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.
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 Michael Smith

“Over a number of years Havering has seen a general downward trend in reported crime. This has been achieved by better partnership working and a recognition that the police can not solve all the problems on their own.

“We have been seeing an increase in burglary over the last 12 months and that will remain a priority area of business in the coming year. In addition, we will be concentrating on motor vehicle crime, offences of violence, tackling both anti-social behaviour and peoples fear of crime.

“The main priority will be to improve public confidence in the local police service and deliver increased security through our effective and visible presence.”

How did Havering perform during 2008/09?

- Residential burglary: 399 offences or +36.2%. Target missed
- Total robbery: 27 offences or +8.7%. Target missed
- Theft from vehicles: 22 offences or -1.4%. Target missed
- Theft or taking of vehicles: 9 offences or -0.8%. Target missed
- Youth violence: 12 offences or -2.0%. Target missed
- Knife crime: 17 offences or +9.1%. Target missed
- Gun crime: 6 offences or +19.4%. Target missed

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

- 5.4% reduction in serious acquisitive crime
- 4.0% reduction in most serious violence, 4.0% reduction in serious youth violence
- Ensure that gun crime does not rise above current level, 5.0% reduction in knife crime
- Challenging targets for sanction detection rates across specific crime types
Good practice

In the last year Havering has been recognised for a number of good pieces of work. These include achieving Beacon Status for making Romford town centre a safer place, educating young people about the dangers of drugs and our response to domestic violence.

The introduction of Safer Neighbourhood teams and increase in Police Community Support Officers have also added real value.

We now have a successful volunteering scheme in which members of the public give there time free to help make Havering a safe place.

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.
**Partnerhsip working: ICVs**

**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.

**Useful contacts**

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**Non-emergency dial 0300 123 1212**