

**Karibu Education Centre, SW9 7PH  
Tuesday 05 April 2011**

**Apologies:** Richard G. Dutton; Maude Estwick; Rowena Eastwick; Samantha Evans; Cllr Matt Parr; Fernando Senior; David Tomlinson.

Attendance – see end of the minutes.

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

## Welcome

- 1 The Chair, Clarence Thompson, welcomed everyone to the meeting in particular Chief Supt Nick Ephgrave; Commander for South East (SE) London David Zinzan; George Marshman (LBL Dir. Adult Services and Community Safety) and Ann Corbett (LBL Asst Dir. Adult Services and Community Safety).
- 2 The Chair asked for members of the press to make themselves known – David Jones, journalist from The Daily Mail newspaper, summarily did so.

## Minutes of the 01 March 2011 Meeting

- 3 The Minutes were agreed with the following amendments:
  - 3.1 Amend [Minute 32 01/03/2011] from “Mr. Howard felt that...” to “many lawyers stated that over the last ten years the test has changed, has been reversed...”.
  - 3.2 Neil Flanigan (West Indian Ex-Servicemen and Women’s Association) stated that the Minutes did not reflect what he said and that there is an omission with regards to the Chair’s request for feedback from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) presentation on Joint Enterprise (JE) to be forwarded to Lambeth CPCG office.

## Matters Arising

- 4 Chief Supt Ephgrave [Minute 4 01/03/2011] stated that the people who created the statistics reported that it is not an easy task to collate the data on crimes with victims with disability, on a regular basis. It is not straightforward, as it needs to be checked manually. **He will meet with Arulini Velmurugu at a convenient time.**

- 5 Chief Supt Ephgrave [Minute 5, 01/03/2011] reminded the meeting that the ethnicity figures with regards to Trident was at the back of the minutes.
- 6 Chief Supt Ephgrave stated that the A&E data may be missing a degree of violent crime reported due to people being taken to hospital by their friends and family or by the London Ambulance Service (LAS) and despite being a victim of a crime did not wish to or feel they could report it to the police for whatever reason. The MPA carried out an analysis of violent crime in Lambeth 3-4 months previously and included LAS data. This was useful he stated as it gave another perspective of where crimes may be hot-spotted. LAS made a record only of the location calls are made from and not where an incident occurs so further investigation is required. Ann Corbett and her team within Community Safety are putting together a working party, which he has an input in, on a cross-border project with Southwark who share A&E facilities with Lambeth. **The result will be provided when completed.**
- 7 Chief Supt Ephgrave [Minute 7, 01/03/2011], stated that in regards to the query by Noel Villa about the hit and run on Moorlands Estate - this was being dealt with by Traffic OCU (Operational Command Unit). The company, which owns the van, had been summoned to court. **Progress will be reported back.**
- 8 Lloyd Leon said that his concern was with the security firm Nighthawk who clamp visitors’ cars despite having their parking permits displayed. He believes that a serious incident may occur as a result of such behaviour.
- 9 Rod Brown asked whether this company work for the Council or the Police. Metropolitan Housing Trust is the employer.
- 10 Ann Corbett [Minute 23, 01/03/2011] stated that she had received a long written response to the query on services denied to young people involved in the murder in Victoria. **She asked Jim Toohill to forward to all concerned.**
- 11 Lloyd Leon stated that he had found the JE presentation stimulating and asked whether the Chair would make representations to the Government on this issue in relation to any necessary changes to the law.

- 12 John Howard stated that he did not agree that the presentation had been stimulating but rather the discussion after. He further explained what he had found of interest and said that JE will erect the "Great Wall of Silence".
- 13 Neil Flanagan asked for the Chair to read out his feedback on JE, which he had forwarded and which he stated would also be a response to Lloyd Leon's request [4.3] above. This was done and appended. He further suggested that the Home Secretary and staff should view the JE presentation so that resources are well spent.
- 14 Richard Moore said that judgement of the appropriateness or otherwise, of the presentation, should have input from young people, at whom it was aimed. He drew parallels with a previous presentation by CO19 and the controversy of showing a firearm.
- 15 Anna Tapsell stated that the Barrister at the last meeting made a number of queries relating to the law which was not answered. Therefore, before commenting on the film this needs to be resolved. The presentation was directed to secondary schools where the issue of gangs is paramount so therefore it is for Head-teachers to decide if they would like to show this presentation or wish to have a debate on it. Ultimately, young people need to be informed, after all they are the victims or the ones imprisoned for the long time in institutions that are not often beneficial.
- 16 Donna Sinclair (Options for Change) agreed that young people should be invited to be on a panel. She added that Parents and Head-teachers should also be on this Panel - Head-teachers are the ones who send these young people to Pupil Referral Units where they are "cultured", into knives and gun crimes in the short time they are there. Also the surgeons, carrying out the work on victims should be part of the Panel in order for the group to be inclusive. She stated that the fundamental problem is that young people have access to guns and if that was not so, a lot more progress will be made. Also, she stated, that the Census forms currently being completed by all households are published, printed and distributed by the largest arms distributor in the USA.
- 17 Chief Supt Ephgrave stated that he agreed with everything that was said by Donna Sinclair but reminded the meeting that the Black Families Forum was created for the problems discussed where parents could come together to find solutions. There is a plan to create a series of Youth Panels on each ward, similar to the Safer Neighbourhood Panel. Coldharbour has one such group where the aim is to get young people's views, what affect them etc. Therefore any help given to start up these Panels would be helpful.
- 18 The Chair stated that this subject has been given a good hearing and he encouraged everyone to be involved in order to have "Just Laws".
- 19 Jim Toohill informed the meeting that as per [Minute 41 01/03/2011] outstanding questions and any that were mailed would be collated and forwarded to Tom Guest (CPS) to answer. On collection, most were found to be comments. The questions about how often JE was used, what was the acquittal rate, and how it compared with other charges were put to Tom after the meeting and he had stated that there was no data available as it was not recorded separately. A JE murder charge would only be recorded as a murder charge. If anyone wanted JE charges information then someone needed to manually go through the case files. This information may be viewed as a good way to monitor how effective or not this particular charge is.
- 20 Richard Moore stated that the CPS should be informed that this is a matter of concern and they need to get their facts and figures right otherwise they will be "laughed out of court".

### Lambeth Police Report

- 21 Chief Supt Ephgrave said that he was happy to be joined by the Commander of SE London David Zinzan so that he can add some value in the event of any corporate issues and Detective Superintendent Gary Richardson from Trident, at short notice, to give an update on the shooting in Stockwell which resulted in a 5-year old girl and a man being hospitalised.
- 22 Det Supt Richardson returned to the JE conversation stating that it is not a law it is a principle attached to a law and gave the example of the Ezra Mills case where 6 youths were convicted by a jury, even though only one

person pressed the trigger. He stated that with regards to the recent shooting in Stockwell he was limited to what can be said. He continued that at 21:10hrs on Tuesday 29 March 2011 a 5-year old was in the shop with her mother and other people along with the shopkeepers. A young man walked away from the shop to the opposite side but soon ran back to the shop. He was being chased by three other youths on bicycles, one of them, using a handgun, then fired some shots through the shop's open door.

- 23 Although the 5-year old, as is often the case, was not the intended target, a bullet went through her stomach and out through her back. A 35-year old male was shot in the face. Lives were saved due to the quick response of the ambulance service. The girl had an operation and is in a critical but stable condition.
- 24 The 35-year old man was released but needed to return to the hospital for treatment over the coming weeks.
- 25 People came forward – those on the buses, jogging, walking their dogs etc. Their evidence resulted in 4 youths being arrested and 2 were charged with attempted murder under JE. It is believed that only one gun was used. The Murder team is overseeing this case as thankfully no one was actually killed in this incidence.
- 26 David Pritchard-Jones stated that nothing had been said on what is the most serious aspect – the supply of weapons to irresponsible children - if they were responsible it would be equally bad. By supplying a firearm this type of incidences are being invited. It is particularly bad as they have very little control over themselves or of their weapons. This, he says requires investigation more than anything else as it is something that may have been manufactured from a “starting” pistol or an imitation gun. He stated that he believes that there are people in this Borough who habitually supply fire-arms to young people which is very worrying, as there are far more firearms incidences than are reported and one very rarely hears of a supplier being charged.
- 27 Det Supt Richardson stated that he could not say much about whether it was a converted weapon. Indication is that it was a revolver rather than a semi-automatic weapon. Lots of resources have been utilised in Trident and SCD7 to stop the supply of proper guns into the UK and converted weapons in the UK. 5000 guns are recovered each year (100 of these were by Trident). Of those 100 some were converted, some deactivated under past legislations and now reactivated and some were old World War II guns or stolen shot guns. About 2 years ago there was a rise in the use of converted Olympic 38 guns on streets of London. The police went to a national forum to stop these guns being sold – now no one can buy or own an Olympic gun.
- 28 Rod Brown stated that although progress seemed to have been made in the Stockwell shooting, quite a lot of others are not being solved. He asked if some were being scaled down.
- 29 Det Supt Richardson stated the activities on historical cases were scaled down for example Billy Cox although still being dealt with as with Andre - James **Andre** Smartt-Ford. People are being convicted on 5/10 year-old cases.
- 30 Felix Ogbogoh (Streatham Wells Safer Neighbourhood Panel) said that he understood that the gun was known to the police. He asked whether Trident or the Police on the whole are effective in their operations - having these guns deactivated. He also asked how far-reaching was Trident in getting into the community in order to get the information requested.
- 31 Det Supt Richardson stated that disabling Criminal Networks is part of his work. Along with the 4 Murder Teams, are 3 Shooting Teams that investigate non-fatal shootings and 5 Proactive Teams that target the individuals who present the greatest risk to the people of London. For example armourers, those converting Mac10 are being targeted. Part of Trident's Command is community engagement - working with the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) to get through to the community to break down the Wall of Silence as currently 40% of victims refused to support investigations. The Community Engagement Team visit schools etc. to redress this - steering youths away from gun crimes.
- 32 Myriam Hay (Brixton Hill Safer Neighbourhood Panel and Forum for Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Communities) said these young boys are now involved in gun crimes where as before it was knives and asked what can be done to resolve this problem.

- 33 Det Supt Richardson stated that Trident was formed to resolve this problem. Lambeth reflects London – 70% of all shootings have a black victim and suspect. Of the remaining 30% half have either a black suspect or a black victim. These crimes are committed by a relatively small number of members of the black community but have a major impact in the black community.
- 34 Chief Supt Ephgrave said that whilst Trident leads on investigations and have the asset around proactive targeting of criminals, locally there is a dedicated gun team with a good success rate and although gun crime is significantly down it does not count in light of this shocking incident. The focus and as much resource as possible is being used and he encouraged everyone to inform the police directly, or via Crimestoppers, where there is a gun and his team will make every effort to retrieve it.
- 35 Ros Griffiths asked what support has Trident offered to the victims' family and she is not aware of any communication locally on the recent incident. Confidence in the community is at an all-time low. People are saying that they are no longer going to corner shops.
- 36 Det Supt Richardson stated that there is a clear structure in place for all major incidents to assist families by the Family Liaison Officers within the Murder Investigation Team including overcoming any language barriers - there is now a Sri Lankan police officer in Trident. The communication part, he stated, is why he was at the Lambeth CPCG meeting, he was attending "sub judice". There is ongoing communication strategy for this offence as he and Chief Supt Ephgrave speak daily about who is arrested, who is charged etc but this information may not get into the newspapers. He thinks that through this forum and Chief Supt Ephgrave's office people were aware of the arrests.
- 37 Wesley Walters-Stephenson stated that the perpetrators of these crimes, 16/17 year olds have nothing to do as there are no youth clubs or mentorship available and therefore this will make the Police work more arduous. Perhaps having youth clubs in schools is an answer. The shop-owners in Stockwell were pleased with the support given to them by locals. The youngest person prior to this incident was a Toni-Ann Byfield was 7 years old and this girl in the recent incident is 5 years old, Lambeth black families and parents need to get together a strategic overview. In the Borough people have an idea that gun crime is Black vs Black - it is not a Black problem. Much is not known of Trafalgar.
- 38 Det Supt Richardson said that originally Trident investigated shootings where the victim and suspect were black whilst Trafalgar investigated "others", any other mix. Trafalgar has been discontinued so now all shootings are investigated by Trident but the difference is in relation to murders in which case Trident investigates if the victim and suspect are Black and SCD1 investigates all others.
- 39 Lee Jasper congratulated Det Supt Richardson and his team on their speedy investigation. He asked what was the overall strategy in London as a whole, and in Lambeth, in this economic climate with fewer resources dealing with a potential bigger-scaled problem. He asked how are prevention and diversion for young people re offender management and victim care going to take place. There does not seem to be a strategic overview in the Borough. What is needed is a really strong community-led voice in condemnation, not seeking to isolate youth, but instead what is present is heavily enforcement led. There is not a holistic approach. A strategy is agreed for 2-3 years to be replaced by a new one according to the new Borough Commander, so far there have been 4 attempted strategies. None were sustained for more than a couple of years. A strategic pathway to give leadership to the community is needed as there has been no impact on people's perception of crime in this Borough, as it is perceived that there is a severe problem with young people and serious violence.
- 40 Chief Supt Nick Ephgrave said that a lot of what Lee said is Lambeth specific. It has been difficult to find a solution that works despite trying for 2 years. The picture keeps changing. He had met with Cllr Rachel Heywood to talk about this issue and this will be re-visited in light of the economic issues to arrive at a strategic level. Stockwell was shocking and he would never again wish to be talking of a similar incident in this forum. With support from Ann Corbett, plenty is happening.
- 41 Ann Corbett stated that there is a strategic plan action plan, Young and Safe, which is delivering well. Reviewing the event of 12 March, which Lee would have remembered as the Chair of the Serious Crime workshop, she believes what is

- needed is a “Cardiff Model” and not another document.
- 42 Cllr Judith Best (Streatham Wells) asked Chief Supt Nick Ephgrave for how long did he intend to be in the Borough. Also, apart from what she read in the press that the perpetrators are from Streatham, she asked if it was the Streatham gang vs the Stockwell gang. She questioned if there was any likelihood of reprisals and what was Trident’s action so that she could reassure her constituents.
- 43 Chief Supt Nick Ephgrave said that on his arrival in Lambeth, he made a public commitment that he was to stay for 3 years. He has one year left with no intention to leave. He stated that he is deeply committed to the Borough and resolving some of the issues.
- 44 Det Supt Richardson stated that every time Trident carries out an investigation there is a potential of reprisals. Intelligence is always responded to, sometimes using Borough Staff. These individuals are linked to gangs, which will not be named. Reprisal is always very much in the forefront of Officers’ minds. There is no intelligence of further reprisals.
- 45 Donna Sinclair asked how many Community Engagement Police Officers are in the Borough and asked what current evidence are there of Lambeth Police effectively communicating with the wider groups within Lambeth engaging with young people and their parents and why is it easier for Magistrates to refer a young person for her services than a Police Officer to do so.
- 46 Chief Supt Nick Ephgrave said that every police officer – uniform or not in the front-line work, should consider themselves as working towards engagement and forward thinking. In respect to numbers, each ward has a Safer Neighbourhood Team - 1 sergeant, 2 constables and 3 PCSOs. With Operation Hannah there has been some major change in this Borough to put more officers on foot and effectively engaging with people rather than in cars. This has resulted in more than 100 officers leaving Response Teams (paired up in cars) and placed in 6 clusters around the Borough in what are called Local Policing Teams. This is a major change to how this borough works but the aim is to retain response times, increase “footfall” and increase locally based officers. If performance is not lost then this may be delivered throughout the Met.
- 47 Chief Inspector Patrick Beynon, he said, leads on Operation Hannah and has seen the dramatic increase of Officers on foot. Each cluster has an Inspector who is aware that the expectation is that they engage. A variety of methods are used such as SNP meetings, with each ward advertising where they meet and more strategic meetings such as Residents Associations, Tenant Associations, church meetings etc.
- 48 Kevin Cadogan (CUSS) stated there is talk of confidence and trust in our community and we very much need that but on 30 March in Union Road a Community Worker was stopped and searched by Trident and Lambeth police. He was held for 1 1/2hrs and stripped searched in the back of a police van. He was demoralized and left dejected. When he was found to have done nothing and have nothing that he should not have and when he asked for a slip he was told that he was wasting Police time. The people who are there to fix problems are doing a lot of damage. His colleagues, the young people, are alienated by such behaviour and he asked that this incident be looked into.
- 49 Chief Supt Nick Ephgrave stated **that he was unaware of the situation and would report back.**
- 50 Belinda Washington stated that she had e-mailed a question regarding Rochester Close commonly known as Shooters Alley because South London Press reported that the Stockwell shooting was related to a stabbing in that area which still does not have any lighting and there had been lots of gun and knife crimes. She would like to know how many gun and knife offences had occurred in the immediate vicinity of Rochester Close in the last 12 months and whether the Council and the Police are working together to improve safety in this regard.
- 51 Chief Supt Nick Ephgrave said that **in conjunction with Det Supt Richardson he will get the statistics requested and report on the findings next month.**
- 52 Arulini Velmurugu (Lambeth Towers and Lambeth Road TRA) said that everyone is talking about the responsibilities of agencies but what about parents’ responsibilities?
- 53 Lloyd Leon said that with CCTV, with the exception of intrusions in people’s living room, everything should be visible to the Police.

- 54 George Marshman stated that lots of work was carried out on CCTV in the past 2 years, having worked closely with the Police to significantly improve this complex issue. For CCTV to be used in criminal situation, it need to be of significant high quality and it is difficult to maintain this across all the cameras in the Borough. The CCTV run by the Council in the Town Centers are fully effective with a sustainable investment strategy. There is not much money for CCTV on Estates to be improved but in conjunction with Lambeth Living there is a plan to speak to tenants for some of their service charges to pay for this upgrade. In light of the recent shooting the Police immediately came and looked at the relevant CCTVs.
- 55 Lloyd Leon stated that he was not reassured, stating that since the 1970's we have had cameras yet to date proper pictures cannot be gained from these cameras. Locals used to have an input but not anymore e.g. the Loughborough camera was moved with no consultation – not acceptable.
- 56 George Marshman clarified that all Town Centre cameras were to be replaced with digital cameras but on Estates there is not necessarily the money to upgrade to such high-quality cameras – he was happy to have someone explain how this works. Mobile cameras have been successful in particular problem areas.
- 57 Richard Moore, on behalf of David Tomlinson, informed the meeting of a meeting taking place the next day for people who wanted to get better engaged. Regarding CCTV Richard stated that it was not the “be all and end all of life” as it is incredible expensive if it is to be used effectively.
- 58 Ros Munday stated that Lambeth Living attitude to community safety has been disgraceful. Anti-Social Behaviour Officers has been slashed, Borough-wide. There had been complaints about CCTV by tenants for years and now they are being asked to pay towards the cost of CCTVs. A lot of the problems start on Estates. No one from Housing has ever attended a meeting and Anti-social Officers are rarely seen as there is not enough of them. Lambeth Living need to get its' act together or more problems will be seen on the estates – they are the ones with the purses.
- 59 Jim Toohill said that he was an Observer on a recent Police drug raid in Brixton. The details on many of the cameras were very good even though it was night-time. He stated that he was impressed with the Control Room and the Police Officers
- 60 John Howard said, regarding the Stockwell incident, that he was pleased that the “Great Wall of Silence” question was dealt with but was concerned as there seemed to be connotations attached to the statement made that the publicising and advertising was not very good. He said that he had no problem with this case being a JE charge but questioned why JE and not i.e. aiding and abetting.
- 61 Det Supt Richardson stated that the “Wall of Silence” he referred to was when there has been success such as in trials this has not been advertised nor when in some of the shooting incidences people had come forward and therefore it is time to change the Media strategy to get the message out. There are plans to get the CPS to come aboard after a successful trial so that the wider public realises that people did come forward, gave their evidence and were supported by the various measures and that as a result there was a successful investigation. He shared that he did not see the CPS presentation but **would forward a link regarding lots of scenarios - JE, knives, guns, teenagers male / female, etc – which gives a series of options.** <http://www.facebook.com/whokilleddeon>
- 62 Sandra Moodie asked “On the back of the “Wall of Silence” what has been put in place of witness protection”?
- 63 Det Supt Richardson said that his team has done more than any other force mainly because they use witness protection more frequently. Trident Officers think anonymity to protect individuals in various ways when attending incidences. Name changes, albeit rare, pseudo names are given, special routes are taken and evidence are given behind screens i.e. in ID parades, whatever it takes for the individual is done.
- 64 Rachel Heywood (Cabinet Member for community Safety) stated that Cllr Peck (Cabinet Member for Housing) will be sitting on the Safer Lambeth Executive along with Sue Foster (Executive Director for Housing and Regeneration and Environment), who will be

- attending some of those meetings. She stated that she was sitting on the Housing Committee looking at how to take Social Housing forward in the Borough. CCTV is an important part, but only as part, of a wider whole, in the development of a Safer Estates Strategy beginning in Vassell area and Tulse Hill where there have been particular problems with anti-social behaviour and criminality. She hoped there will be a move towards a Community Protection Model which is the drawing together of all of the enforcement services in the Borough e.g. licensing, noise etc thus making a difference to the problems that people talk about in these meetings. The new Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team has been pulled together and under Operation Hannah. The new Area Crime Reduction Manager is now part of the Community Safety Team which would resolve the historical problem of a shortage of people on the ground, as evidenced in the Stockwell shooting where a rapid and informed response was seen and she thanked the Police for this. She explained that her meeting with the Borough Commander was to review what had been done with young people, drawing people on a Board including CPCG representatives and key community people. The landscape has changed and this needs to be dealt with otherwise these tragedies will continue happening. There is a need for a strategic approach.
- 65 Anna Tapsell said that she did not disagree with previous speakers but in the main, it is about child protection and the interpretation of the Children's Act in relation to children in need. The importance of a child's early years is known and these early intervention schemes are going to be lost. There is a shocking statistic of how we treat our children compared to the rest of Europe. She asked if time should be devoted, in the Autumn to the profile of young, people engage in "feral" behaviour. There is less of an intervention into the whole family structure. In the end, the young people will be left with the family they have when all the Services had left. She mentioned the services provided by Pastor Mimi for young people who are frightened and believed themselves to be immortal. We've had lots of reports but we do not do the ordinary things i.e. feeding them and unless each one of us decide to do something such as being a mentor we will not get anywhere. Lambeth CPCG could and should do something.
- 66 Wesley Walters-Stephenson stated that there was never a statutory requirement for Youth Services, just to have a Practice in place so the Youth Services were on the first services to be cut in economic restraints and swallowed up by Connexions. In 2001 there was lots of criticism when the recommendation for early intervention in schools to start working with children of 5-years old plus was made. Now in 2011, 10 years later, the same things are being discussed, its time for a holistic strategy in the Borough. The problems with these kids are inherent and endemic. He spoke of his experience of working with a programme meant to help children but lacked the finances to even give them something to eat. He questioned what was all the money spent on as it was not on children, Money is being badly spent and Councillors and MPs are trying to hide it. These MPs do not know about youth crimes. They think the community is not aware of what is happening such as companies are given millions of pounds to carry out services but never provide the services they are paid for and no attempt is made to recover the money.
- 67 Chief Supt Ephgrave stated that regarding Operation Hannah - seven weeks since its launch, the emergency standard has been maintained the 12 minutes target. 90% of the responses were within the target time. Unfortunately for 2 weeks performance dipped to below 60% - where the vast majority of calls were missed by 1-2 minutes. The reason was investigated and at a meeting with the Dispatch Unit in the Control Center a lot of the issues were discussed and resolved. The response level is now back to pre-Hannah levels and increasing.
- 68 Overall crime levels were down – it is hoped that would be the case with more Officers on duty in the evenings and at weekends and fewer at quieter times. In January to February, pre-Hannah there were 700 crimes a month, under Hannah it has consistently been under 600. Whether it is entirely coincidental will be revealed at the 15 and 30 weeks reviews, which will provide a more realistic view of any effect on the crime pattern.
- 69 He was pleased to report some feedback, some from Lambeth CPCG, that the increase of Officers has been noticeable. Regarding the Stockwell shooting, it was possible to resource Officers swiftly to have a visible presence, due to Hannah, without the expense of overtime or

- drawing on resources across London. Chief Inspector Benyon has put in a strategy to enhance continued patrol around the Stockwell area.
- 70 Officers on the street demonstrate local engagement. The results from The Public Attitude Survey will also demonstrate if there is local engagement. This is a **quarterly report and in June or thereabouts the result will be provided**. It will be known then, if local people are satisfied with their Police service.
- 71 Regarding the financial year-end, with more definitive figures to follow. There had been an increase of 68 Most Serious Violence offences over the year, regrettable but not a huge amount. Robbery is probably the most difficult issue for Lambeth with 326 extra offences, nearly one extra per day resulting in an overall total of 2700, which means that Lambeth is the largest contributor of street offences in the Met., 400 more than Southwark the nearest comparable borough. He is confident that, working with partnerships, this figure will decrease in the coming year.
- 72 Burglary rate was positive – 396 fewer offences (2400 offences overall) Gun crimes, approximately 20% down (64 fewer offences). Lambeth has an effective gun team, all they need is information.
- 73 Serious Youth Violence (under 19 years old), which includes robbery, a subset of Most Serious Violence was up by 54 offences. Domestic Violence is down by 128 offences but thankfully some the services providing help to vulnerable women were protected.
- 74 There had been a slight rise in Hate Crimes, generally a rise of about 31 offences in religious and racist and similarly for homophobic crimes.
- 75 Overall, to be confirmed later, the crime levels remained static to the previous year - about 70 more offences. The target is to drive down, not just the specific crime types, but also an overall reduction in Total Notifiable Offences.
- Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) Link Member for Lambeth**
- 76 Val Shawcross, thanked Lambeth CPCG along with the Council and the Police for the excellent, powerful and useful Strategic Assessment Day event on 12 March.
- 77 She informed the meeting that the MPA had met the previous week and the main formal agenda was the budget for the next year that needed to be signed off which went through on a majority vote.
- 78 The principle concern she stated, were the fewer number of Safer Neighbourhood Sergeants for which she and many others voted against.
- 79 Project Hannah puts Lambeth in a good position but she believes that the Police budget in London “will fall off a cliff” after the Olympics. Lots of public debate needs be had around this.
- 80 A key issue had been the fight by Daniel Morgan’s family – 25 years struggle for justice. Acting Police Commissioner had made a public apology to the family and MPA Members voted unanimously for an enquiry in light of Police corruption at the time. Public debate and positive challenges have fostered this.
- 81 There had been a brief discussion about the Stockwell Shooting, the commissioner was given an opportunity to make a plea for public support.
- 82 There had been a discussion about Smiley Culture. The Emmanuel family along with Lee Jasper and others came along and Kit Malthouse Deputy Mayor of London with responsibility for the Metropolitan Police, and the Commissioner, offered to have a meeting with the family notwithstanding any meetings with the IPCC.
- 83 The MPA is due to be disbanded. Having debates where the Police have to explain what they are doing and why and are sometimes robustly challenged by the MPA members has been a positive contribution to the improvement of the public management of the Police in this city. When the MPA winds up and is replaced by the Mayor’s Office of Police Commissioner (MOPC) there still needs to be a line of accountability. Although Senior Police Officers may not admit that they are worried about an issue or may have made a mistake, the strong conversations that have taken place e.g. the management of. She would like to see London put something in place that would allow this to continue.

84 Lee Jasper stated that he believed that abolishing the MPA would significantly worsen the relationship between the Community and Police. He remembered when there was not an MPA and the sensitivity and the accountability levels of the Police suffered as a consequence from not having a strategic London-wide forum. Before the MPA the Commissioner use to turn up once a year to meet the West Indian Standing Conference at the Commonwealth Institute, that was all the accountability made to the community. Going forward, where we may see greater economic challenges it seems wholly inadequate to abolish the MPA. The MPA did some great work, dealt with the issue of "kettling", funded the Roger Sylvester inquest cost, wrote great Enquiry Reports around Racial Harassment etc. Unfortunately, we may be in a situation where the same quality of accountability will not be available and may have to create another forum so that Senior Officers are kept informed by the experience of day to day policing.

85 Lee Jasper stated that it was right that Val Shawcross mentioned Smiley Culture. If a person dies in custody it should be a matter of courtesy that a letter of sympathy and condolences are sent to the family. Not an apology at this stage, as it is not known what happened. He gave a message to Val and Commander Zinzan, that Police/Community relationship is in jeopardy and when over-layed with the abolition of the MPA there could be a very difficult ride going forward as the confidence of communities in general has wavered. It is unsure whether the CPCG will survive the process and therefore a very strong message must be sent to the Mayor and the Commissioner that these are huge issues and the good work previously achieved is in danger of being undermined in the context of a lack of accountability and a deterioration in Community and Police relationship. There was a huge turnout for David Emmanuel and his family from people who are concerned about this particular case. There are things happening on a strategic level made more acute by events and the Mayor and the Commissioner must be aware of this.

86 Jim Toohill congratulated the Borough Commander on holding broadly level crime statistics. With respect, in London there will be one person in charge of Policing 7.7 million people yet in Bedfordshire one person for 650K people - a deficit to London. Policing will now be part of the political mix and the governance

of Policing will be behind close doors. The only place where there will be open scrutiny of the Police will be at forums like Lambeth CPCG and the Local Authority Scrutiny Committee. The GLA would be scrutinising the Mayor, not the police. This was discussed in Scotland Yard with CPEGs around London and the worry is that behind close doors would be what are the political pressures. Political pressures get exposed in places like Lambeth CPCG and the MPA. We do need to think what are the implications for the CPCG as there may be huge pressure for a decision to be made to get rid of the CPCGs.

87 The Chair stated that we have a recommendation of informing the commissioner of the issues i.e cuts emerging. It is necessary for us to talk to the Commissioner, the Home Office and the Prime Minister, to those who have the authority to make changes. He stated that he has a letter of invitation to meet with Kit Malthouse on 5 May 2011. Every invitation should be embraced as meeting and talking with people can make changes. (Those who have key issues which they would like the Chair to raise at this 30 minutes meeting should inform him).

### Any Other Business

88 John Howard stated that he did not think that the CPCG would survive. This group will only survive if Chief Supt Ephgrave thinks this group is useful and want the group to be retained he said. In regards to the Chair's meeting with Kit Malthouse he asked if the Chief Supt Ephgrave would attend the meeting in support of Lambeth CPCG.

89 Chief Supt Ephgrave stated that he is very happy to attend the meeting with the Chair as long as Kit Malthouse agrees. When he first came to Lambeth he had a tough time but now he understands the nature and value of these meetings.

90 The Chair said that he would inform Kit Malthouse that the Borough Commander is happy to join him at the meeting.

91 The Chair thanked everyone for a superb meeting ending that this is our community and we should all fight for it.

Jane	Warwick	Lambeth Women's Aid
Hazel	Watson	Milkwood Residents Association
Ch Supt.	Ephgrave	MPS - Lambeth
Nick		
Sgt Matt	Hinton	MPS
Valerie	Shawcross	Metropolitan Police Authority
<b>Signed in Visitors</b>		
Patrick	Beynon	Lambeth MPS
P	Horgan	MPS
Errol	Patterson	MPS BME Officer
Adrian	Elgstrand	MPS TSG
Natasha	Plummer	MPA
Judith	Best	London Borough of Lambeth Council - Members
Jeremy	Clyne	London Borough of Lambeth Council - Members
Terry	Curtis	Tulse Hill Ward Safer Neighbourhood I
Christopher	D'Souza	London Borough Of Lambeth
Maguerita	Alexander	
Christine	Frank	
Jackie	Plumridge	
Donna	Sinclair	Options For Change
Belinda	Washington	
G.	Watson	
Fran		
Gina	Alexander	Options for Change
Kristian	Aspinall	LBL
David	Jones	The Daily Mail

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**6. 00 p.m. TUESDAY, 03 May 2011  
Lambeth Town Hall**

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**Attendance**

**Signed in Members**

FirstName	LastName	Organisation
Doye	Akinlade	Brixton Society
Hope	Barrett	
Ivelaw	Bowman	
Rod	Brown	
Ann	Corbett	London Borough of Lambeth Council - Officers
Rosemarie	Falaiye	
Neil	Flanigan MBE	West Indian Ex-Servicemen/Women Assoc.
Myriam	Hay	Forum for Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Communities - Lambeth
Rachel	Heywood	London Borough of Lambeth Council - Members
John	Howard	
Lena	James	
Lee	Jasper	
Lloyd	Leon	Brixton Domino Club
Brian	Mantell	South London Synagogue
Nick	Mason	Lambeth Summer Projects Trust
Patricia	Moberly	
Sandra	Moodie	Cressingham Gardens T.R.A.
Clare	Moore	
Felix	Ogbogoh	Streatham Wells Safer Neighbourhood Panel
John	Ohen	Churches Together In Clapham
David	Prichard-Jones	
Cheryl	Sealey	
Anna	Tapsell	
Clarence	Thompson MBE	Queen Mother Moore School
Jim	Toohill	
Arulini	Velmurugu	Lambeth Towers And Lambeth Road TRA
Wesley	Walters-Stephenson	Your Story
David	Warner	Brixton Society

I would like to offer a view of the presentation at the CPCG group meeting last Tuesday – 1 March 2011

May I highlight some inconsistencies portrayed in the film?

1. Instead of promoting the better quality of life, it depicted the worse aspects of society that would in my view be very damaging if shown to young people from a stable household under, 18 years of age.
2. The presentation may be useful for people who are incarcerated, but it set no standards and lacks a 'role model initiative' to break the circle of vicious criminality. It should not be shown in educational institutions but in venues where crime is rampant. We are all aware that the prisons are filled with the less educated and that small percentage of disaffected youth is not representative of the whole.
3. The solutions do not lie in seeking remedies after the act, but in the delivery of programs of initiatives leading to the reduction of loutish behavior and violence in families that for so long have plagued society of the illiterate unskilled poor families with low self esteem, commonplace in schools in deprived areas with a degenerating and neglected environment.
4. The percentage of the less educated and disadvantage people who are prone to irrational behavior and glorify misdemeanor needs to be addressed.

Such a planned system need to be initiated, not by the armchair professionals who have not thus far resolved the failure in society, far better that this task is led by the many positive people we have in this 'Big Society' that the government hopes to create, aided with seed corn funding with the aim of getting people back to work and rebuilding the economy.

It is sad to say that the statute of guilty by "Association" have been often times abused on the less educated members of society in bringing about convictions in a country that claims to adhere to the Human Rights Act. It needs to be carefully scrutinized in its application and submitted to members of Government for amendment.

It is my hope that you will take account of the above in moving matters forward. The comments are offered in a constructive and optimistic vein; in the understanding that we can make progress on this very important issue.

Neil Flanigan MBE  
Member CPCG  
31 March 2011