

**Assembly Hall
Lambeth Town Hall
SW2 1RW**

PRESENT: CPCG BOARD: Anna Tapsell, Paul Andell, Wesley Stephenson (Your Story), Doye Akinlade (Brixton Society), Canon Ivelaw Bowman, Shane Collins, Gill Kenealy, Paul Reynolds (Herne Hill Society), Jane Warwick
COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP: Rod Brown (Lambeth Leaseholders Forum), Neil Flanigan, Jim Fairweather (WIESA), David Hart, Ros Munday (Clapham Community Partnership), Stuart Horwood (Brixton Market Traders Assoc.), Lloyd Leon (Brixton Domino Club), The Most Rev'd Dr Bancroft McCarthy (HMP Independent Monitoring Board), Brian Mantell (Assoc. of Jewish Ex-Servicemen), David Prichard-Jones (Lambeth Older Persons Forum), Catriona Robertson, Hannah Barker (Clapham & Stockwell Faith Forum), David Tomlinson (Stockwell Park Residents' Assoc.), George Tuson (Streatham S. Sector WP), Abdul Sultan Virani (Lambeth Older Persons' Forum)
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS: Habiba Compaore, Peter Harris, John Howard, Lena James, Richard Moore, Brian Parker, Fernando Senior
STATUTORY MEMBERSHIP: John Roberts MPA
LAMBETH COUNCIL: Cllr. Kingsley Abrams, David Bright (LBL Head of Environment), Andrew Martin, Adina Bozga, Nabil Mezoughi (CSD)
METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE: Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe, Supt. Paul Wilson, Sgt. Ronnie Whelan
BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE Insp. Ian Mixer
SECRETARIAT: Ben McKendrick

VISITORS SIGNING IN: Susan Carrington, Andrew Czerwowski, Nick Wright (Fridge), Nick Downs (Brixton Academy), Stephen Govier (LBAC), Stuart Hopson-Jones, Nick Mason (Lambeth Summer Project), Sharon Modeste, Dr. Mohammed A. Davis, Clare Moore, Beryl Saunders, Nora-Anne Sheehy, Chief Moses Adesanya Soyemi, Cathy Tayleure, Devon Thomas
PRESS Leon Watson SLP

APOLOGIES: David Corderoy, Simon Harding, Robert Overall, Cllr. Graham Pycock, Gareth Redmond, Cheryl Sealey, John Wainwright

- Minutes in ***bold italic*** indicate action points

Information from Board/Group

- 1 A Briefing Paper for September was tabled.
- 2 Anna Tapsell said that the CPCG Board had yet to meet following the AGM on 23 October and, until such time as when CPCG Board members positions had been ratified, she remained CPCG's Chairperson.
- 3 Ms Tapsell said that the guilty verdict given against the MPS Commissioner's Office at the end of the Health and Safety trial on 1 November was of huge importance to the de Menezes family and the community of Lambeth.

- 4 Ms Tapsell said that the Stockwell One report, concerning the actual shooting of Mr de Menezes, which the Group would discuss at another meeting, was due out at the end of the week. However, she said that CPCG Board's position in relation to the verdict had been included in the CPCG monthly briefing and that it would be circulated more widely.

Minutes of the Meeting 2 October 2007

- 5 Richard Moore said that a Group Board member had made a strong statement regarding his resignation at the last meeting and that the individual concerned should either withdraw the statement or it should be reflected in the minutes.
- 6 Ms Tapsell said it was up to the person concerned if he wanted to make a statement but the Group had had an AGM in the meantime and that person was re-elected onto the Board.¹
- 7 Minutes of the Meeting 2 October 2007 were accepted without amendment.

Matters Arising

- 8 ***Supt. Paul Wilson said that he had supplied the CPCG with opening times of Lambeth police stations which he was happy to have circulated.*** With regard to the ability of staff to respond to the public at police stations, Supt. Wilson said it was an issue of concern that was being addressed and that the previous day, Information Technology (IT) had been installed in the front offices of Brixton, Kennington and Streatham stations. He said that the IT would provide an opportunity for people to answer questions about the service they had received, the results of which could be made available to the Group on a regular basis.
- 9 Lloyd Leon said that the problem at police stations was that there was nobody at the counters to serve people, and it was people they wanted to see not computer monitors.
- 10 Supt. Wilson clarified that the monitor allowed people to feedback their experience of the service received directly to the police,

¹ In the event, all Board members who had served more than a year stood down prior to the AGM

which was necessary for the police to understand the problems. Furthermore, he said that a triage system had been introduced at Kennington whereby staff asked people coming into a station about their reason for attending and if necessary fast-tracking the visitor to the front of the queue.

- 11 ***In response to Canon Ivelaw Bowman, Supt. Wilson said that he would have information about the average waiting time in Lambeth police stations in due course.***
- 12 Habiba Compaore commented that the opening time at Gipsy Hill police station put a lot of pressure on the police and the public while at the same time there were not enough officers available. No matter how hard the police tried to be helpful she said that she would like to see the police receive more support.
- 13 Jane Warwick complained about the conditions at Streatham police station. She said that room for only two people to attend the front office was quite deplorable, leaving people to queue outside to enter.
- 14 John Roberts said that on 1 November Brgh Cmdr Sharon Rowe and he had signed off the MPA/MPS Estate Strategy which sought to prioritise all police buildings in every borough. In order to refurbish police property and build new ones, Mr Roberts said that police had to sell some buildings as there was no new money. Mr Roberts added that any work on police stations in Lambeth, which was 6th in terms of neediness, would commence in eighteen months to three years time.
- 15 ***Ms Tapsell said that the Group would continue to monitor issues concerning Lambeth police stations, not least the matter of detained people with mental health problems, which the Group's sub-Group would look into.***
- 16 In response to Wesley Stephenson's request for an update on the murder of Victoria Abu Mensah in March 2003, Ms Rowe said that following extensive enquiries the case was closed in September 2006 after a number of people had been arrested with insufficient evidence to charge. However, she said that

the case remained on file awaiting new evidence to come to light.

- 17 In response to John Howard, Ms Tapsell said that the Group did not have the authority to mandate John Roberts to vote for Sir Ian Blair's resignation at the MPA meeting. In respect of a sub-group to look into the issues regarding Jean Charles de Menezes, Ms Tapsell said that CPCG Board had followed every discussion with all the various people involved in the matter and continued to do so.

Lambeth Police Report

- 18 Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Lambeth police performance for the previous month (see attached). The statistical police report for November was tabled.
- 19 ***In response to David Tomlinson, Cllr. Kingsley Abrams said that he had made a member's enquiry to find out why contractors had needed police protection whilst fixing CCTV cameras on Myatt's Field Estate and was awaiting a response.***
- 20 In response to Shane Collins, Cllr. Abrams said that the cameras would work in the dark and that residents would receive a rebate for the time during which the cameras hadn't worked.
- 21 Rod Brown said that the people who lived on Myatt's Field were as much entitled to policing than everyone else and that he profoundly disagreed with the idea that they should have to pay extra for security.
- 22 In response to Paul Andell's concerns about crimes against the person being below target, Ms Rowe said that the MPS's focus had been on volume crime (burglary, robbery, vehicle crimes) as it was across the country.
- 23 ***However, Ms Rowe said that gun crime and gang related violence crime didn't perhaps receive the attention it warranted and needed to be the borough's number one priority. She added that she would be drawing up a Violent Crime Strategy and would seek input from the Group.***
- 24 Mr Collins said that it had to be acknowledged that the drugs trade was the

major motivation behind gun crime, which could be reduced by sorting out drugs policy.

- 25 In response, Ms Rowe said that while some gun crime was drug related, firearms were used in incidents of robbery, issues of respect and controlling territory.
- 26 Stuart Horwood congratulated the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) involved in the recovery of 29 wraps of cocaine in the past month, which he hoped would improve the perception of them.
- 27 Mr Leon commented on a story in the press that reported two PCSOs who stood by and watched as a man was assaulted by a group of girls leaving a grandmother to intervene.
- 28 Ms Rowe said that her PCSOs were proactive officers and recently one had detained a burglar with stolen property who had tried to assault him with a hammer.
- 29 In response to Mr Horwood's enquiry about the use of cameras used to control parking in Brixton Town Centre being given over to the Community Safety Division to monitor crime, Cllr. Abrams said that Cllr. Mark Bennett was the person to ask regarding that matter.
- 30 In response to Mr Howard, Ms Rowe said that she had met the 20 year male who had acquired a machine and ammunition in Brixton within 24 hours when he interviewed her for BBC documentary to be aired the next evening. She added that she would like to have further talk with him about the matter.
- 31 Mr Howard said that the point he was trying to make at the previous meeting was that police officers who chased targets distorted the picture of crime. Quoting Sir Ronnie Flanagan (HM Inspector of Constabulary) in The Times, Mr Howard said that an over emphasis on meeting targets led to officers spending too much time on minor incidents with a view to improving statistics. Mr Howard added that he thought his point was not being addressed.
- 32 ***Ms Rowe said that in the future the Group would receive all the figures concerning the really serious end of crime as a matter of priority. She said that the planning process was due to begin and the Group would be asked about what it thought the borough's policing priorities ought to be.***
- Ms Rowe suggested that the Group look at violent crimes and propose achievable targets for those.***
- 33 In relation to domestic violence, Mr Leon asked what the ratio was of men being assaulted by women. Ms Rowe said that she report back with the figures.
- 34 In response to Mr Leon, Supt. Wilson said that over 70 penalty notices had been issued in Brixton Town Centre to people cycling on the pavement. Anna Tapsell said that one evening she had seen two police officers riding on the pavement in Brixton.
- 35 With regard to cyclists, Mr Toohill said those who rode on the pavement and put others at risk, or in fear, should be stopped. However, he said that there needed to be some fairness and commonsense; as there were areas in Lambeth where cyclists used the pavement and did not hinder pedestrians while at the same time not putting themselves in jeopardy by using the roads.
- 36 Mr Collins said that the reason people rode their bicycles on the pavement was due to the lack of cycling lanes.
- 37 Ms Rowe said the issuing of tickets to youths cycling on the pavements in Brixton had had a significant impact on robbery hotspots.
- 38 Richard Moore asked if the police could report back on what was being done about work on the borough in respect of cars unlawfully driven.
- 39 Mr Andell said that police targets could be useful if the community understood them. For example, in relation to Community Aided Despatches he said all three sub-commands were shown not to be reaching their targets and that such information should be utilised properly. Mr Andell added that the community needed to drill down into and give meaning to victimisation figures while searching for figures around matters such as public satisfaction with local policing.
- 40 Ms Rowe said that she had asked the Group to design the police report it wanted to receive so that the Group could hold her to account
- 41 In respect of sanctioned detection rates for common assault offences, Jim Toohill said

that it seemed that they were substantially down and asked that when the Group came to talk about violent crime that there could be some clarity about that and classifications such as ABH and GBH.

42 ***Mr Toohill said that the Group had been very keen over several years to have an input into Lambeth police targets and would take up the offer to do so this year.***

43 Paul Reynolds said while Lambeth Council had been looking at changes in forms of engagement with the community this had resulted in a period of disengagement. However, as of April next year, Mr Reynolds said that through the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) engagement would be undertaken on a multi-agency approach. Mr Reynolds said that the LSP were deciding upon three pilot sites and he hoped it would be the best interpretation of the criteria and not politicised decisions used to select the areas e.g. those suffering deprivation.

44 In response to Richard Moore, Mr Roberts said that there had been an independent review of policing by Sir Ronnie Flanagan which had recommendations concerning bureaucracy, statistics and accountability. The report would be published around Christmas time and Mr Roberts said that he would take the Group's views about it back to the MPA.

45 ***In relation to iQuantas, Mr Roberts said that he received them every month and was prepared to circulate them, although it was a great deal of information. Mr Roberts agreed to provide local figures for policing satisfaction.***

46 Ms Rowe asked the Group to hold back on asking for more statistics until a report had been designed containing the information that the Group wanted. Otherwise, she said that she would be asked for different statistics at every meeting.

47 In response to Fernando Senior, Ms Rowe said that as soon as police were aware of a crack-house she expected a Safer Neighbourhood Team to close it.

48 In relation to the fatal shooting of Gary Guthrie, 35, in Streatham on 22 October, Ms Rowe said that there had been a Gold Group and a MPS-wide meeting, due to links

to other parts of London. Ms Rowe said that while the investigation was ongoing there had been some local meetings in Streatham around issue of reassurance.

49 Jim Fairweather asked Ms Rowe to reinstate the annual cricket match between Lambeth police and the West Indian community, which were played at the Oval. Ms Tapsell said that it was a good idea which should be pursued.

British Transport Police (BTP) Report

50 Insp. Ian Mixter gave an account of crime figures in relation to Lambeth underground stations and BTP operations.

51 For the eight week period up to 2 September, on the Brixton, Vauxhall and Pimlico group of underground stations there had been 93 crimes recorded, 77 of which were for anti-social behaviour e.g. ticket touting. Other crimes recorded were five thefts and one violence against the person. The total figure equated to one offence for every 71,066 passenger journeys per day. Out of the 45 stations ranked on the underground for theft, Brixton was ranked 43rd where 1st was the worst.

52 On the Kennington, Borough, Oval, Stockwell and the three Clapham underground stations group, 89 offences were recorded during the same period, including one robbery, two violence against the person and 24 thefts, equating to one offence for every 63,000 passenger journeys per day.

53 Between Waterloo and Westminster, Mr Mixter said that there was only one offence for every 209,000 passenger journeys per day. ***Insp. Mixter said that he would seek to separate out figures for Lambeth North from non-Lambeth stations.***

54 For the year to date Insp. Mixter said that there had been a 61.5% reduction in robbery with a 50% detection rate. In relation to assaults on underground staff there was currently a 28% reduction and 47% detection rate. Across all the aforementioned station groups there was a 43.5% reduction in hate crime and 43% detection rate. Graffiti was 54% down but there was only a 9.7%

detection rate. Anti-social behaviour was down 49% with 6.4% detection.

- 55 On 10 August at Brixton Underground Station, Insp. Mixter said BTP conducted Operation Shield, an initiative which used knife arch metal detectors. The Operation was observed by CPCG members and BTP Independent Advisory Network (IAN) members. During the operation 253 people went voluntarily through the knife arch, leading to 34 searches with one person arrested for carrying a knife. Insp. Mixter said that drug sniffer dogs had also been present on that occasion with nine people searched but no arrests.
- 56 During a repeat operation on 28 September, Insp. Mixter said that 569 people were invited to pass through the arch leading to six searches. On both occasions, Insp. Mixter said that people were searched going into the station although he was listening to requests to search people leaving the station.
- 57 ***In response to Rod Brown, Insp. Mixter said that he would report back on the technology used by the knife arches although he understood that they were similar to those used at airports and the Eurostar departure areas.*** He added that people should be asked if they were fitted with a heart pacemaker before passing through.
- 58 ***Insp. Mixter said that he would talk with Supt. Ellie Bird about arranging someone from London South to attend a meeting to address Mr Brown's concerns about the overground stations in Streatham .***
- 59 In response to Stuart Horwood, Insp. Mixter said that at present there was a poor graffiti detection rate but officers were being proactive and acting on intelligence and raiding homes of perpetrators. ***In relation to graffiti on bridges, Insp. Mixter said that he would report back on that matter but added that many bridges were owned by local authorities or rail contractors, whereas he was responsible for the underground.***
- 60 In response to Gill Kenealy, Insp. Mixter said that Operation Shield was intelligence led which determined who was invited to pass through the arches. And in respect of the ethnicity of people passing through them,

Insp. Mixter said that CPCG and BTP IAN observers concurred that they represented the commuters passing through the station. However, he said that sometimes there would be a greater proportion of white or black, males or females depending on the intelligence.

- 61 In terms of criticism received about the use of the arches, Insp. Mixter said that one concerned the use of drug dogs, which were, however, small animals which did not bite, and searching in public view. On the latter point, however, one IAN member had said that such searches were open and showed BTP officers had nothing to hide.
- 62 Mr Toohill reported that CPCG Board members had attended the two Operation Shield exercises and agreed that the people passing through were representative of commuters, not least because they saw a queue and joined it. He added that –the absence of any arrests for possession of drugs, even with the dogs present, put the image of Brixton into perspective.
- 63 ***Wesley Stephenson said that a young person who had been robbed on a train had been asked to provide his name in a statement taken by BTP officers. Mr Stephenson said that the victim and witnesses should offered the opportunity to use a pseudonym as giving his real name could comprise his safety. Insp. Mixter said that he would report back with a response at the next meeting.***

Night Time Economy

- 64 Opening the discussion, Ms Tapsell referred to the diversity of the night time economy across Lambeth, both legal and illegal, and the sad fact that many elderly people didn't go out at night because of the perception of crime and fear of it.
- 65 In terms of licensed premises, Supt. Wilson said that there were around 1,200 in Lambeth if all pubs, clubs, bars, restaurants, off-licences and such were taken into consideration. And although it was difficult to put a figure on the number of people who came to Lambeth in the evening, he said he understood that 10,000 people visited the north of the borough on a Saturday night.

- 66 In respect of the licensing authority, Supt. Wilson said that this was a function of the Council's Licensing Committee, comprised of ten councillors, all of whom had been trained in licensing matters. The police, he said, were able to prosecute for breaches in licensing law with the role of the police within the Licensing Unit being to engage around the administration of licensing procedure, providing police advice on licensing law, and visiting and inspecting licensed premises.
- 67 Supt. Wilson said that every weekend up to Christmas, a team consisting of a sergeant and seven constables would be inspecting licensed premises and would provide crime prevention advice. They may also apply conditions to premises by negotiation with an applicant or at a Committee hearing.
- 68 Supt. Wilson said the police could apply to the Committee for a premises to have its licence reviewed, a function not available to council officers, although the police worked in partnership with the local authority and organisations such as Lambeth Business Against Crime (LBAC). In an emergency, police could close a premises down by taking the matter before a magistrate.
- 69 Acting on information following the recent shooting in Streatham, Supt. Wilson said that police had invited a number of licencees and managers to a meeting where they had voluntarily agreed to close their premises over the weekend. He added that the police would continue to engage with licencees concerning the matter and hoped they would take their advice.
- 70 With alcohol playing a large in the night time economy, Andrew Martin (DAAT Alcohol Strategy Coordinator) said that his role was to raise alcohol awareness alongside the Council's partners, including the police, NHS, Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Environmental Services.
- 71 Mr Martin said that he tried to influence the way services were delivered, in that they considered the impact of alcohol, especially if they were going to invest money. For example, he said that if the PCT was going to have a campaign about unsafe sex it ought to look at the issue of alcohol. Mr Martin said that as part of the Alcohol Strategy partners came together every two months to discuss issues and to ensure that there was coordination.
- 72 Mr Martin said that the Lambeth Strategy had five key aims: to reduce the level of alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour; to provide a high quality system of treatment for people with alcohol related problems; to promote education, knowledge and responsible and safer attitudes around alcohol; to reduce health inequalities, in particular by focusing on marginalised and disadvantaged groups; to monitor the level of harm caused by alcohol use, measure its impact and assess the interventions needed to address it.
- 73 Mr Martins said that one of the actions to have come out of the Strategy was a pilot project in the Stockwell area, working with the local SN team, to deal with the problem of alcohol being sold by off licences to intoxicated persons - to see if a difference could be made. Another scheme involved underage people attempting to buy alcohol.
- 74 Around Christmas, Mr Martin said that there would be a "What's Your Poison?" campaign, which looked at the downside of drinking more than four alcoholic drinks in one session; bringing to people's attention the greater likelihood of becoming a victim of crime, or ending up at hospital or in police custody.
- 75 A larger pilot scheme that had emerged out of the Strategy was the screening of people who came into police custody to find out if they had an issue with alcohol. The test, which was 96% accurate, would be conducted by alcohol workers in all Lambeth police station on people brought in for alcohol related offences. If found to have a problem, a brief intervention of treatment would take place.
- 76 Mr Martin said that other schemes funded by the Strategy were one by which licensed premises could apply for an award - gold, silver or bronze depending on how well 51 criteria were met - and an exclusion scheme by which people could end up being barred from all drinking establishments which are members of LBAC, for causing trouble in one. Mr Martin also highlighted LBAC's Radio Safety Net which allowed business premises to share information with police and activate CCTV equipment in the vicinity.

- 77 With regard to Designated Public Place Orders - or Alcohol Control Zones - Mr Martin said these gave the police special powers to remove alcohol from a person committing a crime or anti-social behaviour and issue a fine. At the moment, evidence was being sought to see if there was enough to legitimate an Order in a Lambeth hotspot or even borough-wide. In Streatham, where there were some serious issues and extreme anti-social activity, Mr Martin said police had had to move street drinkers on.
- 78 Stephen Govier, who manages Lambeth's Home Office accredited Business Crime Reduction Partnership, spoke about the work undertaken by the business community to build a safer environment for people lived in Lambeth, worked there or visited.
- 79 Mr Govier said that MPS and Government Office London research showed that 22% of all recorded crime in London was committed on business premises. 92% of this, he said, took place on retail and entertainment premises with violence against the person twice as likely to occur in the latter.
- 80 Mr Govier said that much of the work the Partnership did was to ensure that there was full management control of the design of premises, the type of security, forms of access and levels of surveillance which substantially contributed to crime reduction.
- 81 Referring to the strong association between some crimes against business and dependent drug use, Mr Govier said that crime hotspots and illicit drug markets were co-operating with commercial crime, contributing and sustaining each other.
- 82 Mr Govier said that businesses were an essential part of the structure which was important for the wellbeing of communities and a key component for any strategy seeking to build social cohesion. Furthermore, Mr Govier said that we were all customers and our experiences as such shaped the perceptions of any locality.
- 83 As a membership organisation, Mr Govier said that LBAC gathered, collated and shared information about offenders, and operated an exclusion notice - banned from one, banned from all. As well as Radio Safety Net (RSN), believed to be the best radio system in London, Mr Govier said that LBAC offered a training package covering skills such as store security, radio usage and dealing with aggression.
- 84 Mr Govier said he believed that RSN greatly contributed to staff confidence and provided a mechanism for creating a common understanding about an agreed outcome. Mr Govier said that joint working with the police was producing some significant successes to which he credited a great deal to Ch. Insp. Patrick Beynon.
- 85 Mr Govier said that Lambeth was building a model of partnership supported by the quality of information and trust, and everything that LBAC did with and for communities was focused on the need to establish common understandings and a way of working built on trust. As such, the reputations of the business community and of the police were extremely important.
- 86 As a direct outcome of LBAC's work, Mr Govier said that three partnerships existed in Lambeth; Safer Socialising, Safer Lambeth Business Award and Safe in Doors, each seeking to encourage managers and staff to always think safety and security, and to have full management control of their premises. As more businesses came on board, Mr Govier said that he hoped that people would notice the network of more safe havens under the Safe in Doors partnership spread around the borough.
- 87 In the short term, Mr Govier said that partnership work between the statutory agencies and businesses seeking to identify common solutions would significantly enhance crime prevention, detection and intelligence gathering. In the longer term, he said that the real benefit would be the building of social cohesion and advancing the wellbeing of communities.
- 88 Agreeing with Supt. Wilson, Mr Govier said that the changing nature of Lambeth's night time economy meant businesses had to understand that the environment in which they were operating was always changing and therefore there was a constantly evolving need to assess the security of staff, customers and themselves.
- 89 In recognition that some businesses were not responsible, a pilot Safer Socialising voluntary scheme, brought together by

Trading Standards, Licensing, Public Protection, Police and businesses, had led to a 50% reduction in alcohol fuelled violence in one area.

- 90 Devon Thomas, Chair of Brixton Business Forum, said Lambeth had some of the most outstanding businesses, particularly in relation to the night time economy, stretching from the South Bank all the way to Streatham Common. However, he said that there were problems with some businesses and venues not willing to improve their standards, comply with the law and live comfortably with their fellow citizens.
- 91 Mr Thomas said he and his colleagues had worked hard with the police and LBAC who had helped reclaim the public realm from those who have been abusing it and set about improving the environment. This, he said, had led to national recognition in the media. Of those premises that declined to join LBAC, Mr Thomas said that they were the ones that tended to have problems.
- 92 David Bright, LBL Head of Environmental Health, whose staff administered licensing applications, said that licensing reviews was the mechanism through which problem premises were brought to the attention of the licensing committee, at which conditions could attached and even licences revoked . Mr Bright said Trading Standards officers, the Council Noise Nuisance Team and local residents could also apply for a review.
- 93 Mr Bright said that under new rules with the onus for licences having shifted from magistrates to local authorities, there were no longer licence renewals and licences ran indefinitely until such time that a responsible authority applied for a review.
- 94 In response to Mr Horwood concerns about the need for public toilets, Adina Bozda, Community Safety Division, said that the Council was seeking to install pissoires around the borough.
- 95 Mr Andell asked if there was a civil law utilised by the Partnership that differed from criminal law such as ASBOs and exclusion orders, and whether the Partnership would extend to the voluntary sector payment to train bar staff to use the existing laws concerning a refusal to serve somebody considered inebriated.
- 96 In response, Mr Govier said that there was a role for the voluntary sector and that there were several projects being carried out in the UK where bar staff were encouraged to have the appropriate training. With regard to exclusion notices, Mr Govier said that breaching an exclusion notice was recognised by the Crown Prosecution Service as anti-social behaviour and seen as an aggravating factor in sentencing.
- 97 To clarify, Mr Govier said that LBAC couldn't issue ASBOs but that breaching an exclusion notice constituted an act of anti-social behaviour, which could activate the process although there was no guarantee that it would be instigated.
- 98 Furthermore, Mr Govier said that while one in five crimes on business premises was not reported to the police, which resulted in lost intelligence, exclusion notices, which named people and were evidence of a pattern of behaviour, led to increased intelligence available to the police.
- 99 In response to Mr Collins, who commented that 80% of alcohol sales by retailers were from supermarkets, Mr Bright said that Trading Standards officer did make checks in them for underage sales but he would nevertheless make that point to them.
- 100 In response to Mr Moore, Mr Bright said that once residents have applied for a review of a licence, gone through the administrative process, and provided that it wasn't vexatious or repetitious, the Licensing Committee had no option but to consider it.
- 101 In response to Mr Collins, Mr Govier said that membership of LBAC was £416 per year which was tax deductible.
- 102 In respect of bids for regeneration funding which had led to Croydon and Southwark receiving millions of pounds, Mr Thomas said that Lambeth bids had not been up to scratch and he had said as much to Lambeth Chief Executive.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6. 30 p.m. TUESDAY, 4 December 2007

**West Indian Ex-Servicemen's and
Ex-Servicewomen's Association**

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**Note later start to avoid parking
restrictions at Clapham Manor Street**