

## Met Forward Two: Monthly progress bulletin (Sept 2011)



### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide a snap shot of the progress being made to deliver Met Forward Two. Met Forward is the Metropolitan Police Authority's (MPAs) three year strategic mission outlining the priorities it wants the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to focus on and key areas of development for the Authority to improve policing in London.

### 2. Met Forward project and workstream updates

#### Violence Against Woman and Rape

The Domestic and Sexual Violence Board (DSVB) published its final report to mark the completion of the MPA Domestic and Sexual Violence Boards programme of scrutiny for all 32 London boroughs.

The report makes a number of recommendations to both the MPS and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPC) which will replace the MPA in early January 2012.

It outlines the findings and achievements of five years of work to monitor and improve the police response to domestic and sexual violence in London and the legacy for 2011 onwards.

To view this report in full go to [www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/cep/2011/0901/06](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/cep/2011/0901/06)

## **Met Specials and Volunteers**

Met Forward announced plans for increasing the number of Special Constables serving within the MPS. Special Constables play a crucial role in the uniformed governance of our streets and we believe they form an important part of the interrelationship between the police and the public.

The number of Specials recruited during 2010/2011 was 4,946. After the disturbances in August, applications to become a Special Constable increased, 600 applications being received in the following week from Haringey, Waltham Forest, Westminster and Enfield alone.

To apply to become a Special Constable, please visit:

[www.metpolicecareers.co.uk/specials](http://www.metpolicecareers.co.uk/specials)

## **Safer Neighbourhoods**

A key commitment in Met Forward was to undertake a Safer Neighbourhoods scrutiny. In Met Forward it was outlined that the MPA would consider whether Safer Neighbourhoods resources are being deployed effectively and ensure maximum impact is being achieved from the investment made. It is possible to condense the MPA scrutiny findings into two key points:

1. Safer Neighbourhoods policing has been a huge success for the MPS. Safer Neighbourhoods teams have brought a change to how Londoners relate to and perceive their local police.
2. A wholesale revision to how Safer Neighbourhoods policing is delivered in wards is not required. Rather a majority of the participants requested the flexibility for borough commanders alongside local authority partners and residents to devise a Safer Neighbourhoods response that best meet the needs of their boroughs.

To view the findings in full please visit:

[www.mpa.gov.uk/downloads/committees/sop/100701-09-appendix01.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/downloads/committees/sop/100701-09-appendix01.pdf)

The MPS also carried out a review of Safer Neighbourhoods teams which focused on what they deliver, the location and structure of the teams and local demand. The findings correspond closely with those of the MPA scrutiny with both highlighting:

- Strong support for the concept of Safer Neighbourhoods;
- A desire for even closer partnership working with local authorities and other strategic partners with improved sharing of intelligence, tasking, service provision, accommodation and procurement; *and*
- A high demand by boroughs for flexibility within central parameters to deliver 'Safer' services.

To read the proposals in full please visit: [www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/sop/2011/0616/09/](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/sop/2011/0616/09/)

An update on the MPS Safer Neighbourhoods review and its recommendations will be presented to the Strategic and Operational Policing Committee in November 2011

## **'Stop and Account' to be kept in London**

Kit Malthouse, Chair of the MPA, confirmed that the Met police will continue to record 'stop and account' following extensive community consultation by the MPA and Met:

*"The MPA has always recognised the sensitivities around police 'stops' in London, so when on 7 March 2011 the Home Office changed the requirements for how police record this process the MPA wanted to gather the views of Londoners about this, especially those of young people.*

*"Earlier this year the MPA led extensive community consultation, together with the Met, on whether 'stop and account' should continue to be recorded by Met officers. Those we spoke to, many of whom were young people, robustly supported recording 'stop and account' to make sure the process was both transparent and accountable. It also serves as a good check and balance for officers who make stops on a daily basis as they go about their duties.*

*“Good community engagement has always been a priority for the MPA and this is a great example of community consultation making a real difference to how London is policed, and the Met will continue to record ‘stop and account’.”*

### **Stop and Search - know your rights competition**

This is open to young people up to the age of 25. You would need to produce a catchy short video (Min 90 seconds, Max 3 minutes long) that demonstrates your rights when you are stopped and searched or asked to Stop and Account?

For full details please visit: [www.mpa.gov.uk/scrutinies/stop-search/competition/](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/scrutinies/stop-search/competition/)

### **GLA/MPA Crime and Community Safety Roadshows**

The third round of joint GLA/MPA crime and community roadshows took place in June and July 2011. The focus was on ‘Moving Forward - Working with local communities to tackle violent crime,’ and the changes we will face in the forthcoming months when the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act replaces the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) with the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPC).

Thank you to all those who attended these roadshows which provided an opportunity to update you on some of the work we are doing and to hear your comments and thoughts on issues in your borough. We wanted to provide you with feedback on some of the key issues raised and the actions we are taking. To view this feedback please go to;

[www.mpa.gov.uk/mopc/](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/mopc/)

We are currently in the initial stages of planning our first round of community events for the MOPC. These will be planned for late February 2012. We will contact stakeholders including CPEGs as soon as the dates have been confirmed.

### **Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act**

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act received Royal Assent on Thursday 15 September and consequently the MPA will be abolished and replaced by the Mayor’s

Office for Policing and Crime. An absolute start date is now reliant on secondary legislation being amended, and the most realistic timeframe appears to be early January 2012.

It is envisaged that this Act will create an important new sense of ownership and investment by the public in the police, and will provide one, clear unequivocal voice of authority in setting the priorities, strategy and tax precept level in each force area. It is hoped that the Act will bring clarity, transparency and focus. But most importantly it will give local people a direct say in how they are policed.

To view the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act and what it means for Londoners please go to: [www.mpa.gov.uk/mopc](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/mopc)

### **Getting involved**

- To find out more about Met Forward: Two go to:  
[www.mpa.gov.uk/downloads/publications/metforward/metforward2.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/downloads/publications/metforward/metforward2.pdf)
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