

The Crime and Community Safety Policy Commission

Report to the Mayor

Vision, objectives and policy recommendations

The Mayor's Crime and Community Safety Policy Commission held three meetings during September and October. Membership is listed overleaf. This short report sets out a vision for the Mayor to adopt, a set of key objectives to underpin that vision, and some practical actions to help deliver the vision. In three meetings it was impossible for the Commission to address in any detail many of the complex issues related to crime. The list of recommendations should not therefore be taken as exclusive, but simply as initial proposals in those areas considered by the Commission.

The Mayor's Vision

The Mayor should lead work to "create a London that is safe, and feels safe, for all who live in, work in or visit this diverse city."

Fundamental Objectives

We recommend eight key objectives for the Mayor's policy for crime and community safety:

- To support and develop cohesive, inclusive, and resilient communities across London.
- To co-ordinate key funding streams, especially LDA and MPA budgets
- To develop a pan-London Safe Transport policy
- To co-ordinate the policies and programmes of key agencies in order to develop more holistic approaches to crime and anti-social behaviour
- To argue for additional resources for London in respect of achieving these objectives.
- To co-ordinate the use of all GLA powers to ensure that consideration of crime and community safety is built into policy development wherever relevant
- To develop strategic partnerships so that community, inter-agency or geographical boundaries do not hinder collaborative working.
- To ensure that all GLA led activity reflects London's diversity and promotes equality.

Key recommendations for action

The Commission recognised the limited resources available to the GLA so considers that the Mayor must target his efforts in this field on a few key areas where London-wide strategic activity can make a difference.

The Mayor's Crime and Community Safety Policy Commission recommends the establishment of a GLA unit to co-ordinate and promote community safety in greater London. It recommends that the GLA develop the capacity to review patterns of crime and disorder that have a London-wide impact, to consider the crime and community safety implications of its functions and to develop a strategy enhance crime prevention and community safety in areas of GLA responsibility.

The policy commission has identified a series of key themes for the Mayor and this new unit to address. This is not a comprehensive list and does not address every important issue, simply those we identified during our meetings:

Key Policy area	Specific objectives and/or role
Hate and violent crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake review of hate crime and how it is dealt with from crime to sentencing and research post-sentencing outcomes for offenders and victims. • Address domestic violence London-wide • Violence within families
Crime and Disorder Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and promote GLA role under Sections 5, 6 and 17 of Act
Civic Warden Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate accreditation of Civic Warden Schemes • Investigate potential for pan-London or cross-border bids
Drugs and alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the impact on crime and violent crime • Target resources on drugs of greatest harm, which include alcohol.
Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate effects of cuts in youth services, links to drug and alcohol abuse, and young people as victims of crime
Displacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop partnerships to track displacement of crimes from one area to another.
Safe Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a pan-London strategy encompassing modes of travel and geographical and organisational boundaries.

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