Introductory message from Boris Johnson
Mayor of London and Chair of the MPA

I promised Londoners that I would work tirelessly to make their city and their local communities safer. This is what I have set about doing - working with the police to tackle knife crime, putting more police on the transport network, and working to boost the number of special constables.

Crime is now at an all-time low, but there is still much more to be done. Working with the Commissioner we will go further - addressing the complex long-term causes of youth crime, ending violence against women, and giving Londoners back confidence in their day-to-day safety.

It is important that Londoners can know how well their local police service is performing and what the priorities are in the coming year. This annual local police summary sets this out, providing you with information about policing in your borough. I hope it will help to improve your confidence in the police, show you the activity that is taking place, and help to reduce the fear of crime.

Crime is at a ten year low in London

Primarily, the MPA exists to

- hold the Commissioner rigorously to account for improving the operational performance of the MPS
- transform community engagement to help Londoners secure more responsive policing
- work with the MPS to achieve cultural change throughout the service so that everyone in London can gain and retain confidence in policing
- drive the MPS to make the most effective, efficient and cost conscious use of all its resources
Looking back on 2008/09

Summary performance achievements
The MPS has achieved a number of successes against the objectives and targets set for 2008/09. The majority of the priorities and targets set by the MPA were met, particularly in terms of tackling serious violence, reducing serious acquisitive crime and disrupting criminal networks.

Some of the performance achievements between April 2008 and March 2009:

- the MPS achieved a reduction in gun crime of 25.8% or 753 fewer crimes. This exceeded the 3% reduction target;
- the MPS achieved a reduction in youth violence of 9.8% or 2209 fewer victims. This exceeded the 6% reduction target.
- the MPS achieved a reduction in serious acquisitive crime (residential burglary, robbery and motor vehicle crime) of 7.7% or 17,000 fewer crimes. This exceeded the 4% reduction target.

However, some targets were not met, most notably:

- public satisfaction across the MPS was 77.7% against a 78.9% target;
- the gap between the satisfaction of White victims (78.6%) and Black and Minority Ethnic victims (74.0%) was 4.7 percentage points. This missed the target of a 3.8 percentage point gap.
Message from Borough Commander Mark Toland

"Over the last four years there have been 9,000 fewer victims of crime and I am pleased to say that crime in Brent is at its lowest level for six years. In the last 12 months robbery has fallen by 512 offences and car crime by 879 offences. Also gun crime has fallen by 68 offences, knife crime is down by 121 offences and youth violence is down by 151 offences. We also saw a small reduction of 22 burglary offences.

"I am pleased to report that we are improving in many other areas such as attending emergency calls quicker and bringing more offenders to justice.

“The reduction in crime is a fantastic achievement for Brent. These results reflect the hard work and dedication of my staff, and the tremendous contribution of our partners and the Brent community. I promise that this year I will do everything within my power to continue to reduce crime and to make the streets of Brent much safer."

How did Brent perform during 2008/09?

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Looking forward

Borough priorities are set through consultation with the public (Safer Neighbourhoods events, ‘Have your say’ public survey), the police, and other agencies involved in crime reduction in your area.

Priorities for 2009/10

- 2.4% reduction in serious acquisitive crime
- 3.0% reduction in most serious violence, 4.0% reduction in serious youth violence
- 5.0% reduction in gun crime, 5.0% reduction in knife crime
- challenging targets for sanction detection rates across specific crime types
Brent: local police initiatives

The Brent Police Taskforce was launched last year and continues to achieve some fantastic results. The team acts on drugs and firearms intelligence and focuses on information received through Crimestoppers and other sources. Since the development of the taskforce there have been a number of successful operations.

One example is Operation Ladon, a three month operation to target people who police believe are involved in serious drug-related criminal activity. The operation was carried as a direct result of local people telling us about drug dealing and anti-social behaviour in and around Stonebridge Estate.

A total of 17 people in total are in custody awaiting trial for drugs and firearms offences. With the help and support of the community we can arrest criminals who think they are above the law. No one is untouchable and we will continue to arrest people involved in drug dealing and other crimes.

Have your say on policing in London

Public consultation plays an important part in setting the policing priorities for London.

The MPA is considering the priorities for 2011/12 and would like to know what you think the police in London should be focusing on.

Have your say on policing in London by taking part in this year’s consultation questionnaire - log on to the MPA website

www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policingplans

to complete an online questionnaire or call 020 7202 0063 to leave your contact details and we will post you a paper copy.
Help us to understand the community’s views on policing in your area

The MPA has a statutory duty to consult and engage with the communities of London and to give a voice to local people on policing priorities, concerns and the future direction of the MPS. To this end Community Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs) exist in each of the 32 London boroughs (in some boroughs these groups are known as Community Safety Boards (CSBs) or Community Police Consultative Groups (CPCGs)). The primary aims of the CPEGs are to consult with local police, Safer Neighbourhoods Panels, the MPA and key stakeholders in Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships about strategic policing. This can include consultation on developing the annual policing plan, implementation of Neighbourhood Policing, and crime and disorder reduction.

CPEGs are intended to be representative of the local population, especially those groups that interact with the police in disproportionate numbers. Their activities include active community engagement in neighbourhoods and with local groups.

If you would like to get involved in your local CPEG you can find out more information at www.mpa.gov.uk/partnerships

Stop and Search Community Monitoring Network

Stop and Search measures are useful in the fight against crime, but they are also controversial powers for many people. The MPA supports Stop and Search Monitoring Groups in all 32 boroughs and facilitates a London wide Community Monitoring Network as a means of building and sustaining trust and confidence in the appropriate exercise of Stop and Search powers.

The work of these groups is crucial and they rely on the input and involvement of volunteers.

If you would like to get involved in a local or pan-London group to monitor and influence the way Stop and Search is used in London, please call 020 7202 0233 or email stopandsearch@mpa.gov.uk for more information.
**Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs)** are members of the local community appointed to make sure that the welfare of people detained in police stations is maintained. They call at police stations unannounced, speak to detainees and write short reports about their visit. Their recommendations can require the police to make improvements in this area. ICVs play a valuable role in maintaining public confidence in this important aspect of policing. They volunteer their time with others as part of a local panel and help the MPA, which oversees custody visiting in London, to make sure that detainees are treated appropriately and that their rights are respected.

As part of its commitment to community engagement, the MPA is keen to ensure that Londoners are aware of the existence of the ICV Scheme. In 2008/09 a range of awareness raising activities took place including information evenings for the general public, redevelopment of the ICV webs pages to provide broader information on the scheme, including visual images and the airing of a specially commissioned radio ad on Choice FM. Further developments, including the use of social networking, are planned for 2009.

ICVs must be aged 18 or over. If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved, please visit the MPA website or call free phone 0808 100 1036.

www.mpa.gov.uk/partnerships/icv/get-involved

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**Useful contacts**

**Metropolitan Police Authority**

- **tel.** 020 7202 0202
- Minicom. 020 7202 0173
- www.mpa.gov.uk

**Metropolitan Police Service**

Brent police stations

- 0300 123 1212
- www.met.police.uk/brent

Safer Neighbourhoods info

- www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods

**Useful contacts**

- Victim Support—0845 303 0900
  www.victimsupport.org.uk
- Crimestoppers
  0800 555111
  www.crimestoppers-uk.org
- Talk to Frank
  (Drug abuse helpline)
  0800 776 600
  www.talktoFRANK.com
- Anti-Social Behaviour Actionline
  0845 605 2222
- National Domestic Violence helpline
  0808 200 0247
  www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

**In an emergency always dial 999**

**Non-emergency dial 0300 123 1212**