have also held two large LGBT anti-hate crime festivals, worked on the LGBT film festival, Peace week and International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (17 May).

We work very closely with the licensed premises and the Vauxhall gay business forum, we have worked on drug awareness with them and recently the event called "drug idle" which teaches the LGBT community the dangers and law on drugs. This event was in partnership with NHS, drugs and poisons unit and THT.

Some of the projects we are having launched this year are; text service to report hate crime; Third party reporting form; Extensive hate crime awareness; New reporting and targeting offenders campaign.”

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Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) Civil Liberties Panel Public Order Policing Report

On 25 March, the MPA Full Authority was recommended to endorse the findings of the report by its own Civil Liberties Panel into public order policing in the aftermath of G20 in April 2009.

Further information about the MPA’s Civil Liberties Panel and a copy of the report can be found at the links below

<http://www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/mpa/2010/100325/06/#h1000>

<http://www.mpa.gov.uk/downloads/committees/mpa/100325-06-appendix01.pdf>

On 4 March, CPCG Board members Wesley Walters-Stephenson and Jane Warwick (also Chair of Lambeth Independent Custody Visitors) attended a meeting at the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) to discuss the emerging findings from IPCC's Study into Deaths in Custody. The meeting was hosted by IPCC Commissioner, Mike Franklin, former Chair of Lambeth Community-Police Consultative Group.

At the meeting, the large group of stakeholders, including representation from Police Authorities and Police Forces, Police Federation, Prison Service, Immigration Service, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Mental Health practitioners and community and voluntary sector, were given the opportunity to discuss the hypotheses for the Study, the reasons for the fall in the number of deaths in custody, to identify other issues which needed to be in the analysis, and the implications of the emerging findings so far.

A draft copy of the IPCC's final report is expected to be produced by early Summer with the final report published in September 2010.

**Invitation to attend the MPA Equality & Diversity Sub-committee:
10.00am Thursday 22 April 2010**

Kirsten Hearn, the Chair of the sub-committee, invites you to attend a meeting of the MPA Equality and Diversity Sub-committee on Thursday **22 April 2010** at **10:00 - 12:30**. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the MPA's offices at 10 Dean Farrar Street, SW1 0NY.

This sub-committee will be receiving reports on:

The Directorate of Public Affairs (DPA) - An overview of DPA's equality and diversity activity including specific work undertaken to communicate and engage with London's diverse communities.

Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) Languages Programme - How the languages programme will deliver improved services to diverse communities.

Implementation of the Equality Standard across the MPS – An update report on the opportunities, risks and challenges to rolling out the policing equality standard. [The standard is a framework to assist the police record, monitor and improve their performance around equality and diversity].

The sub-committee's format focuses on and discusses the equality and diversity dimensions of particular areas of police business. Standing Orders are suspended and community members are invited to take part in the discussion, jointly with MPA members. The Chair would be particularly keen to hear the views of both MPS staff and the people of London on the important issues mentioned above.

A copy of the relevant reports will be sent to those who notify their attendance. Copies of the reports will also be available at the meeting and will be on the MPA's website (www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/equalities) nearer the time of the meeting. Should you require the report in a particular format please complete the specific requirements form attached.

As far as possible we would like to seat people around the table with members of the sub-committee for the discussion. Seating around the table will be allocated according to when the confirmation of your attendance is received on a 'first come, first served' basis. The table does have limited seating but members of the public who may not be able to sit around the

table are strongly encouraged to give their views and ask questions from the public gallery. Please be aware that the Chair of the sub-committee, Kirsten Hearn, is blind and she therefore finds it very useful if people clearly identify themselves when they start to speak.

The discussion will be recorded but this is solely for producing the minutes after which the recording will be erased. Members of the public can ask for their contribution to be anonymous and for the recording to be turned off whilst they speak. A copy of the minutes will be available on the MPA website at a later date.

Please feel free to circulate this invitation to colleagues/members of the community you think may also be interested in attending the meeting and contributing to the discussion. Please let us know if you or your colleagues will be attending, as space may be limited and may prevent us from allowing you entry into the committee meeting room due to Health and Safety regulations.

Meeting Room 1 at 10 Dean Farrar Street has an induction loop and is accessible for wheelchair-users. We would be grateful if you could complete the fax back form or email a confirmation of your attendance and requirements. We would be delighted if a representative from your organisation would be able to attend and look forward to hearing from you.

Group Membership

At the Group's Board meeting 16 March, an application for CPCG Individual Membership from Benjamin Simbo applications was accepted.

Meetings and events attended during January 2010

13 April	Anna Tapsell attended the Safer Lambeth Partnership Executive meeting.
31 March	Ros Munday attended Lambeth Voluntary Action Council (LVAC) Board meeting where she was elected to LVAC Board.
26 March	Jane Warwick attended a Lambeth Police New Recruits Induction Day at Gipsy Hill Police Station.
24 March	Sandra Moodie attended the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) London Community Advisory Group meeting on Stop and Search
18 March	Anna Tapsell and Jim Toohill attended the London Communities Policing Partnership (LCP2) Chairs' meeting at New Scotland Yard.
16 March	Ros Munday attended the 'Tackling Hate Crime. The Way Forward' event at South London YMCA, Stockwell.
15 March	Anna Tapsell, Jane Warwick and Ben McKendrick attend Lambeth Women's Aid AGM in the Mayor's Parlour, Lambeth Town Hall
4 March	Wesley Walters-Stephenson, Jane Warwick and Ben McKendrick attended IPCC to discuss the emerging findings from its Study into Deaths in Police Custody.

Join our Group... Have Your Shout

If you wish to become a member of CPCG, either as an individual or representing an organisation or group in the Community and Voluntary sector, please contact CPCG (see contact details below) and we will send you a Membership Pack.

Important contacts**Non emergencies, advice or comments****Tel: 0300 123 1212****In confidence (anonymously) with information about a crime****Tel: 0800 555 111****Crimestoppers****Emergencies, if a crime is happening now or there is immediate danger** **Tel: 999****Lambeth Community-Police Consultative Group**

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