

Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall SW2 1RW

PRESENT: CPCG BOARD: Anna Tapsell (Chairperson), Rev Canon Ivelaw Bowman, Gill Kenealy, Shane Collins, Jim Toohill (Ind. Membs), Doye Akinlade (Brixton Society), Ros Munday (Clapham Community Partnership), Paul Reynolds (Herne Hill Forum), Jane Warwick (Appropriate Adults)
COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP: Jean Carpenter (Flipside), Wally Channon, Peggy Tyler (Clapham Town N'hood Watch), Brian Mantell (South London Synagogue), Jim Fairweather, Neil Flanigan (WIESA), David Hart (Clapham Community Partnership), Lloyd Leon (Lambeth ICVs), Anna Long (Churches Together in Clapham), The Most Reverend Bancroft McCarthy (HMP Brixton IMB), Hazel Saunders (Victim Support Lambeth), David Tomlinson (Stockwell Pk Residents' Assoc.), Hazel Watson (Milkwood Road Residents Assoc.), **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:** Rod Brown, Habiba Compaore, Richard Dutton, Peter Harris, Lena James, David Prichard-Jones, Clare Moore, Richard Moore, Cheryl Sealey, Fernando Senior
STATUTORY MEMBERSHIP: MPA Nathan Oley; **LAMBETH COUNCIL** Cllr. Donatus Anyanwu, Cllr. Kingsley Abrahams, Cllr. Imogen Walker, Cllr. Julian Heather, Ann Corbett (Community Safety); **METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE** Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe, Det. Supt. John Corrigan, Supt. Dave Musker, Supt. Paul Wilson, Supt. Alistair Sutherland, Diane McNulty, Mark Rowland

VISITORS: Vincent Atkins, Mariatu Bangura, Pauline Bower, Wayne Brown, June Carty, David Clark, Jane Cundasamy, Dahlia Ellis, Michael Dalziel, James Fox, Rob Harper, Cllr. Rachel Heywood, Graham Nichols, Sandra Moodie, Keith Shaw, Benjamin Simbo, Patrick Sullivan, Andrew Tullis, Markos Vamvakaris, Leon Watson (South London Press)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Diana Braithwaite, Maud Estwick, Rowena Estwick, Cllr. Rachel Heywood, June Pilgrim, John Roberts, Beryl Saunders, John Wainwright

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

Introduction

- 1 Anna Tapsell introduced Anne Corbett (LBL Head of Community Safety) and Diane McNulty (MPS Lambeth Business Manager) to the meeting.

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- 2 The minutes were accepted with the following amendment. Add Rod Brown to those present.

Matters Arising

- 3 The matter arising concerning the Brixton Dispersal Zone was referred to in the police report (see below) [Minute 5, 06.05.08].

- 4 ***There was nobody present to give an update on the Council's policy in respect of the use of the Mosquito dispersal device*** [Minute 7, 06.05.08].

- 5 David Prichard-Jones said that there had not been an opportunity to read Prof. John Pitts report, *Young and Safe in Lambeth*, prior to last meeting on Guns and Gangs and proposed that the Safer Lambeth Partnership (SLP) was just tinkering with the outcomes and tackling the causes.

Lambeth Police Update

- 6 Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Partnership policing which had reduced crime on yearly basis over the past six years, and Lambeth Police's Asset Management Plan (AMP) and organisational re-structuring (see attached).
- 7 Ann Corbett, Diane McNulty and Supt. Dave Musker gave presentations on Asset Management Plan for Lambeth and the Organisational Restructuring of Lambeth police.
- 8 Key points from the presentations were:
 - 8.1 The fall in the PSA 'Basket of Ten' crimes had continued through 2007/8, with a fall of 2,362 fewer victims. This was the sixth year running showing a drop.
 - 8.2 Total Notifiable Offences had fallen by 7,813
 - 8.3 There were 17 fewer victims of gun crime
 - 8.4 Surveys had indicated a rise in Victim Satisfaction from 73% to 78% but a drop in residents in Lambeth reporting that they 'felt safe' from 74% to 67% (comparative MPS wide figures 74% and 73% respectively)
 - 8.5 There were now identified responsibilities across the Superintendents in the borough in respect of performance improvement.
 - 8.6 There are now Safer Lambeth Partnership priorities with identified lead agencies within the Partnership. They are:
 - 8.6.1 Violent Crime – MPS

- 8.6.2 Harm Caused by Drugs and Alcohol – Primary Care Trust
- 8.6.3 Making Children and Young People Safer – Lambeth Council (Children and Young People)
- 8.7 The borough restructuring exercise will be led by Supt Dave Musker and Chief Insp Suzanne Wallace with consultants from Territorial Policing. Supt Musker said that the exercise (called Walrus 2) would learn the lessons from the earlier Operation Walrus [in 2001 under borough commander Brian Paddick] and that it was not about closing police stations, removing officers or removing Superintendent's responsibilities.
- 8.8 Business Manager Diane McNulty said that the current assets in the borough were not fit for purpose and that the Asset Plan exercise was an opportunity for the borough to tell the MPA what its needs were and also what was not felt appropriate. She illustrated her presentation with a brief DVD.
- 8.9 Chief Superintendent Rowe took the opportunity to congratulate and thank the borough Command Team on their achievements in the year.
- 9 Ms Tapsell said that the Partnership deserved to be congratulated on its achievements in crime reduction in most areas, as did the community, but people were anxious about not losing what it already had in place for something that it was uncertain about, i.e. a possible reduction in the services and relationships developed over the years, through inaccessibility.
- 10 David Tomlinson said that from a random sample of AMPs from 4 of the 32 London boroughs, he had found them all to be identical to Lambeth's. If the same could be said of all the boroughs, Mr Tomlinson suggested that the issue was a centrally driven and that the whole exercise had been devalued from the start. If it was a case of one size fits all, devised by the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA), Mr Tomlinson said that it put into question the opportunity for any individualisation for the borough's needs.
- 11 For example, Mr Tomlinson referred to AMPs' central bases for all police response vehicles, which could work in some boroughs but not necessarily in Lambeth due to its particular shape. Mr Tomlinson asked whether the MPA was trying to fool communities and whether people would have any say in the matter, which he thought should be put on hold, particularly with a new administration coming into the Greater London Authority.
- 12 Furthermore, Mr Tomlinson said that moving around assets would mean reorganising the management structure, which led to the question about how police personnel would be structured in terms of policing the borough. And therefore, while the desire for much improved custodial and other facilities was not a matter for argument, the starting point had to be how the police were to be organised. Mr Tomlinson proposed that being a police authority as large as many counties, with a need for a specific policing structure, Lambeth should seek an MPA review of its AMPs.
- 13 In response, Diane McNulty said she agreed that structure had to drive the positioning of the police stations in Lambeth, which was the reason for Supt. Musker analysing it through the Walrus II project. At present, she said that no firm decisions had been made about the closure of any police stations or the opening any trial bases without, first and foremost, a structure being in place.
- 14 Ms McNulty said that there was no absolute view of Lambeth Senior Management Team (SMT) in terms of following the corporate structure and estate strategy word for word. On the contrary, she said that the SMT could use and vary parts of the strategy while retaining authority to tell the MPA which parts it believed would best fit Lambeth and its policing environment.
- 15 Cllr. Julian Heather said the AMP presentation had been somewhat disingenuous with Streatham, Clapham and Cavendish Road police stations not featured in the plan; raising questions about their future existence. Cllr. Heather compared the situation to the closure of post offices, with police stations replaced by front

- counter inspectors at other sites. With no extra finance for building custodial suites or upgrading premises, Cllr. Heather said that in order to raise the money police buildings would have to be closed and sold off, including Streatham Police Station. He added that if the police and the MPA wanted to go to war with the community and Streatham councillors they were going about it the right way about it.
- 16 Cllr. Heather said that if the police didn't recognise the borough's five Town centres (Brixton, Clapham, Kennington and Vauxhall, Norwood and Streatham), their communities and understand the importance of having police facilities within them, the police would become distant and remote with a command structure based in Frank O'Neill house. Meanwhile, he said that Streatham, for example, would be left with just sergeants overseeing Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs).
- 17 Cllr. Heather said that if people wanted a relationship based on good community and police relations, Streatham, a community of 50,000 people the size of a market town, would need a police station and visible policing, working with the community. Cllr. Heather said that he was extremely worried about the AMP proposals.
- 18 In response, Ms McNulty said that Streatham Police Station was not fit for purpose and failed to meet Health and Safety requirements, and that police staff were put at risk on a daily basis. Therefore, she said that an alternative needed to be explored and that any such option would be placed in an accessible position. Part of the ongoing consultation, she added, was to bring to the community options and proposals being considered.
- 19 Working with the community, Ms McNulty said that while the SMT was seeking to provide the absolute best opportunity for the public, police officers and staff, it could not promise to deliver everything that the community wanted.
- 20 In relation to SNTs, Ms McNulty said that police officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) made themselves available to the communities they served, while local Safer Neighbourhood Panels (SNPs), made up of local people in every ward, monitored each of their SNTs. Ms McNulty said that the SMT was looking at the possibility of 'front counters' in all neighbourhoods and accessibility in terms of location and opening times.
- 21 Arulini Velmurugu said that the issue of hate crime raised during the police report and AMP presentation made no mention of crimes against disabled people and housebound people, and she asked how police planned to seek their views and training for police officers dealing with disabled victims.
- 22 In relation to police estates, Richard Dutton said that he knew of a disabled woman who could not gain access to Streatham Police Station and after persisting for two and a quarter hours of trying to contact police to report a crime she went home.
- 23 Mr Moore asked whether the Group could return to the issue of the Asset Management Plan on the condition that a representative of the MPA would be present.
- 24 Vincent Atkins said the community was facing a huge crisis, not just with youths but also with adults condoning and giving arms to young people. With all the organisations, churches, mosques and other official bodies in Lambeth, Mr Atkins asked why the Group could not invite them all to a main meeting to sit down and address the borough's problems. Once everyone was brought together, he said that the situation could move forward.
- 25 A number of people at the meeting were given an opportunity to speak about their grief and concerns about the death of Naomi Benjamin, who died after being caught under the wheels of a private contractor's prison van in Brixton on 22 April. Questions asked were: Why did the van driver continue to drive 20 feet along the road before stopping?; Why did van proceed to move when the light changed to green when Naomi was still in front of the bonnet?; Could the Council provide funds for a plaque of remembrance of Naomi at the spot where she was killed? Was there any CCTV available showing what had

- happened?; Was the driver of the prison van back at work?.
- 26 A member of the public said that Naomi's death highlighted the lack of Adult Services provision in Lambeth, while another said that there could have been so much more of an explanation given about Naomi's death and that many people were saying that it wasn't an accident.
- 27 David Hart said the matter of Ms Benjamin's death was not just a police matter and he wondered why there wasn't anyone from Joint Community Services present. Mr Hart said that this said something about the inadequacy of the SLP with the police having to answer all the questions. Graham Nicholls reiterated Mr Hart's comments and said that he was disgusted at the lack of representation of Lambeth councillors at the meeting.
- 28 Paul Andell said that the incident brought into question the process that followed Ms Benjamin's death in terms of an investigation and how somebody is appointed to address the concerns raised.
- 29 In response, Supt. Musker said that Naomi Benjamin's death was a tragic incident concerning a young woman with a family. At present, Supt. Musker said that a team of detectives and specialist traffic investigators, led by Det. Supt. Glynn Jones, were gathering CCTV and forensic evidence, as well as taking statements and conducting an anniversary witness appeal a week later, in order to find out exactly what had happened.
- 30 Supt. Musker said that the driver of the van, who was neither a member of the Police nor Prison Services, had been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, and bailed pending the collection of the evidence as a full, transparent and robust investigation took place. Once the investigation was concluded, he said that the evidence would be put before the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to decide whether there was sufficient evidence for charges to be brought.
- 31 **Supt. Musker said that at the moment he was constrained about how much he could say about the incident as full disclosure could prejudice a future prosecution. However, he said that he would look into rumours that the driver had been reinstated by his company, Serco, and report back.**
- 32 Sandra Moodie, Chair of Cressingham Gardens Estate Tenants' and Residents' Association, raised an issue concerning her 14 year-old son who been stopped by plain-clothes police officers on his way home from school in relation to an incident. However, she said that although the officers had cleared her son of any involvement they then proceeded to take a photograph of him for their records.
- 33 As a parent and responsible adult, Ms Moodie said that she was concerned about not having been called by police and notified of the matter. Having shared her concerns with Supt. Paul Wilson, who she said told her that he was unaware of police taking photographs of underage children, Ms Moodie said she was seeking answers regarding the legislation and consultation about the practice, and issues around storing photographs and data protection.
- 34 Ms Tapsell said there was a general unease about people being photographed by police, particularly in central Brixton, without being apprehended for anything. However, she said that the matter of minors being photographed by police was very specific and an extremely important issue.
- 35 Supt. Alistair Sutherland said while he had no knowledge of the particular incident, police did take photographs of people as an authorised tactic, given by Superintendents, to combat street robbery, violence and gang activity in the borough, about which it had been successful in terms of crime reduction. Supt. Sutherland said that the photographs were used for intelligence purposes and compared against people suspected of such crimes and anti-social behaviour.
- 36 With regard to Ms Moodie and her son, Supt. Sutherland said that the circumstances that she had described did not appear to fit with what police were aiming to do. Supt. Sutherland said that he would speak with Ms Moodie outside of the meeting and after going through the incident with her would later look into whether her

- son's photograph was being held on a police database.
- 37 In response to Ms Tapsell's question about the police's position in relation to the rights of children and the role of the parent, Supt. Sutherland said that his authority to empower police officers to take photographs came under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000, and every authority was signed off by him and retained at a police station. ***In relation to the rights of parents to know, Supt. Sutherland said that he would have bring the legislation to a meeting to share, although he added that it would not be normal police practice to inform every parent about their son or daughter having their photograph taken.***
- 38 Lloyd Leon said that in 1981 there had a complete breakdown between the police and the black community due to the 'Sus' law, which enabled police to stop and arrest people on the suspicion of attempting to steal from a person or persons unknown without having to provide any evidence. Mr Leon said that with regard to the situation of taking photographs of innocent, young black people and criminalising them, he wanted to know what legislation allowed it and the year it was passed, and why the issue had never been discussed with the Group. Mr Leon said that such police practice should not be tolerated and had to be stopped.
- 39 Lena James said that the police action of photographing innocent young people was disturbing in its comparison to police relations with the black community in 1981, which made her feel bad about being a black person and very angry.
- 40 Mrs Lynn Thomas said that she was very angry at having heard that police were photographing young people, whom she said had rights, and if the issue had not been raised at the Group nobody would know what was going on. Mrs Thomas added that if the older people could feel so angry she wondered how the young felt.
- 41 Ms Moodie said that when police came into contact with young people they had to be discerning and should be able to tell the difference between those that were problematic or not, even if they spoke back to an officer. In respect of her son's experience, she said that police asked him when he had last been arrested, not have you ever been arrested, and patronisingly asking him to smile for the camera.
- 42 A member of the public, a community worker, said that his brother's experience of being stopped and searched, and having his DNA taken, had badly affected his family and had left him with a very poor view of the police, not least as the police did not turn up at court. In terms of police taking photographs of young people, he said that in taking this line the police were creating enemies of those who want to work with the police and who needed a police service. As a law abiding citizen, he said would want to know why police were taking a photograph and how long it would be retained. Furthermore, he said that the issue of taking DNA samples should be discussed at another meeting in some point of time.
- 43 Supt. Musker said that the tactic had originally been trialed in Lambeth in 1997 under the supervision of Nicholas Long, Lee Jasper and Mike Franklin, and with no legislation, unlike today with RIPA, it was carried out on an *ad hoc* basis. Supt. Musker said that one of the reasons it had been introduced more latterly, although there were concerns the criminalisation of young people, was because of the disproportionality of young victims due to of gang culture and violence. In this respect, he said that the tactic was effective in reducing the risk of young people being victims.
- 44 While some Group members contested the accuracy of the Group's involvement, Ms Tapsell said that the Group would have to return to the issue once the information had been confirmed or corrected.
- 45 Supt. Sutherland said under the Data Protection Act photographs had to be reviewed every 28 days, although in Lambeth this occurred more regularly. Once reviewed against offences, and not required, he said that they would be deleted by law.
- 46 Ms Tapsell said that the Group needed to take some legal advice on the issue and time to gather more information. She said

- the matter would be further discussed at Group's July meeting, when the theme would be Stop & Search. Ms Tapsell thanked Ms Moodie for raising the issue.
- 47 Ms Kenealy expressed her concerns about the arrest of two people, earlier in the year, who were involved with the Reclaim the Food stall, for allegedly operating in a dispersal zone which police had said was attracting the kind of people at which the dispersal zone was aimed. Furthermore, she said that she had witnessed aggressive tactics by the police in terms of taking photographs of people in area, including herself. Ms Kenealy said that while she had nothing to hide she found it very intrusive.
- 48 Supt. Musker said that he couldn't discuss the people who had been arrested as they had been bailed until July pending a decision by the CPS. More generally, Supt. Musker said that the duty of police was to facilitate lawful protest but at same time deal with any crime and disorder issues. Supt. Musker, who was Chair of the Central London Chaotic Street Population Group, said that it was generally accepted by professionals that giving out free food was neither helpful nor desirable, and encouraged the maintenance of a chaotic lifestyle whilst discouraging them from accessing treatment. Supt. Musker added that last year central London boroughs sought to enact, in parliament, legislation to prevent 'soup runs' and people giving away free food.
- 49 With regard to the dispersal zone, Supt Musker said that it was brought in with community support because of the impact of the chaotic street population in Tate Gardens and nearby roads. Supt. Musker said that it was his responsibility to enforce the dispersal zone forcibly and reasonably because of the community impact on local people.
- 50 Richard Moore asked if Ms Rowe, as co-Chair of the SLP, could work towards making large bids for funding, as other boroughs had done, so that money could be brought in and put towards youth work, community safety and, where possible, buying-in necessary expert police skills.
- 51 Mr Moore said that SNT policing was beginning to show signs of working in Lambeth but while the police were striding forward, they were being held back through the lack of support from other agencies; whether through delays in decision making, lack of resources and misuse of police officers in partnership working. For example, Mr Moore said that there was a case of Council officers demanding that SNT police officers and PCSOs to support them in issuing £80 fines for dropping cigarette butts in the streets.
- 52 In response to a member of the community who said that he took pride in being such, Supt. Sutherland said that he would not expect any officer to make inappropriate comments to members of the public and he would discuss the matter with him outside the meeting with a view to finding a resolution.
- 53 Ros Munday commented that the evening's Group meeting was one of the most depressing she had attended. In terms of partnership working, Ms Munday said that it appeared to have slipped under the radar and that she did not see any community involvement with the SLP. With regard SN panels, one of which she was a Chair, Ms Munday said that she agreed with Mr Moore in that the Council was holding SN panels back.
- 54 Canon Ivelaw Bowman said that over the past couple of months he had spoken with youngsters in Landor Road who complained about constantly being stopped by police without being informed of the reason for it, and that such stops happened time and time again in Lambeth. Canon Bowman said on many occasions large groups of young white youths could be seen decamping from Brixton Tube Station heading towards Brixton Academy and filling all the pubs and bars. Canon Bowman said that if the situation was turned around and those coming from Brixton Tube Station were black youths attending the Academy he would expect to see quite a few police officers present.
- 55 Cllr. Donatus Anyanwu, LBL Cabinet Minister for Community Safety, said that the 'temperature' of the meeting was similar to those of twenty years ago and that the

community, police and the Council had to work together all the time to make the borough as safe as we all wanted it to be. Cllr. Anyanwu said that if the police had made some changes that had taken us back to where we used to be, then they had to return to working with people. However, he said that did not mean that the police should stop everything they had to do but that they had to consider the rights of individuals and the protection of individuals. When that combination was right and done properly with proper consultation, Cllr. Anyanwu said the community, police and local authorities would together and not in isolation.

- 56 Canon Bowman commented on the amount of money spent sending police officers to the US to study American methods of tackling crime and returning to employ them in London. Canon Bowman said that this was issue that had be stopped. Considering the relationship the American public had with its police forces, Canon Bowman said that we did not need to go down that road.
- 57 Canon Bowman said that a number of senior police officers had been working in Lambeth for quite some time and he asked how many had been prevented from leaving the borough once they had been promoted.
- 58 With regard to the dispersal zone, Jim Toohill said that while local residents (on the Brixton Town Centre Safer Neighbourhood Panel) had supported its enactment in a number of residential roads in central Brixton, they had also had reservations about its extension into public spaces. He added that any expansion or stretching of the implementation of the dispersal zone would risk loss of support, which would be shame as it had been at first a hugely successful initiative.
- 59 Mr Toohill also asked:
- 59.1 Was there substance to the assertion that Lambeth was short of in the region of 50 officers and was it the case that the establishment was still around 950, not much different from that reported at CPCG meetings back in 2001 and despite the increase in MPS numbers overall from 25,000 to 38,000 and (according to Sir Ronnie Flanagan's report) a more than doubling in the policing precept over the past ten years.
- 59.2 What was the MPA's view of the value for money of the 3Ci or MetCall project, given that following it's implementation a rising trend in response times to I-calls during 2006/7 had turned into a falling trend during 2007/8, in Lambeth and (he understood) across London generally?
- 60 In response to Mr Toohill, Ms Rowe said that in relation to the police establishment in Lambeth there was not much difference compared to the number of officers in 2001 and the present day, although when SNTs were introduced in 2005, Lambeth had received an increase of 63 officers. However, Ms Rowe said that every year, when Lambeth police were asked to make 3% efficiency savings, a decision could be made about, for example, changing a police constable and a sergeant for an inspector, which over the years had led to a fluctuation in numbers.
- 61 At present, Ms Rowe said that Lambeth was 49 officers below strength but, like every other borough, there was a deployment plan to identify how many officers Lambeth would gain each month until the end of the year. Currently, she said that there were 53 officers undertaking training school and within the next six months she would be able to reveal her total workforce.
- 62 While a predicted total of around 1,000 officers would remain similar to the establishment of 2001, Ms Rowe said the number of crimes dealt with in Lambeth at that time, i.e. 65-70,000 per year, had been significantly reduced to approximately 35,000 per year, although serious violent crime had risen. Therefore, Ms Rowe said that she would like to have more frontline officers and detectives with the expertise to deal with gangs, guns and violent assaults; which was one of the reasons for looking at the restructuring of the borough's personnel to deal with crime today.
- 63 In respect of the month on month decrease in relation to iCalls response times, despite the introduction of the MetCall project, Nathan Oley, MPA Link Officer, said that he would take Mr Toohill's concerns about

whether MetCall had been value for money back to the MPA.

- 64 Richard Moore said that since some head teachers felt that bringing police officers into their schools was seen as mark against them, more parents and Parent and Teachers needed to be used more to hold heads to account.
- 65 Mr Tomlinson asked about the numbers of Police Cadets, for which he understood there was a substantial waiting list, and the number of trained Special Constables in Lambeth and the response to the London-wide recruitment campaign. Further to community engagement, Mr Tomlinson also asked about the number of civilian volunteers, which appeared to be inactive in Lambeth.
- 66 Mr Leon said that the meeting had brought together issues that did not just involve the police - with the evening being a prime example of lack of social services in Lambeth. Mr Leon said that more money has been spent in Lambeth than any other borough in England, yet as far as he knew there was greater unemployment amongst black youths in the borough today than there was in 1980.
- 67 Ms Tapsell said that the meeting had given people the opportunity to say what they felt about the police and policing, as well as the Council and SLP. As such, Ms Tapsell said that it had revealed a genuine feeling of disquiet and anxiety about the way police appeared to be dealing with young people in Lambeth, which was heightened when linked to some of the things recounted about the role of the Territorial Support Group (TSG) over the past eight months.
- 68 In the context of government legislation and initiatives, Ms Tapsell said that the matter was seen by many as being restrictive and interfering in people's personal lives and what they regard as their traditional freedoms. Ms Tapsell said that Stop and Search (S&S) would be the theme for the July meeting at which the TSG would be invited.
- 69 Ms Tapsell said that at the next meeting (3 June, the Group would expect the SLP to explain what they were doing to try to make

Lambeth safer, since there had been nothing raised at the meeting which the Council shouldn't have view about, and also to give a statement about how it was contributing to safety and confidence.

- 70 ***Ms Rowe said there had been a number of unanswered questions for which she would give a written response.***
- 71 Ms Rowe said that she was feeling both sad and angry. She said that if any of her officers were being rude then people should supply her with their shoulder numbers, so that she could deal with them. With regard to S&S, Ms Rowe said that there was a S&S scrutiny panel which existed to help police get it right, although as the issue was raised at every meeting it appeared that somewhere along the line it was not working and more needed to be done.
- 72 Going back to last October, Ms Rowe said that there was a murder every week and something had to be done about it. Therefore, resources, money and tactics had been brought in to tackle the problem. Ms Rowe said that if the community was not happy with the tactics, which were lawful, then the police would consider changing their tactics. Nevertheless, Ms Rowe said that her number one concern was the murder, shootings and gangs, but if police had to work differently she was open to debating the matter and listen to the challenges and proposed solutions.

Any Other Business

- 73 Ms Tapsell said that David Prichard-Jones had asked in advance if he could raise the issue of the Rastafarian Temple court case, which been stopped in March. However, it was agreed to carry the item over to another meeting.
- 74 Ms Tapsell reminded Group members that the Group would be calling a special meeting to discuss the Group's role in the consultation process with the SLP and Community Safety. Ms Tapsell said that members would receive notice of the meeting in due course.

Next Meeting

6.30 p.m. Tuesday, 3 June, 2008

St John's Church, Waterloo Road SE1