

**Annual Report
and Accounts
2005/6**

Lambeth is never dull and its Community Police Consultative Group lives up to the borough's reputation. So, I am honoured to have been the Chair for part of the year, a role inherited from Lee Jasper who stepped down in June. Lee is not an easy act to follow.

It's tempting to forget in the drama that so often surrounds us in Lambeth, that for most of us who live here, the thing we crave most is a well ordered environment, clean, properly maintained and safe. Lively, yes! But free from fear.

During this year Lambeth's CPCG has become charged with a scrutiny role, as well as a consultative one,

which will hold the Safer Lambeth Partnership (of police, council and primary care trust and other statutory and voluntary agencies) to account, for our safety and well-being.

Historically, and for good reason the focus of our activities has been towards policing but we now have a situation where decisions and resources are channelled through the partnership body and we must learn new skills to properly represent and channel the community's views to the decision-takers.

We have begun to broaden our membership and we have worked hard this year to make sure that our monthly meetings feel welcoming and accessible to everyone in

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Lambeth. We recognise that not everybody feels safe to speak openly at our very public meetings and it is our job as a Board to take ourselves out to those people rather than expecting them to join up to us.

Our programme of themed meetings has helped us establish a clearer set of priorities for the Board, and its subgroups. A good example of this was our special meeting with older residents resulting in some focused action on elder-abuse. Similarly, the meetings on gun-crime and then youth have not only broadened our understanding of these issues but have led to a higher level of activity

between meetings by CPCG members and the young people who attended that meeting together with their friends.

Every year there are recurrent issues that run through all our activities, some long-standing, such as PACE Stop and Search and Stop and Account, the lack of provision for young people in the borough or the menace of guns and knives on our streets. As part of the implementation of the recommendations of the MPA Stop and Search Scrutiny, community monitoring groups have been set up in every borough in London, following the model initiated by

Lambeth's CPCG and the borough MPS three years ago.

But there have been new issues, which are now also recurrent, following the bombings in London in July 2005, the failed bombings at the Oval and the tragic shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes.

Throughout the year there has been continuing reference to Stop and Searches under Section 44 of the Terrorism Act. Despite the Borough Commander's efforts, we have been prevented from examining the impact of Section 44 because the data is not being made available to us. Kratos (the MPS tactical response to suicide bombing) has also been of continuing concern,

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especially since the Stockwell shooting. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Rose Fitzpatrick, who addressed a special meeting in July, told us that the policy was to be reviewed and that there would be community involvement in that review. This coming year we need to find out what has happened to that. The security demands in Westminster and the South Bank have pulled Lambeth's officers away from the Borough throughout the year and continuing questions have been raised at the Group about police numbers and availability in Lambeth.

Many of the continuing issues of concern relate to policies and

decisions made by the MPA and MPS centrally, who aren't accountable locally, and this is frustrating and not a little frightening when it comes to policies like Kratos and Section 44.

CPCG for Lambeth has always responded quickly to events and the very challenging meeting on the decision by the CPS not to bring charges against the officers involved in the shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes, which we called with our colleagues in the Latin Front, was an example of this. We remain alert to bring our communities together again for the IPCC Report (Parts 1 & 2) and for anything else that may arise. In the same spirit we will

support and join in any community initiative on safety issues such as the brilliantly organised meetings called by residents in Vauxhall following the tragic death of Carmelita Tulloch.

At last we have sorted out our funding arrangements for 2006/7 and will go into the funding round for 2007/8 on a confident basis. We are grateful to John Roberts (our MPA link member) and the MPA for their solid support and we feel confident that the Safer Lambeth Partnership will back up their commitment to augment that funding.

We have a very challenging programme ahead and a programme between meetings that the Board

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must implement. With your continued support and active participation the Group should have a stimulating year ahead.

I would like to thank our Borough Commander Chief Superintendent Martin Bridger and his Senior Team for their timely and thorough reports and for the constructive relationship that continues between the Group and our Lambeth police.

I should also like to thank Ben McKendrick, our administrator, my Board colleagues, and in particular Jim Toohill our Honorary Comptroller (where did we get that title from?), for their hard work and support.

Anna Tapsell

Lambeth United

CPCG's 2005 AGM took place just days after the shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes at Stockwell underground station, the failed bombing attempt at Oval station and just over two weeks after the bombings in Central London on 7 July.

Over that fortnight, CPCG had been active with other community groups, the police and the local authority in putting together 'Lambeth United', a cohesive local response to the devastating events of July, a response designed not only to provide reassurance but also to

demonstrate the resilience of Lambeth communities.

The larger part of our AGM, which was addressed by Nick Hardwick (Chair, Independent Police Complaints Commission) and Borough Commander Martin Bridger, was given over to these issues and, in that respect, set an agenda for the year ahead.

This was also the AGM at which we agreed to incorporate as a company limited by guarantee and to seek charitable status. With that came a larger and broader governance structure, and a membership open to anyone who lives, works or studies in the borough.

Taking Stock

CPCG hosted Lambeth United's first public meeting in September 2006, addressed by Nick Hardwick (Chair of the Independent Police Complaints Commission) and Commander Bob Broadhurst. It was an opportunity to take stock of the events of the summer.

The serious tone of the meeting was set by a moving act of remembrance for the victims of the July bombings and for Jean Charles de Menezes.

There were clear concerns expressed regarding, not only the risks of further terrorism, but also

the policing response, focussing specifically on the Kratos tactics.

The professionalism and skill of armed police generally was acknowledged by the meeting, but the shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes elicited incomprehension and anxiety.

Throughout the year CPCG, together with the Latin Front, the Muslim Safety Forum and the Refugee Council, formed a Community Reference Group for the IPCC investigations into the shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes.

* 650 young people had taken part in Lambeth Summer Projects

* 'The Beat' community police office had been opened in Coldharbour Lane.

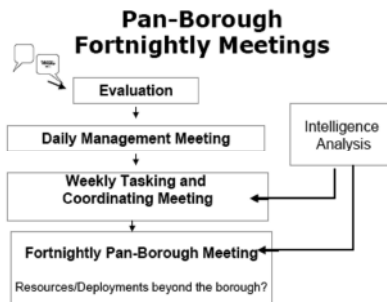
* Good news on burglary (170 fewer victims in the first 5 months of the year), was offset by increases in gun crime, motor vehicle crime, domestic violence offences, and race hate crime

National Intelligence Model

'Intelligence led' has become a well used piece of the policing lexicon. But where does intelligence come from, how is it managed and how worthwhile is it for people to pass on their observations to the police?

This session was essentially an information giving one. The meeting heard an account of the conception and operation of the National Intelligence Model, which is intended to sit at the heart of modern policing. The model integrates both the flow and management of information, or intelligence, into the daily, weekly

and monthly cycles of operational management.



* The issue of how to report and monitor crime against people with disability was again raised. The MPA was looking at forms and formats as well as victim statistics but, to date,

there was no clear indication as to how this information could be collated.

* The Council had agreed funding for the deliberately damaged CCTV on the Myatts Field Estate.

* There was an average of four gun incidents each week in Lambeth and discussions with the community partnership that had been established by the Borough Commander were ongoing.

* £300,000 allocated to the YOP Team by the Council, for diversionary activities amongst young people, would be evaluated during January/ February 2006.

Drug Treatment Centre, Brighton Terrace

Getting the balance right between drugs enforcement and treatment is a major plank in Lambeth's Community Safety Strategy 2005-8. It's also a key policy stance nationally. But how do communities negotiate the difficult choices that such a policy inevitably entails?

CPCG provided the only public forum at which the controversial plan by SlaM and Lambeth PCT to open a Drug Treatment centre in Brighton Terrace, central Brixton, could be debated. The local residents, mainly from the vicinity of

Trinity Square mounted a vigorous campaign against the planning application, which had earlier received an inconclusive decision from the borough's Planning Committee.

Feelings on both sides of the argument ran high at that meeting, demonstrating the difficulty of implementing the specifics of policies which may have very widespread support in principle.

Lambeth Planning Committee agreed the application in December, with strict conditions reflecting its proximity to a residential area.

* The Safer Neighbourhood Teams would be rolled out in all Wards progressively through the year, and be in place by April 2007.

* The Council had provided £25,000 to identify burglary hotspots throughout the Borough and to assist with securing premises. Thanks were expressed to the Lambeth Police for its involvement in Celebrating Age Week.

* A Hate Crime Coordinator had been appointed to work alongside the LGBT and DV Coordinators at the Lambeth Crime Prevention Trust.

Drugs in Central Lambeth

'No Deal' was launched at a CPCG hosted meeting at Lambeth Town Hall early in December. The initiative is targeted at the belligerent and disruptive dealing of drugs in central Brixton, a constant cause of complaints from people who live in, or use, the town centre.

Controversially, No Deal includes a 'positive arrest policy' in respect of possession of personal quantities of cannabis, in response to dealers' tactics of carrying only small quantities at a time. The policy attracted strong media attention given that No Deal was introduced at just the time the Home Secretary

was reportedly reconsidering the reclassification of cannabis.

CPCG contributed to the development of No Deal by trying to ensure that it had the best chance of being effective but also fair. It was agreed with the police that the priority for the community remains Class A drugs and that Stop and Search should be intelligence led and carefully targeted.

CPCG has contributed to the project team monitoring 'No Deal', provided community briefings as well as opportunities for local people to make their views known (through the website, questionnaire surveys and SMS texting). To date, No Deal has undoubtedly had some impact with

most feedback indicating that people see a real improvement compared with a year ago, but there is clearly a resilient problem that is hard to shift. 'No Deal' is a tactic to deal with a local problem. The need for a sustainable strategy remains.

* The Disability IAG and the MPS were now addressing the issue of reporting and monitoring data on crime against people with disabilities.

* Abstractions of local police to national duties continued to cause concern to the meeting as these occurred several times a week. So far, Safer Neighbourhood Teams are not affected.

- * Operations Hermes and Neon were questioned in terms of cost effectiveness and community input.
- * Lambeth Police was asking the National Criminal Intelligence Agency to do some more work around the importation of guns.
- * Aliksandra Drojak was murdered in Stockwell on November 13th 2005.

PAYP

The meeting received a presentation from the PAYP (Positive Activities for Young People) Team and the Assistant Director of the Councils Children and Families Department about this challenging work. The issue of truancy and exclusions was raised again with the Council and it was claimed that there was no precise data on the numbers of children who were not in school.

St Agnes Place

The repercussions from the evictions at St. Agnes Place continued at this meeting with

community workers and evicted squatters heavily critical of the Lambeth's Housing Department whose officers put their view to the meeting. The contradictory accounts remained unresolved and CPCG officers were tasked to meet with the ex-residents and the Leader of the Council to try and resolve some of the issues.

* The police were congratulated on the high percentage of arrests on the No Deal Operation stop and search action and the all-round reduction in crime within Lambeth.

* The issue of kerb crawling was raised and a report would be given the following month.

* Anthony May was murdered on 14th December.

* CPCG ran a questionnaire survey of its contacts to help Lambeth MPS prioritise the roll out of Safer Neighbourhoods in the borough (at this point still expected to be progressive through 2006/7). Personal robbery scored highest, in terms of perceived seriousness, followed by drug related crime and gun crime. Theft of/from a motor vehicle scored lowest.

How to Increase Your Crime Rate

Professor Marcus Felson (Rutgers University) gave a seminar on a situational approach to crime reduction. His analysis provoked a healthy debate.

Jean Charles de Menezes

On 19 January the IPCC sent its investigation report (Stockwell 1), into the shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes, to the Crown Prosecution Service, John Sampson (HM Coroner), the MPA and the MPS. The Home Secretary also received a copy of the report at the discretion

of the IPCC in “grave and exceptional circumstances.”

It was generally accepted that the report had been completed within a very reasonable timeframe considering the length of time that the former Police Complaints Authority took investigating similarly complex and controversial incidents.

Although unable to impart any details of the report, a ‘minute by minute account of an anti-terrorist operation that went wrong’, for fear of prejudicing possible legal proceedings, the IPCC Chair, Nick Hardwick, did explain what would happen now that the investigation had been concluded.

The report also contained recommendations which fell into three parts; those arising from the operation itself, those involving post-incident procedures, and those concerning the relationship between the national forces and national policies and what happened on the ground in Lambeth. However, while the recommendations would be monitored, the IPCC could not enforce the acceptance of them.

The Group also took the opportunity to express its concerns, not least being how the community could feel reassured that a similar incident would not occur again. In this respect, the Group learned that the Association of Chief Police Officers

(ACPO) had undertaken a review of policing policies against suicide terrorism (although the review did not specifically address the controversial Kratos tactics), Furthermore, the Group was reassured the IPCC had not been hindered in being able to gather evidence from non-police personnel involved in the incident, even though it had no specific powers to interview (for example) members of the armed services

A second and separate complaint made by the family of Jean Charles de Menezes, concerning statements made by MPS personnel subsequent to the shooting, was also subject to an IPCC

investigation (Stockwell Two), which the Group will also be keen to hear about at an appropriate time.

* The police reported on kerb-crawling activity as promised: whilst 300 arrests had been made for soliciting only 85 had been made for kerb crawling. This was because there was a lack of suitably trained female police officers to act as decoys.

* The rolling out of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams had been accelerated to be complete by September 2006. There was a need for at least 25 more PCSOs to meet the full complement of SN Teams and this was especially challenging

given the security issues in Westminster and the South Bank.

* Lambeth Council had decided not to fund PCSOs but to employ wardens to work alongside the police to the level of three per Ward, which would cost £2.5m. Whilst there was good news, especially around the success of No Deal in Brixton Market in particular, there was general concern expressed about the level of resources being made available to the local police.

* Matthew Roy Smith was murdered on 9th January 2006.

Safer Neighbourhoods

In view of the impending and imperative need for greater ties with the growing number of Safer Neighbourhood panels in Lambeth, the Group invited the Chair of Oval Ward Safer Neighbourhood, Gavin Horgan, to give an account of the work and experiences of his panel during the first year since its inception.

The Oval Ward panel had recognised the difficulties in ensuring 'representativeness' and in setting up good communications to and from the ward's communities. Another concern was whether the Oval community was aware that the panel represented its concerns and

that the panel's priorities were tailored to community's needs.

The Group was keen to hear whether Safer Neighbourhoods made a difference to policing and whether there were positive responses in respect of perceptions of community safety being increased, the performance of the Safer Neighbourhood officers and the sense of having a personal stake in what was going on.

However, a deficiency in terms of liaison with panels of neighbouring wards was recognised.

Since this first encounter with a 'live' Safer Neighbourhood panel, the Group has sought to work more

closely with what is now, at the time of writing this report, a full complement of Safer Neighbourhood teams in Lambeth. Such is the impact that Safer Neighbourhoods are expected to have on community engagement the Group is seeking to set up a permanent Safer Neighbourhoods networking group and will propose to members that a representative of Safer Neighbourhoods should have a seat on the Lambeth CPCG Board.

* The Borough Commander introduced a unique pilot scheme for empowering the community on the issue of gun crime.

* Good progress continued to be made in Brixton Market on the No Deal Operation but concern was expressed by the meeting about the reduction in the Town Centre Policing Team.

* On 7th, February Jordan Jackson and Lelya Djemal-Northcott were shot dead and Kieran Jackson was wounded. The shooting took place on the perimeter of Lambeth in South Norwood.

* Michael Gallagher was stabbed to death on 27th January 2006.

* Thomas Fahey, a victim of attempted armed robbery in January 2005 died on 30th January 2006 as a result of his injuries

Gun Crime Consortium

This meeting was totally handed over to the Gun Crime Consortium, set up by the Borough Commander, Martin Bridger, to provide Lambeth's community with the opportunity to make a real impact on the behaviour of a significant number of young men already known to be engaged in, or on the margins of, gun crime.

The consortium is made up of local voluntary and community groups, and individuals, who have a commitment to diverting young people from crime. It is co-ordinated by two experienced practitioners based in an 'Initiative Office' within the borough police.

The initiative focused on a small cohort of individuals, identified by the borough's Youth Offending Team. The meeting was chastened to hear the analysis around which the consortium's work is structured, setting out the relentless progression through truancy, school exclusion, and petty crime.

The provision for young people in the borough was again highlighted, including that for young people in the care of the borough, with one example of a boy being moved between 30 different fostering and care locations, one as far away as Blackpool.

* In April the Domestic Violence Forum's campaign over many years

to establish a 'one stop shop' in Lambeth for women experiencing DV was successful. Thanks to Lambeth Police and the Council it opened up with one funded post and voluntary groups and agencies rostered in to provide a comprehensive service.

* Over 50% of reported offences classified as gun crimes involve theft, robbery or burglary.

* Also in April, CPCG hosted a CCTV strategy workshop, facilitated by Professor Martin Gill of Leicester University, as part of the borough's CCTV strategy development project.

Police Review 2005-6

The Group congratulated Borough Commander Bridger, his Senior Management Team, officers and civil staff on their performance during the financial year 1 April 2005 - 31 March 2006,

There had been 3,816 less victims of crime compared to the previous year and the performance continued a year on year run of reduction in crime.

Most notable were Street Crime, Residential Crime and Vehicle Crime, where the borough achieved higher reductions than its target.

Lambeth saw a reduction of crimes included in the British Crime Survey comparator basket of 5.6% (against a target of 2%), and opinion polling had returned an 83% satisfaction rate across the borough.

(For more detailed information, and ongoing crimes statistics, visit www.lambethcpcg.org.uk).

The Safer Lambeth Partnership (SLP) was also acknowledged for the part it played in crime reduction in Lambeth during the financial year. The SLP supported Lambeth police in reaching their targets through various initiatives, programmes and schemes targeted at particular problems, e.g. crack houses, substance misuse and drug

treatment, street drinking, gang and gun crime, and environmental issues.

Similarly, the Group recognised the hard work of its members and the wider Lambeth community in contributing to this success.

* On 15 April, a police operation involving over 200 officers raided the Fridge nightclub in Brixton, resulting in a number of arrests (and subsequent charges and convictions) relating to drug dealing. The club was also closed for a period. CPCG provided two observers on the night and the Group subsequently raised issues of the cost-benefit of the exercise and the place of such operations in

the overall strategy for policing drugs.

* On 27 April, a firebomb had been thrown into a Pricecutter shop on Clapham Road, killing storeowner Khizar Hayat and leaving his colleague Hamidullah Hamidi critically injured (Mr Hamidi subsequently died). Commander Alan Gibson explained that there may have been a link to an earlier, similar attack in Tulse Hill and that the police had recognised that there may have been a racial motive. The meeting expressed its concern that some of the media coverage had given the impression of racial divisions in Lambeth far in excess of any reality.

Youth and Community Safety in Lambeth

The Group welcomed young people who came to speak about their experiences with the police and about youth provision in the borough. From the testimonies given by young people, it appeared clear that they had an issue with police concerning stop and search, stemming from what they saw as the disrespectful and unprofessional manner that police dealt with them.

This led to an overall sense that youths only had negative encounters with the police, despite the fact that some youths cited an improvement in the engagement

with some police officers, a better balance in relation to the ethnicity of officers and some officers trying to build up a rapport with them.

Another issue raised by young people was that they found it difficult to report crimes because of police perceptions of them, seeing them as criminals because of the way they dressed, for example wearing a 'hoody'.

Supt. Paul Wilson was present to explain the law in relation to stop and search and the process of issuing a record of a stop to the person concerned. The role played, and work carried out, by Lambeth Youth Council in respect of stop and search was recognised.

There was dissatisfaction by young people, and their parents, about the lack and quality of youth provision, an age old issue in Lambeth, while the opening times of youth centres were another matter, with many wanting to see them open more frequently and until later in the evening. Young people wanted facilities to do things they wanted and not what council officers wanted for them.

Lambert Allman, (Assistant Director (Children and Young People's Services- C&YPS) gave an account of the Lambeth Youth Strategy, which had been designed to address a number of issues, including youth provision, teenage

pregnancy, sexual health, crime, sports, development, accreditation and outcomes such as enrolling in college and finding employment.

The outcome of the meeting was the formation of CPCG Youth sub-Group, whose first task was to focus on the 'respect' issues around Stop and Search.

The Time of Our Lives: Elderly People

For a change the CPCG held its monthly meeting in the afternoon and welcomed Lambeth's older residents to discuss their views of policing and community safety. As Dot Gibson pointed out, this meeting of active and vocal older people needed to express the anxieties of those who were not able to attend, many of who were totally housebound. Elder abuse was a particular concern of the meeting and the action plan drawn up at the end of the meeting included a recommendation for the Board to facilitate a sub-group on this issue.

* The most commonly reported crime against elders in the borough was burglary, in which distraction burglary figures largely, followed by pick pocketing

* 325 knives were handed in under the knives amnesty operating in the borough as part of Operation Blunt.

Jean Charles de Menezes

A Special Meeting was called with the Latin Front to respond to the news that the CPS was not going to prosecute any of the officers involved in the shooting of Jean Paul de Menezes but that the MPS was to be prosecuted under Health and Safety legislation. At the last minute the CPS declined the invitation to

speaking but Nick Hardwick the Independent Police Complaints Commissioner provided the meeting with a comprehensive update on the IPCC progress and Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Rose Fitzpatrick, addressed the meeting on issues around the Kratos policy and community confidence. As with previous meetings on this tragedy, the meeting was left wanting more detailed response from all the investigators to questions submitted by the Latin Front and the broader community.

We are sorry to have lost the following members and friends of CPCG, who died during the year. They are missed.

Gary Dando

Ella Frew

Alfie Howard

Harriet Smith

Maurice Smith

Margaret Smith

Rene Webb

Event	Subject	Presenter
July 2005	AGM/ London Bombings/Jean Charles de Menezes	Nick Hardwick (Chair, IPCC) Borough Commander Martin Bridger
September 2005	Lambeth United	Nick Hardwick (Chair, IPCC) Commander Bob Broadhurst, NSY
October 2005	National Intelligence Model	DCI Steve Ainscough
November 2005	Brighton Terrace proposed Drug Treatment Centre	Khadir Meer, Lambeth Drug& Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)
December 2005	'No Deal' in Brixton	Borough Commander Martin Bridger, Jim Toohill, Lee Jasper
December 2005	Lambeth Police Report	Borough Commander Martin Bridger
January 2006	Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)	Lee Hewitson, Lambeth PAYP Manager, and Lambert Allman, LBL Asst Dir Children and Young People Services
February 2006	How to increase your crime rate De Menezes Investigation	Prof Marcus Felson Nick Hardwick (Chair)
March 2006	Year One of a Safer Neighbourhood	Gavin Horgan, Chair Oval Ward SN Panel

Event	Subject	Presenter
April 2006	Lambeth Gun Crime Initiative Consortium	LGICIC Members
April 2006	CCTV Strategy Workshop	Perpetuity Consultants
May 2006	Lambeth Police Report and Review of 2005/6	Borough Commander Martin Bridger
June 2006	Youth and Community Safety in Lambeth	Gill Kenealy, Wesley Stephenson
July 2006	The Time of Our Lives (Elderly Persons Meeting)	Anna Tapsell, Lambeth Pensioners Forum et al
July 2006	CPS Decision in Respect of 'Stockwell 1'	Nick Hardwick (Chair IPCC), DAC Rose Fitzpatrick, Chief Supt Martin Bridger, CPCG, Latin Front

During the year members of CPCG contributed to the No Deal Steering Group, the Race-Faith Hate Crime Forum, the Domestic Violence Forum, Lambeth United, the CPS Sector Performance Indicators Community Panel, Safer Lambeth Partnership Board and innumerable critical incident meetings and pre-operation briefings with the police and other partners. CPCG has also provided observers to police operations and to police training at Hendon.

Over the past three years CPCG for Lambeth has experienced a 32% reduction in funding in real terms. Nonetheless, we ended the reporting year (July 2006) having organised more events in the year, with a larger membership, disseminated more information and elicited more focused response.

We also reach more people in the borough, through more geographically dispersed events but also through new technologies, such as SMS text messaging or our website, which has over 1,000 visits each month and from which our (and the police's) reports are routinely downloaded.

In spite of severe budget restraints, we have been able to make cost savings and find some funding to commission work from an external agency to make the learning from our Stop and Search Sub-Group more widely available through a 'schools pack' (this work continues into the current year).

Towards the end of the reporting year, we moved our office to a premises offering 24/7 access, where we shall be better able to provide for the many evening meetings of small groups which are the hallmark of community activity.

Dull in some respects, but vital to our capacity to adapt to the new landscape of community engagement, has been our constitutional change initiated at last year's AGM. This has allowed us to first incorporate as a company limited by guarantee and now to seek charitable status, which will enhance our capacity to diversify and augment our funding. More importantly, we have opened our membership to anyone who lives, works or studies in the borough.

The challenge for the year ahead will be to exploit these changes, to broaden our base, welcoming and

supporting new players like the Safer Neighbourhood Panels, whilst sustaining our core values of community led agendas and open access.

The Annual Accounts for 2005/6 are set out below. Three quarters of the way through the financial year, the local press carried a story suggesting swingeing cuts in funding for Lambeth CPCG, going into 2006/7.

The Board prudently decided to put a brake on all but committed or

unavoidable spending for the last quarter, in particular not to spend an overpayment from the MPA and to delay a planned development to the website. This decision is reflected in the end of year Balance Sheet.

In the event, funding was capped for 2006/7 (though not as drastically as had been suggested) and the healthy 2005/6 year end Funds position has enabled us to manage this reduction in the current year.

I am grateful for the support and advice of our Chairpersons (Lee Jasper and now Anna Tapsell), of colleagues on the CPCG Board and thank our administrator, Ben McKendrick, for his commitment and adaptability. It is also a pleasure to acknowledge the helpful cooperation of officials (and elected representatives) in the Safer Lambeth Partnership and particularly in Lambeth MPS.

Jim Toohill

Expenditure		2005/6	2004/5
<i>Notes</i>		£	£
	Salary Costs	33,555	31,861
	Travel	17	26
	Telephone, Fax and Broadband	1,667	1,940
1	Room Hire	1,876	1,511
2	Rent	4,051	3,425
	Refreshments	638	887
3	Professional Services	8,301	1,995
	Postage & Printing	1,443	2,362
	Office Supplies	1,130	2,188
	Cleaning	7	66
	Office Equipment	1,285	2,994
	Sundry	318	41
	Conference	100	200
	<i>Relocation</i>	-	1,823
	 <i>Total Non-Salary Costs</i>	 20,833	 19,458
		54,388	51,319

	2005/6	2004/5
Income	£	£
<i>Notes</i> MPA - Direct Payment of Salary Costs	33,555	31,861
MPA - Grant	31,522	15,854
LPICV (Copying etc)	49	170
<i>Other</i>		223
	65,126	48,108
Net (Deficit) Movement in Funds	10,739	(3,211)

Balance Sheet Movements

Cash in hand and at Bank 31/3/2005	4,082
Debtors at 31/3/2005	105
Creditors at 31/3/2005	(1,084)
Net Funds at 31/3/2005	3,103
Overstatement of Creditors at 31/3/2005	3
Creditor at 31/3/2005 Written Off (Sussex Spring Water)	86
4 Movement on Funds 2005/6	10,739
Net Funds at 31/3/2006	13,931

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2006

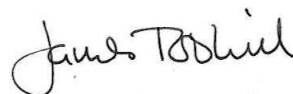
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<i>Current Assets</i>	
Cash in Hand and at Bank	16,726
5 Debtor: Refund from Dell Computers	196
	<u>16,922</u>
 <i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Creditor: Refreshments (invoice awaited)	345
6 Creditor: NACRO (Retained Payment)	2,000
5 Creditor: Reimbursement for Dell Toner	196
Creditor: SmartStamp Subscription	50
Creditor: Reimbursement for SmartStamp Credit	400
	<u>2,991</u>
Net Funds at 31/3/2006	<u>13,931</u>

Notes

- 1 Increase in Room Hire for extra meetings and more expensive venues.
- 2 Rent includes share in Self Storage Costs (shared with Lambeth Panel of Independent Custody Visitors)
- 3 Professional Services includes:

<i>Commissioned work from Nacro on Schools Pack</i>	4,000
<i>Development work from LevelHeaded Consultancy</i>	2,600
<i>SMS texting (No Deal) and Web Hosting</i>	432
<i>Insurance and Accountancy</i>	825
<i>Training and Membership Fees</i>	360
<i>Company Registration, Data Protection Registration</i>	85
- 4 Movement of Funds principally comprises

<i>Overpayment from MPA</i>	5,700
<i>Web development pushed forward into 2006/7</i>	4,000
<i>Provision for Office Move (fell into 2006/7)</i>	600
<i>Provision for expenses (unclaimed)</i>	500
- 5 Counter-balancing Creditor/Debtor in respect of double charge from Dell Computers Ltd)
- 6 Half project fee held back until completion



Jim Toohill
Honorary Comptroller
19 October 2006

Accountant's Statement

We have examined the 2005/6 Accounts produced to us (shown on pages 27 to 30), together with the books, vouchers and records produced to us, and report that the Accounts are in accordance therewith.



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19 October 2006

Community and Voluntary Organisations

Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women Dr Brian Mantell, Sid Nathan

Brixton Domino Club Lloyd Leon

Brixton Market Traders Association Stuart Horwood, John Gordon

Brixton Northern Sector Working Party Kathy Valentine

Brixton Society Doye Akinlade

Churches Together in Brixton Greta Brooks

Churches Together in Clapham Pauline Bower

Clapham Community Partnership David Hart, Ros Munday

Clapham Sector Working Party John Wainwright

Community Empowerment Network Toaha Quereshi

Clapham Town Neighbourhood Watch Peggy Tyler, Wally Channon

CressBrock Neighbourhood Watch Gary Dando, John Horrocks

Friends of Brockwell Park Robert Holden

Herne Hill Forum Nick Abengowe

Herne Hill Society Paul Reynolds

HM Prison Brixton Independent Monitoring Group Most Rev Archbishop Bancroft McCarthy, Phyllis Jackson

Kennington Sector Working Party Michael Somers, Rosa Wright

Knight's Association of Christian Youth Clubs Maurice Smith
Lambeth Chamber of Commerce David Corderoy
Lambeth Crime Prevention Trust Harriet Smith/Jean Carpenter
Lambeth Leaseholders Council Rod Brown
Lambeth Pensioners' Forum Abdul Sultan Virani, Martin Walsh
Lambeth Towers and Lambeth Road TRA Arulini K. Velmurugu, Johny Walker
Milkwood Residents Association Maude Estwick, Hazel Watson
NACRO Joe Hellowell
Popular Youth Association Rowena Estwick
St Matthew's Estate TRA Sheila Draper
Stockwell Park Residents Association David Tomlinson
Streatham Common Southside Neighbourhood Watch Anna Hunter
Streatham Southern Sector Working Party George Tuson
Tulse Hill TRA Kathy White, Rhoda Anderson
Victim Support Lambeth Jim Toohill, Hazel Saunders
West Indian Ex-Servicemen's Association UK Keith Shaw/Neil Flanigan, Jim Fairweather
West Indian Standing Conference Hedley Johnson
Your Story Wesley Walters-Stephenson

Statutory Organisations

British Transport Police Ch Insp Paul Wilson

Crown Prosecution Service Sue Jacobs

HM Prison Brixton John Podmore

London Borough of Lambeth Council (pre-May 2006) Cllr Angela Meader; Cllr Robert McConnell; Cllr Bernard Gentry, Cllr Charles Anglin, Cllr Darren Sanders, Cllr Geraldine Evans, Cllr June Fewtrell, Cllr Lydia Serwaa; Cllr Peter O'Connell

London Borough of Lambeth Council (post-May 2006) Cllr. Kingsley Abrams; Cllr. Mark Bennett; Cllr. Lorna Campbell; Cllr. June Fewtrell; Cllr. Andrew Gibson; Cllr. Rachel Heywood; Cllr. Neeraj Patil; Cllr. Darren Sanders; Cllr. Imogen Walker

London Borough of Lambeth Head of Community Safety/Acting Director of Housing –Chris Lee

London Probation Service Sally Rance

MPA Link Member John Roberts

MPS Lambeth Ch Supt Martin Bridger, Supt Andy Tarrant/Supt Paul Wilson

Panel of Independent Custody Visitors for Lambeth Lloyd Leon

Individual Members

Paul Andell
Steve Bolarina
Rev. Canon Ivelaw Bowman
Peter Harris
Lena James
Lee Jasper
Bushy Kelly
Richard Moore
Ann Savage
Cheryl Sealey
Fernando Senior
Anna Tapsell
Jane Warwick
Peter Clapton
Shane Collins
Gill Kenealy

Board 2005/6

Individual Membership

Paul Andell - Vice-Chair

Rev Canon Ivelaw Bowman

Lee Jasper - Chair to June 2006

Cheryl Sealey

Anna Tapsell – Chair from June 2006

Community and Voluntary Membership

Greta Brooks (Brixton Churches Together)

Abdul Sultan Virani (Lambeth Pensioners Forum)

Jim Toohill (Victim Support) - Company Secretary and Honorary Comptroller

Wesley Walters-Stephenson (Your Story) - Vice-Chair

Statutory Membership

Chris Lee (Lambeth Borough Council - Acting Director of Housing)

Superintendent Paul Wilson (MPS Lambeth - Partnership and Communities)

Administration: Ben McKendrick