



The Future for Community – Police Consultation in Lambeth

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This report covers the period from CPCG's AGM in December 2012 to the AGM in March 2014.
The Accounts reported are for the last full financial year, 2012/13.

Chair's Report

I introduce the Annual Report 2013-2014 of the Community Police Consultative Group for Lambeth (the Group) with a mixture of relief, sadness and trepidation.

I have served as the Group's Chairperson for nearly three years and believed that I really needed to lead by example from the beginning, so I took on the mantle of **Chairperson of our Stop and Search Monitoring Group** as well as **Joint Chair of the Deaths in Custody Group** with outgoing Borough Commander Matt Bell MBE.

Much has happened and the world seems to be a very different place from the one in existence in July 2012.

The past year has been very challenging for the CPCG Lambeth with the cloud of uncertainty regarding our future with our core funding from MOPAC coming to its end at the end of March 2014, whilst maintaining our role as a critical friend to the Police and ensuring accountability / transparency / engagement. Any optimism about our future needs careful consideration and to be qualified.

I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to Miss DM John, who never wavered in her resolve as our Executive Officer. She has shown remarkable support and commitment to the Group through some very difficult and trying times. Sadly DM, as she likes to be known, will be leaving us and I would like to wish her well in her future endeavours.

In similar vein I would like to record my thanks to Chief Superintendent Matt Bell, Borough Commander of the Police in Lambeth. I have seen the effort and application he has made to the post. The relationship between the Borough Commander and the Group's Chairperson can be a very delicate one, where our primary aim is to ensure a working relationship whilst safeguarding the independence and autonomy of the Group. I believe this position was respected and I wish Matt Bell success in the future and welcome the new incumbent, Richard Todd.

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I would further like to acknowledge the Commander's PA, Leigh Mathews, Detective Superintendent Martin Huxley, PC Errol Patterson (African Caribbean Community Liaison Officer) and the Lambeth officers, who continue to provide a service that the rest of the metropolis continually tries to emulate.

I also wish to express my thanks to Cllr Jack Hopkins, Lambeth's Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods, who had a remarkable attendance record at all our public meetings - we thank you.

For our friends in Community Safety, headed by Assistant Director Anne Corbett (and previously by George Marshman), thank you for your support and engagement through a very difficult and trying period: I would like publicly to acknowledge the work of your team in supporting and ensuring the safety of the Borough of Lambeth.

In looking back at our accomplishments, everyone of us can hold up our heads with pride at what we have achieved. So I ask you all to come with me on a journey highlighting the unique work of the Community Police Consultative Group Lambeth:

- First in the country to structure and hold a Firearms Amnesty and diligently produce the ground-breaking report that followed the deaths during 1995 of Brian Douglas and Wayne Douglas. "**Lessons From Tragedies**" was commissioned by CPCG Lambeth with the aim of seeking greater understanding and clarity about the processes that occur when a person dies in custody and how the death is investigated. In the course of its reporting the report also addressed the need to review the circumstances in which a police officer might be suspended following a death in custody or flowing from police contact.
- Commander Brian Paddick's Cannabis Policy, where we investigated the underlying issues that underpin the drugs trade, such as economic deprivation and formal / informal exclusions from school.
- Our "Respect, not Robbery" campaign which was spearheaded by our very own Arlene Mundell, who sadly passed away in 1999 and who championed this without question, This campaign was then taken up and driven by Rachel Heywood, who is now a Councillor and Cabinet Member for Children and Families.

- Attendance at the Borough's Gold Group / Critical Incident meetings and Community Reference-Engagement Groups and at Central Command at Scotland Yard where, without question, members reacted and attended the meetings, sometimes in the middle of the night. Our efforts to provide a forum, even in these difficult times, should be highlighted, along with traumatic custody deaths in recent years where the Group provided support for bereaved families, It has also sought to support and hold the Independent Police Complaints Commission to account by participating in Community Reference Groups and in informing the wider work on Deaths in Custody.
- Then there is the borough oversight, where the Chair liaises with other CPCGs through the London Communities Police Partnership (LCP2) Chairs' forum and makes representations on behalf of members and local people who encounter problems with the police.
- The Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) scheme set up in 1984 is still a breath of fresh air today, whereby individuals visit police stations to check on the wellbeing and conditions of detainees, make one wonder why the Mayor's office seeks to limit their remit and accountability to the Borough.
- Support for the creation of Trident and our input into the MPS Informants policy following the Delroy Denton murder of Marcia Laws..... to name a few!
- In remembering the work that has been undertaken by our Group one can never forget the devastating affect the London Nail Bomber, David Copeland, had and the part we played in his subsequent conviction, together with tireless work around perceptions and mindset with the Northumbria Police Force after the death of Derek Bennet following police contact after an incident with a cigarette lighter shaped as a gun.
- On to the present day, with the issues surrounding the tragic death of Sean Rigg and the use of police restraint. Accountability / CCTV monitoring / Systems, Policies and Protocols, especially where the more vulnerable members of our society suffering from mental health related illnesses are transported to a place of safety following arrest.

- Closer to the present day we have the horrific murder of Dwayne Simpson on the 25th February 2014, where he was killed in a frenzied knife attack, which brought back memories of the tragic deaths of Damilola Taylor and Stephen Lawrence.

We have clearly played our part and must now contemplate our future role.

The question to be asked now is how we continue to hold the policing model to account whilst remaining independent. I believe the answer lies with us and our commitment still to be part of the engagement and accountability structure now in place across the metropolis, namely the Safer Neighbourhoods Board (SNB) which the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has proposed for every London Borough. However, clarity regarding how they will operate beyond the cluster level of engagement and, more importantly, their level of transparency and accountability to the wider public is still missing. The framework for representation is key and at present we are part of the working group for key stakeholders.

We can debate the issue further, but alas we must take a stance either to be part of the process from within or to be independent of the new model and hold it to account and ensure that openness and transparency are imbedded. The structure of the Lambeth model is still under discussion.

Finally I would like to express my gratitude to all Board members, Group members and members of the public who have turned up at Group meetings in often difficult circumstances and continue to contribute to the work of the Group for the benefit of the Borough. I would like therefore to acknowledge and thank Mike Franklin and Cheryl Sealey, whose energy and unwavering support made the difference in very difficult and strenuous times.

My thanks also to Pauline Bower, who sadly passed away this year, Sandra Moodie, Paul Reid, Raoul Dero, Adrian Jones, Jennifer Douglas, Vince Mcbean, Nick Mason, Ivelaw Bowman, Hannah Mir, Marlene Ellis, Anna Tapsell, Jim Toohill, Lloyd Leon, Arulini Velmurugu, Mahammed Hashi, Theresa McCaffery, John Ohen, James Fox, David Warner, Clovis Reid MBE, Gill Kenealy, Marcia Dacosta, Clare Moore, Lee Jasper and Jane Warwick MBE for your support during what was an amazingly trying and difficult period in

the Group's history, which tested not only my character and resolve, but I believe made me a stronger and more diligent ambassador.

It is important that you all recognise the sacrifices we have all made have not only saved lives, they have transformed the metropolis.

As I concluded this report my mind travelled back to the fateful night when Cherry Groce was shot following police contact and Lambeth roared with anger and undeniable pain. Sadly, Cherry Groce passed away in 2011. The pain this lady endured made me look within myself and ask what do I stand for and to question whether justice is blind. Twenty-nine years later the family still seeks justice and I, for one, will continue to support them in their quest for accountability and justice. They are presently lodging a petition to the Director of Legal Aid for Legal Aid funding for the Inquest into the Death of Cherry Groce: 1,000 signatures are required to prove that this case is one of public interest. Please support the family - what they have endured no family should ever have to experience.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the community of Lambeth

Wesley Walters-Stephenson

Chair, Lambeth CPCG 2012-2014

Honour list of Chairpersons

Lambeth CPCG

Cannon Charles Walker

Lloyd Leon

Mike Franklin

Jennifer Douglas

Lee Jasper

Anna Tapsell

Clarence Thompson MBE

Wesley Walters-Stephenson

Nicholas Long MBE

Panel of Custody Lay Visitors/ ICVs

Greta Brooks

Maurice Smith

David Green

Nicholas Long MBE

Eleanor Cura

Alan Sutherland

Claudette Kenlock

Lloyd Leon MBE

Doye Akinlade

Jane Warwick MBE

Stop and Search Monitoring Group

I took up the mantle of this position in January 2012. To be effective, however, I have been left with no illusion that unless change comes from senior ranking police officers, with the Prime Minister driving reform, then we are about to bear witness to the destruction of community and race relations, and the next two generations of our young people, if Stop and Search continues to be used as an oppressive tool for the detection of crime.

I would like to place on record my thanks to Chief Inspector of Lambeth's Strategic Engagement and Partnership, Robyn Williams, for her attendance, support and input at our Stop and Search meetings.

I would also like to acknowledge Christine Mathews from the Chairs' forum and our very own Stop and Search members, especially Theresa McCaffery and Mohamed Hashi, who not only supported me through this trying year but came into their own by representing Lambeth at various forums holding to account the Stop and Search figures, procedures and protocols - thank you.

Let us explore the above:

In November 2013 the Equality and Human Rights Commission said that, overall, black people were six times more likely than white people to be stopped, with Asian or other ethnic minority groups two times more likely to be stopped.

The lasting damage that Stop and Search causes to the relationship between young people and the police has been well attested over the years. Two quotes from a recent Newsnight feature on Stop and Search well illustrate this. One is from a teenager who said he had been stopped and searched as an 11 year-old. "Since then I've despised them [the police] more and more because for me they are like criminals in fancy dress," he said. "They've got such a big mob mentality."

Another young man said he had been stopped and searched by the police "over 100 times" because he was "in a black neighbourhood" where the police "think everyone is a drug dealer".

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe agreed that random stop and search powers had created distrust between some communities and the police in London.

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He pointed to the success of the 'Stop-It' campaign in reducing levels of Stop and Search and increasing arrest rates.

The question one now asks is, has the organisation really changed or do the institutionalised racist behaviour and ethics (as described in the McPherson Report subsequent to the tragic murder of Stephen Lawrence) still prevail? Can the police really provide a service or is it a case that the Metropolitan Police Service need to change their name to the Metropolitan Police Force. That way nobody would be fooled or deluded as to the type of mindset or treatment that befalls minority ethnic groups.

This seems outlandish, yet the will to change was evident.

On 4th December 2013 Home Secretary Theresa May wrote seeking approval from the Cabinet's Home Affairs committee to a "package of measures".

This included a plan to "amend section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 so that the test for the power's use is 'necessary' and 'expedient', (to prevent incidents involving serious violence)". This would mean that under Section 60, police can stop and search someone for weapons in a designated area, for a specific time, without suspicion that the individual is involved in wrongdoing. However, a senior officer must hold a reasonable belief that violence has happened or may occur in the area.

Mrs May told Cabinet colleagues she intended to "raise the level of authorisation to a senior officer who must reasonably believe that violence 'will' take place (as opposed to 'may')".

She continued: "I expect this to reduce significantly the number of stop and searches under section 60. Section 60 is only one kind of stop and search."

With the aforementioned in mind the question of confidence arose and so the CPCG (with its Stop and Search Monitoring Group and Mental Health Sub-Group) conducted three confidence meetings:

On the issues surrounding the tragic death of Sean Rigg following police contact (2012)

This was a ground-breaking meeting with Jill Cooper (Director of South London and Maudsley Mental Health Foundation Trust – SLaM) in attendance together with Dame Ann Owens (Chair of the Independent Police Complaints Commission – IPCC) and Sean Rigg's

family, demanding accountability. It became evident that the Met's policy on restraint fell below the required standard and created an issue of public health.

As we arrive in 2014 we now see changes to policing in Lambeth:

- A new custody suite to be officially opened on 1st April.
- Body Worn Visuals (BDV) which are worn by officers and can be placed inside police vehicles, and an updated CCTV system.
- A Review of officer safety training and techniques around restraint and a reaffirmation that a police station is not an appropriate place of safety under S136 of the Mental Health Act.

Public meeting on the issue of confidence post Mark Duggan inquest 2014.

Present situation:

By a majority of eight to two a jury ruled that the 2011 shooting was lawful. The jury said they were sure, by the same eight-to-two majority, that Duggan did not have a weapon in his hands when police surrounded him. By a majority the jury concluded he "threw" the gun from a cab he was travelling in when armed officers forced it to stop.

This raises a question about the different treatment of police officers and the general public in terms of the perception of a threat as a defence in the use of force. There is a similar disparity of treatment where police officers choose not to cooperate with the IPCC as witnesses and the treatment and perception of members of the public who might behave similarly in respect of a police investigation.

Our previous Chair, Cannon Charles Walker, commented in 1984, 'the police provide a service to the public which is paid for by the tax payer and rate payers, therefore an abuse of that power is unacceptable as we are entitled to a service regardless of race, creed or colour'

These words were so distinctive then and are more decisive now when one asks the question Is this culture of policing so endemic that there is not only a lack of energy to change attitudes within the police service, but the real elephant in the room is the problem

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of how politics and politicians really view the effects of a policy so clearly out of date and screaming for reform.

Sources told Theresa May that they feared "there's just a lack of will, a fear of looking soft on crime".

So there in lies the answer - accept the glaring reality of a lack of energy from senior Met officers and from Parliament that the will to change is merely a candle in the wind, and if one looks at the way the investigation into the murder of Stephen Lawrence was conducted with the recent damning revelation, it leaves an unsavoury view of policing.

One has to ask the question, with confidence in policing so clearly damaged are water cannons the answer to regaining it?

Wesley Walters-Stephenson,

Chair, Community Police Consultative Group Lambeth

I joined the CPCG Stop and Search Monitoring Group approximately a year ago. I wanted to give insightful, practical support to the Group responsible for monitoring the police's use of a potentially dangerous tool.

I had heard horror stories describing mistreatment during Stops and Searches, yet when asked if the Police Complaints Procedure had been considered, there was often criticism levied at the process and the Met's intention behind it. It seemed as if people's faith in the police was diminishing to the extent that even the prospect of seeking resolution to their grievances could add a new dimension to the hopelessness many felt from their experiences.

Amidst reading and listening to police data reflecting their Stop and Search figures, it felt at times as if the Group was being guided into nodding in the right places. The Group stood its ground and proved that we are much more than listening ears for potential lip service. Adversely, police spoon-fed data can also lead to considerations about what the Met are trying not to show through their presentations of statistics.

I see the Group's strengths as being enhanced by its determination to keep police accountability on a tight rein. As a Borough, we became one of the few chosen onto the pan-London Community Monitoring Network. CMN are described, on the Met's web pages, as forming "the cornerstone in providing an empowered and effective monitoring structure".

The Group forged ahead, making strong positive links with CMN's newest Chair (Christine Matthews) and Vice Chair (Carole Atkinson) and we were delighted to welcome them both to Lambeth for the CPCG's meeting focused around Stop and Search in November 2013. The themed meeting gave people a great opportunity to hear responses from many of the agencies associated with police use of Stop and Search, but it also helped the Panel of Speakers to get a truer sense of Lambeth's views. We need to see improvements that can result in people being proud of the police's work, which will in turn add to the confidence that people have in them.

The history attached to our Borough more than speaks for itself. As someone who embraces the diversity of our many communities in Lambeth I still believe that effective monitoring is an essential part of the way forward to achieving necessary improvements in the use of Stop and Search. But I think truly effective monitoring requires the police to engage more transparently with a monitoring process and for them to understand that any kind of hurdle placed unduly in the way of proactive engagement ultimately devalues their genuine interest in being monitored efficiently.

Theresa McCaffery

Co-Vice Chair, Lambeth CPCG Stop and Search Monitoring Group.

Mental Health Sub Group

This has been a disappointing year for people affected by mental illness and those who care for them. Despite protestations that there is a renewed awareness amongst politicians and the public at large about the needs of mentally disordered people, particularly children and young people, there has been a relentless decline in funding with consequent cuts to services throughout the country. The media coverage of the NHS has focussed entirely on acute hospital services and nothing about bed shortages or cuts in community provision for the mentally ill.

In Lambeth, the provision of a psychiatric nursing service within Brixton's police custody area under a scheme funded by Guys and St. Thomas' Charitable Trustees seems to have ended ahead of time, without any serious discussion or evaluation of its value. This, despite the fact that the Rapley Report had shown that the percentage of detainees who appeared in need of a mental health assessment was far greater than those detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act.

The lack of high quality, mandatory training for police officers continued to cause concern. Whilst the guidelines from the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and from within the NHS say that the police should not be expected to cope on their own with mentally disordered and potentially violent people, the reality is that they do. The use of police vans rather than ambulances is still the norm. Whilst no one would tolerate the idea of the police dealing unaided with a physical casualty of a road accident, the same does not apply to the mental casualty. Since SLAM closed its own dedicated A&E the reception of a mentally disordered individual into an acute hospital A&E, or to SLAMs Assessment Unit, remains problematic. For those of us who retain enough composure to refer ourselves when acutely disturbed, where to go or who to call remains the question?

Our Mental Health Sub Group will strive to continue its work, whatever plans the Mayor has for London's CPEGS. We intend to join ourselves to Lambeth's HealthWatch and other community forums. However, the failure of the Mayor's proposals to recognise or value the connections between the NHS and the MPS is in danger of erasing community partnership-

working in its most vital and productive form. The prolific crimes of violence to women and girls, forensic criminality, child abuse and public health are everyday issues that engage our police service and our community. The Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) never quite understood that and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) certainly doesn't.

If we are able to continue as we wish, we would want to follow up the further report from the IPCC on the death in custody of Sean Rigg and how the MPS and SLaM are responding to the findings of the recent Inquest.

We will continue to campaign for the Independent Custody Visitors to be locally accountable and truly independent.

We want to expand our meetings to provide a service to clients and carers, who grapple with the complexities of the Mental Health Act and the local psychiatric services, as well as the role of the police. We especially want to work alongside those who are seeking to question why so many young black men are being detained under the Mental Health Act.

Anna Tapsell

Chair, Lambeth CPCG Mental Health Group

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ACTIVITIES

CPCG has sustained its service to all those who live, work or study in Lambeth, providing them with access to key decision makers in the statutory agencies charged with making Lambeth a safer and fairer borough. This has been achieved despite ongoing resource reductions both to CPCG and also to the public agencies with which CPCG interfaces.

Safer Neighbourhood Board

A major pre-occupation throughout the period has been the introduction of Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNBs) into each London borough by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, to replace the current CPCGs. The initial expectation was that these would be in place by April 2014 and whilst, in Lambeth, that will certainly not now be the case, it is likely to be so at some point early in the financial year 2014/15. The delay is in establishing some form of consensus within the Borough – initially between existing players but also reaching out more widely to under-represented groups – as to what the form and function of the SNB should be.

Reactions to the prospect of SNBs have varied, from seeing them as an exciting new opportunity to prognoses of the death of the Scarman principles and the end of effective consultation, engagement and challenge around policing in London. The arguments have been well rehearsed elsewhere (see SNB page at www.lambethcpcg.org.uk). For our purposes here we simply report that CPCG's membership has been very clear that the underlying principles, which have guided the Group over the past three decades, are fundamental to successful engagement. Whilst CPCG is not wedded to particular structures, those principles are not negotiable. They are:

Accountability**Accessibility****Inclusivity****Independence****Working in Depth****Partnership**

Source for more detail: [Sustaining Policing by Consent in Lambeth, CPCG June 2013](#)

At the time of writing CPCG is working with partners in the Borough (representatives of the Safer Neighbourhood Panels, the Borough Council, Lambeth MPS and Lambeth MPS's Independent Advisory Group) in an attempt to develop a set of options around the SNB for wider consultation. Agreement is proving elusive, but CPCG are committed to working in good faith to adapt to changed circumstances whilst still adhering to our basic values. Throughout this process we have worked closely with our membership with their active involvement at every step of the way.

Website

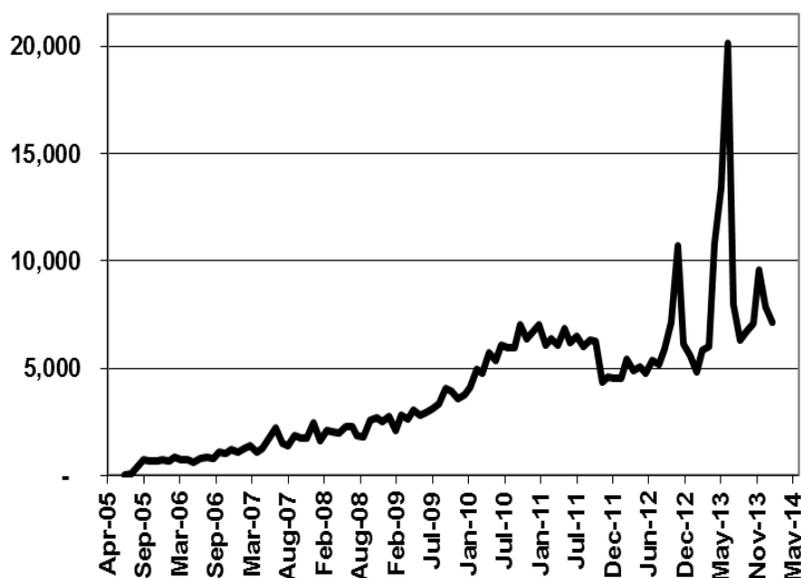
The numbers of 'unique visitors' to our website, having grown steadily from its launch in 2005, appear to have stabilised at between six and seven thousand unique visitors per month. Over 30% of the visitors view downloadable documents (police reports, minutes, etc).

Notably there have been a number of 'spikes' in visits over the past year and these have coincided with particular developments in respect of the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Visits to the website are driven from the search engines but also our regular briefings, generally sent out following our public meetings, and more recently by CPCG's use of Twitter. We have sustained a mailing list of around 850 through the period, with a 'churn' of approximately 10%.

UNIQUE VISITS TO CPCG WEBSITE EACH MONTH

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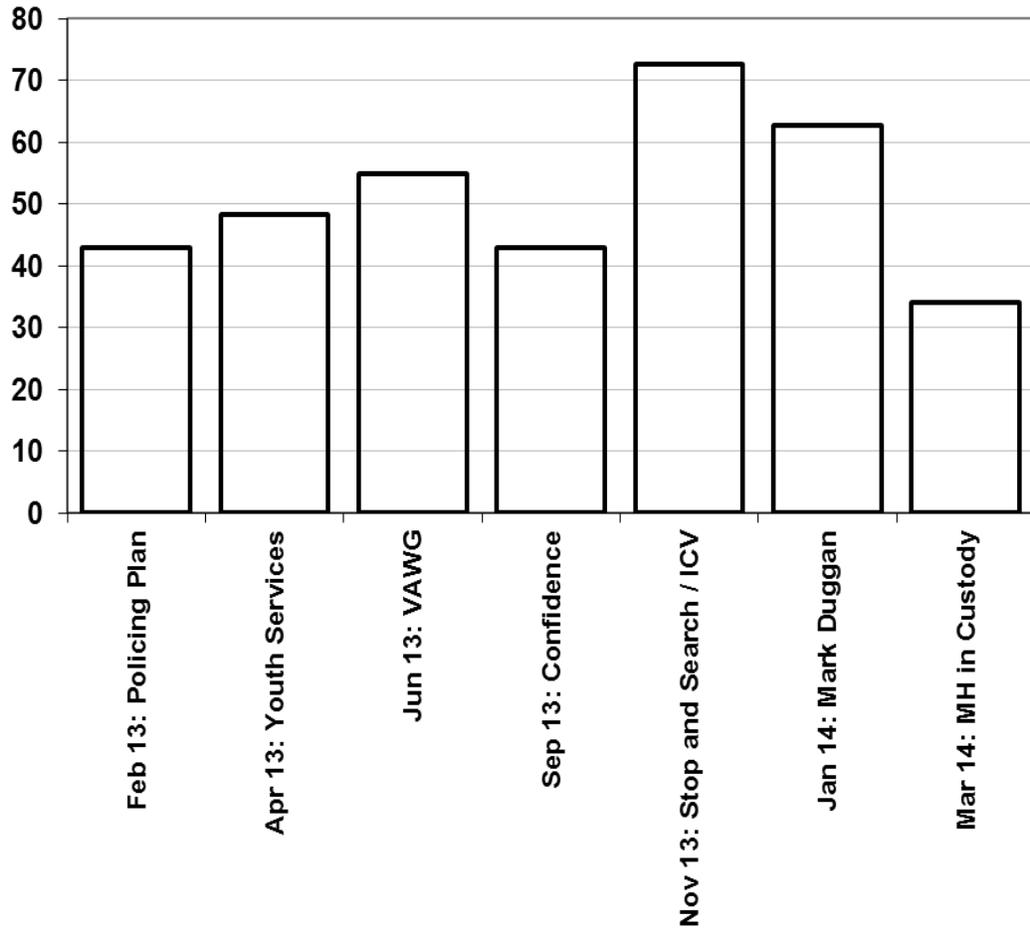
A 'Unique Visit' is one where the visitor loads more than one page; count includes all sub-domains

Public Meetings

For almost 30 years, our local police have been attending open-access CPCG public meetings every month. In doing so they, and CPCG, have pre-dated, by 20 years or more, the current notions 'Engagement' and 'Facing the People'. Successive Borough Commanders and senior officers have attested the value they place on this form of local accountability. In recent years the forum has been extended to encompass the wider Safer Lambeth Partnership as well as specialist units within the MPS, whose activity in the Borough can have considerable impact on public confidence.

CPCG has had to reduce the number of public meetings from eleven to six in each financial year, due to reductions in funding. There had been concern that reducing the frequency of meetings would result in a fall-off in attendance which in fact has barely materialised – average attendance at meetings over the past three years has been 54, 53 and 51 respectively.

ATTENDANCE AT CPCG PUBLIC MEETINGS



Detailed minutes of these meetings are available on our website and blog, so only general comments are made here.

We have during the year introduced changes in format. For two of the meetings (in February 2013 and September 2013) a break-out format was used, with attendees working in small groups. The February meeting addressed MOPAC’s Policing and Crime Plan and attendees’ contributions were collated and submitted as part of the London wide feedback to the MOPAC consultation on the Plan. The September meeting covered a range of issues, such as Licensing, Gangs, Diversity and Equality, and Stop and Search, each

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again in small break-out groups. There are lessons to be learned from these two events. The positives are that they allow a much wider participation than the more traditional 'talk and chalk' style format – attendees can choose which topics they especially want to contribute to and those who are unconfident in large meetings are not intimidated.

However, many who attended the meeting on the Policing and Crime Plan were disappointed that MOPAC's response to the consultation was very limited in terms of changes to the Plan. Likewise, formal feedback from MPS Lambeth in regard to the September 2013 meeting has been largely restricted to Stop and Search. Engagement and consultation has to result in some tangible outcome, or 'closing the loop' as our *Whose Shout?* report in 2010 termed it. The risk otherwise is of public cynicism and disengagement. This is an important lesson both for CPCG and for the proposed SNB.

The theme topics, meeting attendance and the contributions made to them reflect priorities within the Borough around policing and community safety. Running through them was a concern with effective MPS and Safer Lambeth Partnership responses to serious violence in the Borough, both Youth Violence (April 2013) and Violence Against Women and Girls (June 2013) together with an emphasis on fairness and accountability in policing, evidenced in the meetings of November 2013 (Stop and Search and ICVs) and February 2014 (issues arising from the Mark Duggan Inquest). Other meetings spanned both fairness and effectiveness which underpin public confidence and consent in policing. Getting the balance right is an ongoing concern for CPCG and should be also for the SNB.

Austerity-driven resource constraints have diminished the capacity of our statutory partners to bring worked-up, comprehensive presentations to our events - the loss of a comprehensive police statistical report has been a particular regret. Whilst we acknowledge the efforts of individual officials, often struggling under mounting workloads, we must recognise that without serious content, engagement and consultation can degenerate into empty gestures.

Themes and Contributors to Public Meetings		
Meeting Date	Theme	Contributors
05 Feb 2013	Policing and Crime Plan	Facilitators: Jim Toohill – CPCG Nick Mason - Lambeth IAG Donna Sinclair - Options for Change Anna Tapsell - CPCG
09 April 2013	Focus on Youth	John Anthony - LBL, Youth Offenders Service Ann Corbett – LBL, Community Safety Charles Grieg – LBL, Community Safety Cllr Rachel Heywood – LBL, Cabinet Member, Families Supt David McLaren - MPS Lambeth Sandra Morrison – LBL, Young Offenders Service
04 June 2013	Violence Against Women and Girls	Kristian Aspinall – LBL, Community safety Ch Supt Bell - MPS Lambeth DS Ellie Pyemont – MPS Lambeth Ann Corbett – LBL, Community Safety Cllr Jack Hopkins – LBL, Cabinet Member Safer and Stronger Communities Anna Tapsell – CCGP
03 Sept 2013	Policing Confidence	Facilitators: Nick Mason – Lambeth IAG Cheryl Sealey – Trident IAG Lee Jasper – CPCG Marlene Ellis – CPCG Mahamed Hashi – CPCG
05 Nov 2013	Stop and Search, Independent Custody Visiting	Ch Insp Ade Adelekan – MPS (TSG) Ch Supt Matt Bell MBE – MPS Lambeth Derrick Campbell – IPCC Commissioner Ann Corbett - LBL Mahamed Hashi – CPCG S&S sub-group Emmanuel Imuere – Chair Lewisham Stop & Search Jennifer Izekeor – IPCC Commissioner Christine Mathews - Chair of Pan London S&S CMN Supt Nick Pender - HMIC Aaron J Sonson – S&S App Creator James Tate – MOPAC Jane Warwick MBE – Chair Lambeth ICV's Ch Insp Robyn Williams – MPS Lambeth
04 March 2014	Mental Health	Anna Tapsell – Chair, CPCG Mental Health sub-group Ch Insp Robyn Williams – MPS Lambeth Ch Insp Sally Brown – MPS Lambeth Dr Rosalind Ramsey - SLAM PC Biju Premnath – MPS Lambeth George Marsham – LBL, Adult Service Jane Warwick MBE – Chair Lambeth ICV's

Finance and Resources

The following pages show a representation CPCG's accounts for the financial year 2012/13, the last full year.

During that year, a twenty per cent reduction in income was compensated by making savings in almost every area of spending, particularly by moving office. As a result, income and expenditure were in virtual balance and Reserves ended the year at just over £13k.

At the time of writing, the current financial (2013/14) year is within a few weeks of ending. The current year has seen a further reduction in income (from £35.5k to £28k) and consequently we shall have shown a deficit of around £3k, reducing our Reserves to just over £10k. This will provide us with some short breathing space whilst the situation with the SNB hopefully resolves in the months ahead.

For the financial year ahead (2014/15) we shall not have core funding and in consequence, for the immediate term at least, shall not be able to employ staff. I add my own thanks, to those of our Chair, to our Engagement Officer DM John who shall be leaving us at the end of March. The short time DM has been with us has been turbulent and demanding but she has made her mark with a quite competence and unfailingly kind and cheery disposition. We wish her well.

Jim Toohill

Honorary Comptroller

Balance Sheet Movements		
Cash in hand and at Bank 31/3/2012		12,504
Debtors at 31/3/2012		-
Creditors at 31/3/2012		150
Tangible Fixed Assets at 31/3/2012		714
Total Assets at 31/3/2012		13,368
Movement on Total Assets 2012/13		(285)
Total Assets at 31/3/2013		13,083
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2013		
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Cash in Hand and at Bank		13,500
<i>Debtors</i>		
<i>Creditors</i>		
Salary Adjustment		118
J. Toohill: Domain Hosting *		187
J Toohill: Backup Storage Equipment *		99
A Tapsell: Companies House *		13
Net Funds at 31/3/2013		13,083
<i>Fixed Assets</i>		
Tangible Assets		-
Total Assets at 31/3/2013		13,083
*Payments made on Individual's Personal Credit Card		

Independent Custody Visitors

The past year was both interesting and challenging for the Lambeth Independent Custody Visitors Panel.

We always aim to visit each of the custody suites in Lambeth at least once a week.

I thank my Panel members for their commitment to custody visiting and commend them for their voluntary work which involves making visits at varied hours, often after a hard day's work and during weekends. The Panel work on a rota system and I am pleased to report that the majority of our custody visit duties were completed.

Due to the closure of Brixton Police Station for refurbishment, Lambeth detainees were held in West End Central, Peckham, and occasionally South Norwood and Wandsworth. I thank my Panel members for visiting these stations, incurring much longer journeys than usual. Generally we have been treated both professionally and courteously by the Lambeth police officers for which we thank them.

The Panel is still below maximum capacity with a membership of 10. We will continue to try to recruit new members as we are still short of our ideal number of 24 volunteers. As we continue to develop and grow in the following year, we will be placed in a better position to deliver to our community the vital reassurance that independent checks on the welfare of those in police custody are being carried out.

Brixton Custody Suite re-opened in December and we were delighted to see the vast improvements made, including small wash basins in the cells, designed to cut off the water flow after a few seconds to prevent possible flooding of the cell. There is CCTV in all of the cells and a buzzer system linked the main CCTV control centre so that detainees can make requests for drinks, food etc. Hot meals are now available from the canteen although at the weekends, when the canteen is closed, microwavable meals are supplied. Catering is sensitive to religious and ethnic requirements.

Showers and Hygiene

Although I recognise that it may have been difficult for officers to ensure washes/showers were offered to detainees I am very disappointed that despite previous complaints in many reports made during our visits, it became apparent that washes / showers were not always offered. This is especially relevant if the detainee is held overnight and often even longer in the case of immigration detainees. It should not be forgotten that during the past year whilst Brixton was closed, detainees still ate their meals in the cells which contain a toilet and detainees should have been allowed the opportunity to wash their hands at meal times. Apart from the hygiene and humanitarian issue, it is unfair on the detainee who has to make a court appearance to be unable to present him/herself in a clean and tidy manner. Notices previously displayed in the cell areas saying that if wash/showers were wanted they should be requested, are now not allowed in the new custody suite as they are not "corporate". Officers have taken the view that showers are not an entitlement under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.

The Panel understands the extreme pressure that Custody Officers are often placed under and that a police officer, a dedicated detention officer or a female officer to supervise female detainees are not always available to take a detainee to the shower, but we urge them to ensure that washes/showers are always offered as soon as is possible. The Panel will continue to monitor the provision of washes in the new Lambeth custody suite.

Mental Health Issues

In various meetings over the years I have constantly raised the issue of detainees with mental health issues being held in police stations. Although under the terms of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 Code C, a police station is a designated place of safety, it is very unfair on the police officers, who are not trained in mental health issues, to be responsible for such detainees. Detainees suffering with mental health issues are especially vulnerable when in detention. On many occasions I and other Panel members have witnessed detainees in various stages of distress whilst awaiting a doctor's assessment, a social worker or transfer to a hospital. At times it has been necessary to have a police officer (and on some occasions two officers or more) on "constant watch" in the open cell

doorway for a considerable time. 67% of detainees who pass through the Lambeth custody suites suffer from various levels of mental health issues.

The formation of the Criminal Justice Mental Health Project (CJMHP) led to a team of psychiatric health care professionals employed to work in the custody suites which has proved to be of enormous benefit to both the police and the detainees. However, I have been informed that the funding for the pilot scheme runs out in March 2014, which is a devastating blow to all. I am hoping that further funding will be found to continue this valuable scheme.

The Executive Steering Committee will continue to work with the Criminal Justice Board on improving the care that is given to the mentally disordered who find themselves in the Criminal Justice System.

Custody Nurses

State Registered Nurses, employed by the Metropolitan Police Service, are employed to work in the Brixton custody suite. This service has proved invaluable in ensuring that detainees in need of medical care get to be seen very quickly and also relieves the Forensic Medical Examiner (doctor) from being called out to detainees requiring medical attention that can be dealt with by a nurse. However, it has proved difficult to maintain staffing levels, leading and recruitment is ongoing.

Reading Material

The Panel continues to supply Bibles, Koran's, prayer mats, books and magazines for the use of detainees, which are most welcome and help them to pass many stressful hours. However, the Panel have noticed that they are not regularly offered to detainees by custody staff and I urge them to issue reading material to detainees whom it is considered safe to do so.

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Reading material is urgently needed and if anyone has a Bible or Koran, magazines and/or paper back books (not too lengthy novels) I would be pleased to collect them.

MOPAC and Panel Meetings

Panel meetings are now reduced to quarterly, a decision by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and have caused much concern. Not least because if a Panel member cannot attend a quarterly meeting it could be at least six months or more before he/she could attend a further meeting. The system has now been in operation for nearly three years and my concerns that some Panel members will not attend have been justified. Therefore they have not had the opportunity to meet and discuss problems and/or concerns raised during custody visits, or interact with other members of the Panel. This has seriously affected the cohesion of the Panel.

More significantly however, there is a severe absence of contact by the MOPAC to the Panel Chairs. The quarterly Chair's meetings held by the MOPAC are nothing more than an opportunity for the MOPAC to have a structured agenda but with no opportunity for the Chairs to interact with each other or make their concerns known at the way that the MOPAC are managing the scheme.

MOPAC's decision that copies of my Panel's visit reports will only be circulated to us every six weeks is affecting the management of the Panel. Early receipt of these reports is essential for me to ensure that the visit rota was adhered to, correct visiting procedures were carried out, that the forms are completed correctly and necessary questions or issues are raised with the custody Inspector about detainees rights and entitlements whenever I deem necessary (very important for the inexperienced custody visitors).

Custody Manager, Lambeth

Due to changes of duties and staff there has been very little liaison with the custody Inspector and some Panel meetings held without police attendance. Visit reports have been left for weeks without response, due I have been told by the late delivery of the freepost address to MOPAC and the lack of police staff. We are very disappointed and

dismayed that responses to important issues are received weeks and even months later. Now that the new custody suite has been opened we are optimistic that this will be rectified.

Other meetings attended.

I continue to represent the Panel at the monthly public meeting of the Lambeth Community Police Consultative Group (CPCG). I am also the Panel's representative on the CPCG Board. Many issues raised at these meetings are relevant to custody visiting. Often juveniles and other youths subjected to a police "stop and search" initiative find themselves in custody.

I also attend the CJMHP meetings and the CPCG's Mental Health Group.

Finally

This report reflects the commendable contributions made by the volunteers of the Lambeth Panel. My sincere thanks to my colleagues on the Panel for their dedicated service and commitment throughout the past year. Custody visiting could not be maintained without their selfless support which also serves to give the local community some confidence in the way that Lambeth police conduct themselves.

I also extend my thanks to the Lambeth Police for their co-operation in providing access to the custody suites in order to maintain their policy of openness and transparency.

Jane Warwick MBE

Chair Lambeth Panel of Independent Custody Visitors.

Note: Collated statistical information relating to Custody Visiting is no longer held at borough level and is made available from MOPAC in their annual reports for each borough.

Appendix: Membership and Board

Membership during period December 2012 to March 2014 .

Community and Voluntary Organisations

Angell town, Loughborough and Herford CCTV committee Cathy Valentine
Bethesda Ministries UK Ervell Bailey / Dionne Lamont
Brixton Domino Club Lloyd Leon MBE
Brixton Market Traders Federation Stuart Horwood
Brixton Society Doye Akinlade / David Warner
Churches Together In Brixton Stephen Sichel
Churches Together In Clapham Anna Long / John Ohen
Clapham Sector Working Group John Wainwright
Clapham Town Neighbourhood Watch Peggy Tyler
Cressingham Gardens T.R.A. Sandra Moodie
Flipside Jean Carpenter
Forum for Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Communities – Lambeth Myriam Hay
Friends of Brockwell Park Peter Bradley
Herne Hill Forum Nick Abengowe
HMP Brixton -Independent Monitoring Board Phyllis Jackson
Independent Custody Visitors Jane Warwick MBE
Kennington Sector Working Group Michael Somers
Lambeth Older Persons Forum Martin Walsh
Lambeth Summer Projects Trust Nick Mason OBE
Lambeth Towers And Lambeth Road TRA Arulini Velmurugu
Milkwood Residents Association Hazel Watson / Maude Estwick
NACRO Tony Chrouch
Options For Change Donna Sinclair
PopUlar Youth Association Rowena Estwick
Queen Mother Moore School Clarence Thompson MBE / Hugh Andrew
Soli's Brixton Soup Kitchen Mahamed Hashi / Solomon Smith*
South London Synagogue Brian Mantell / Sid Nathan
St Matthew's TRA Sheila Draper
Stockwell and Clapham Faith Forum Catriona Robertson
Stockwell Park Residents Association David Tomlinson / Patricia Tomlinson
Streatham Common Southside NW George Tuson
Tulse Hill Neighbourhood Elaine Lilley
Tulse Hill Tenants and Residents Association Kathy White
Victim Support Enid Rowlands
West Indian Ex-Servicemen/Women Assoc. (WASP) Vince McBean / Neil Flanigan MBE

West Indian Standing Conference Hedley Johnson
Your Story Adrian Jones

Safer Neighbourhood Panels

Herne Hill SNP John Frankland
Clapham Town SNP Ros Munday
Streatham Wells Safer Neighbourhood Panel Felix Ogbogoh

Statutory Organisations

British Transport Police Insp. Ian Mixter
Crown Prosecution Service Martin Ryan
HM Prison Brixton Governor Ed Tullett
London Borough of Lambeth Council (post-March 2012) Cllr Lorna Campbell, Cllr Rachel Heywood, Cllr Jack Hopkins, Cllr Mike Smith, Cllr Imogen Walker, Cllr Shirley Cosgrave, Cllr Jennifer Braithwaite, Cllr Judith Best
London Borough of Lambeth Council (post-March 2013) Councillor Judith Best, Councillor Jennifer Braithwaite, Councillor Lorna Campbell (substitute), Councillor Rachel Heywood, Councillor Jack Hopkins, Councillor Imogen Walker and Councillor John Whelan.
London Borough of Lambeth - Community Safety
George Marshman, Ann Corbett
London Probation Service Adam Kerr
MPS Lambeth Ch Supt Matt Bell
Panel of Independent Custody Visitors for Lambeth Jane Warwick MBE

Individual Members

Kevin	Aboyade-Cole	Marlene	Ellis	John	Howard
Paul	Andell	Betty	Evans-Jacas	Lena	James
Roger	Baker	James	Fairweather	Lee	Jasper
Hope	Barrett	Rosemarie	Falaiye	Gill	Kenealy
Colin	Blair	Zoe	Fonteyn	Adam	Kerr
Ivelaw	Bowman	James	Fox	Adrian	King
Rod	Brown	Gloria	Gomez	Penelope	Klees
Aldrick	Cambridge	M.	Grant	Veronica	Ledwith
Shane	Collins	Safian	Hamo	Lorna	Lewis
Habiba	Compaore	Tia	Henry-Lindo	Theresa	McCaffery
Julia	Cordero	Nicky	Hill	Bancroft	McCarthy
Richard G.	Dutton	Nick	Horley	Hannah	Mir

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Patricia	Moberly	Paul	Raymond	Sonia	Timlett
Clare	Moore	Clovis	Reid MBE	Jim	Toohill
Richard	Moore	Cheryl	Sealey	Claire	Travers
Chin	Ong	Fernando	Senior	Louise	Tuppen
James	Osho	Ibrahim	Serra-Mohammed	Mike	Vella
Brian	Parker	Benjamin	Simbo	Noel	Wahab Bolarinwa
David	Pinder	Jean	Slater	Steve	Walters-Stephenson
David	Prichard-Jones	Anna	Tapsell	Wesley	
Marlene	Rangasammy	Anthony	Thomas	Hilary-	Wears
Juneary	Raymond	Devon	Thomas	Claire	
				Julia	Wolton

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Board Dec 2012 to March 2014

Individual Membership:

Marlene Ellis, Hannah Mir (Vice-Chair A), Anna Tapsell, Jim Toohill (Honorary Comptroller), Wesley Stephenson - Chair

Community and Voluntary Organisations:

Lloyd Leon MBE (Brixton Domino Club); Arulini Velmurugu (Lambeth Towers And Lambeth Road TRA), Jane Warwick MBE (Vice-Chair 1) Independent Custody Visitors)

Safer Neighbourhood Panels: Ros Munday – Resigned May 2013

Executive Officer: DM John

Board Member	AGM Last Elected	AGM at which Term Ends	Board Meetings Attended Dec 12 – Feb14 (10 Meetings)	Members and Group Meetings Attended Dec 12 – Mar14 (9 Meetings)	Expenses Claimed Dec 12 – Feb 14
Ivelaw Bowman	2012	2015	6	3	NIL
Marlene Ellis	2012	2015	6	8	NIL
Lloyd Leon MBE	2012	2015	8	9	NIL
Hannah Mir	2012	2015	3	3	NIL
Ros Munday	2012	Resigned May 2013	3	2	NIL
Anna Tapsell	2012	2015	9	5	NIL
James Toohill	2012	2015	10	9	NIL
Arulini Velmurugu	2012	2015	2	5	£2.80
Wesley Stephenson	2012	2015	8	9	£92.10
Jane Warwick MBE	2012	2015	7	7	NIL

Board Member	Declared Interests
Rev Canon Ivelaw Bowman	
Marlene Ellis	
Lloyd Leon MBE	Brixton Domino Club
Hannah Mir	

Board Member	Declared Interests
Ros Munday (Resigned May 2013)	Director – LVAC Char - Clapham Town Safety Neighbourhood Panel Member – Lambeth Tenants Council Executive
Anna Tapsell	<p>I am an Associate Mental Health Act Manager for the South London and Maudsley Foundation Mental Health Trust. That is an appointed role delegated by the Non Executive Directors of the Trust Board to provide to an independent hearing, which has the power of discharge, for those who wish to appeal against their detention under Sections of the Mental Health Act 1983 as amended in 2007. The position is not salaried but a token sessional payment is awarded.</p> <p>I am a long standing member Lambeth Domestic Violence Forum and MARAC. All these positions are voluntary and unpaid.</p> <p>I am the Chairperson of the Kennington Association (KA) which is a voluntary and unpaid role. The KA has a Planning Forum and a Business Network as well as a number of other subgroups concerned with the interests of local residents and it also raises money through its activities to benefit community needs. It is non party political and non- sectarian.</p> <p>I have no party political affiliations.</p> <p>I am a non religious Jew.</p>
James Toohill	<p>Employment - Self-employed management consultant, no activity Lambeth based.</p> <p>Other Directorships: Edward Lear Foundation Ltd (Disability Arts Consultancy)</p>
Wesley Stephenson	<p>Membership – Kiwaris Honorary member Mansfield Law Club</p>
Arulini Velmurugu	Lambeth Towers And Lambeth Road TRA
Jane Warwick MBE	<p>Rapley Report Steering Committee; Treasurer, Chair Lambeth Independent Custody Visitor's Panel; Independent Custody Visitor; CPCG Stop and Search Panel; Chair of Shirley Neighbourhood Ward Panel.</p>

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