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GLA/MPA Crime and Community Safety Roadshows

Moving *Forward* Together >>>
Working with local communities to tackle violent crime

Welcome from Kit Malthouse

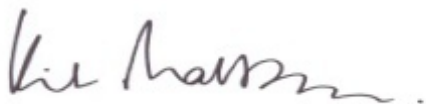


Later this year we will see changes in London when the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime replaces the Metropolitan Police Authority. I want to use this next round of roadshows as an opportunity to discuss the proposals for the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime with you; to develop our vision for the future. At the moment this is being discussed and debated in Parliament as part of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill and by the time the roadshows take place more details will be available.

The third round of roadshows will also allow me to update you on the progress of the Mayor's three key strategies: Met Forward Two (setting the strategic direction for the police service), Time for Action (combating serious youth violence) and The Way Forward (tackling violence against women and girls) and the transport focused strategy "The Right Direction". Overall crime is continuing to reduce in London and is now at the lowest point for a decade. This is good news. However, violent crime is still a concern and quite rightly remains the key area of focus.

I really hope that Londoners who are involved in local groups contributing to tackling crime or supporting victims will be able to attend this round of roadshows. I want to hear your views and ideas and look forward to seeing you at the roadshows.

Best wishes

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Deputy Mayor for Policing and Chair of the MPA



Foreword from Ian McPherson MPA Assistant Commissioner and Head of Territorial Policing

I have the honour of being the Assistant Commissioner in charge of Territorial Policing for the Metropolitan Police Service. Territorial Policing is about local policing- it's about the everyday policing that affects people's lives on a day to day basis. Of our many priorities, none is more important than tackling violence and preventing unnecessary injury.

Violence is complicated, multi-faceted and expensive. Taking into account the complexity of its landscape, we can consider London as a relatively safe city compared with others in the UK and in comparison to other international cities. Despite this, the estimated accumulative cost of the 10,000 serious woundings committed in London in 2009 was £428 million, with youth crime currently estimated to cost the country over one billion pounds. Of course, none of these figures factor in the sheer pain and anguish experienced by the friends and family of the victims of violent crime, let alone the victims themselves.

By changing our approach, many of these injuries and costs can be predicted and prevented and the key to this lies in working together with our partners. The MPS is engaging with partners throughout the public and third sectors to identify joint working opportunities to share expertise and make best use of resources.

The GLA/ MPA road shows provide an opportunity to share key messages and to talk to each other about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. They also provide us with the opportunity to reflect on how each of the four mayoral strategies can contribute to the work to reduce violent crime. Words are meaningless without action and I would urge you to use this opportunity to contemplate how each of us can support their implementation, and work more effectively together to tackle violence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian McPherson'.

Ian McPherson

Assistant Commissioner of Territorial Policing



Met Forward: Focussed on fighting crime

A lot has happened since Met Forward was published in 2009 setting out the MPA's three year strategic mission to guide the MPS in tackling the issues that matter most to London's communities. It has now been refreshed and Met Forward Two sets the strategic priorities for the Met's delivery of the Policing London Business Plan 2011/2014.

Building the 'Big Society', where local people feel more empowered to participate and help make decisions about issue that directly affect them, is an important emerging theme. To achieve this and encourage greater public confidence, we believe easily accessible information, clearly and concisely explaining policing priorities and future direction, is essential.

Changes to policing governance are planned by the government. The Police and Social Responsibility (PRSR) Bill was introduced in Parliament in December 2010. The Bill includes provision to create the Mayor's Office for Police and Crime (MOPC) as a new functional body of the Greater London Authority (GLA), and the abolition of the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA). This will mean there is one democratically elected person who is accountable to the public for policing in London. To implement the MOPC we are preparing a new model of policing governance and accountability through the **Met Governance and Accountability** strand of Met Forward Two.

Met Forward achievements:

- Scrutiny into Safer Neighbourhoods focusing on 'what partners need from Safer Neighbourhoods policing' and a detailed review of the effectiveness of the current Safer Neighbourhoods team model. The Authority will continue to challenge the Met to ensure that the Safer Neighbourhoods model remains fit for purpose and that resources are effectively deployed to respond to the crime and community safety priorities identified by Londoners.
- Established the London Crime Reduction Board (LCRB), chaired by the Mayor. The Board comprises partners and local politicians to define joint community safety priorities and ensure delivery of results for London. The LCRB will streamline the existing boards and strengthen relationships between criminal justice organisations, crime prevention and community safety activity.
- Scrutinised the major business cases to ensure that Olympic planning is providing value for money as well as safety and security. The MPA will ensure the Met is delivering its commitments while ensuring these do not impact significantly on the delivery of day-to-day policing.
- Joint Engagement Meetings (JEMs) provided a valuable opportunity to engage borough partners in discussion about their approach to dealing with prevalent crime and community safety issues, including serious youth violence. The JEMs model will be developed further to support the analytical capabilities of the LCRB's strategic priority setting process.

Additional strategic drivers have been added within Met Forward Two: Protect the most vulnerable from harm; and Deliver a safe London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Further information on Met Forward Two go to www.mpa.gov.uk or contact Jane Harwood, Deputy Chief Executive, MPA by email jane.harwood@mpa.gov.uk



Time for Action - equipping young people for the future

The Mayor, during his term in office, has made tackling serious youth violence in London a top priority.

While overall youth violence fell more than six per cent last year, levels of the most serious youth crimes remain a real, and all too often tragic, concern. Since coming to office the Mayor has supported robust but fair policing. 'Operation Blunt 2' has taken many thousands of knives off London's streets, with a particular focus on places where young people congregate. A concerted and intelligence led approach is tackling violence and criminal activity perpetrated by gangs.

But robust enforcement can only be part of the mix. To make a telling and lasting impact there needs to be an approach which is broad in its scope, which takes the long-view, and which tackles youth violence at its very root. We need to convince young people that there are alternatives, to give them opportunities and to help them make the right choices for themselves and society.

Since the last series of roadshows the Mayor has made considerable progress in pursuing this agenda under the aegis of his 'Time for Action' strategy:

Project Daedalus – In November 2009 the Mayor launched a pioneering unit within Feltham Young Offenders Institution. The Heron Unit works with those boys most motivated to change. During their incarceration the boys are provided with intensive support and are matched with resettlement brokers. The brokers work with them throughout their sentence and after their release to devise personalised programmes that address issues that might lead to re-offending.

The preliminary findings suggest the extra support is making all the difference. Two boys have gone on to university and many more have entered meaningful employment.

Following the success of Daedalus resettlement support has been expanded to all young offenders across London and so far there have been almost 1,500 young people matched with resettlement brokers.

Project Titan – This strand of work aims to build character, respect and responsibility in young people and there are three main areas of focus for the work.

First, the Mayor is working with and promoting the work of the uniformed youth groups who provide excellent structured activities and developmental skills for young people. The Mayor is working with YOU London, an umbrella organisation bringing together all of the uniformed youth groups in London (such as the Scouts, Cadets and Guides). He is investing £1.3 million to build their capacity so that over the next three years they can take on 8,000 more young people from all backgrounds across the capital.

Secondly, the Mayor is providing appropriate mentors to Black boys at risk of offending or exclusion from school. Black boys in London are at greater risk of offending and violence –as both perpetrators or victims - and the Mayor is investing £1.3m in his Mentoring Programme by creating a minimum of 1,000 mentoring relationships over three years. These mentoring relationships should help the boys make positive decisions and realise their potential.

We are also expanding the Metropolitan Black Police Association's (MetBPA) successful VOYAGE programme (Voice Of Youth and Genuine Engagement) to help develop leadership skills and build trust between BME young people and the police and will be rolled out to a further 5,000 young people over the next three years.

Project Brodie – A pattern of truancy is common to almost all young offenders. So we are working with schools and councils to keep children in school. Towards the end of 2010/11 the GLA began a project with five boroughs to explore different ways of supporting parents of excluded pupils so that the young person in question can swiftly return to mainstream education. We are also looking at ways to reduce bullying and violent behaviour at school and to work with families to reduce absences. This includes developing a Safer Learners framework to improve outcomes for learners, families, communities, schools and colleges by a coordinated partnership approach at pan London level, matched with local level intervention to help keep learners safe.

Mayor's Scholars - Children in care tend to do significantly worse than their peers at school. After school they are more likely to be unemployed. Most disturbingly, those in long-term care are three times more likely to end up in custody. The GLA is working with three boroughs to test a new approach to encouraging children in care to go on to higher education, as well as supporting them to engage positively at school. The programme, which is in its early days, trains and matches 'near peers' – care leavers who have gone on to university – with a young person in care. The mentor works with the young person to help build their self-belief and to offer support.

Project Oracle - Finally, it is also vital that we leave no stone unturned in the search for good ideas. We need to understand the problems better, share information and learn from each other. So in March 2011, the new Oracle website went live. The website will be populated over the next few months with projects that can demonstrate proof that they are effective. This will then be a vital repository of all programmes that can improve the lives of young Londoners.

Over the last six months the Mayor has hosted a number of *Community Conversations* in areas of London that suffer from high levels of youth violence. They are an opportunity for the Mayor and his team to listen carefully to community concerns and to think collaboratively to find solutions. In addition, the Mayor is using the events to encourage people to sign up for his mentoring programme, which aims to match appropriately trained mentors with black boys aged 10-16. Since its launch in the New Year, over 1,500 potential mentors have registered.

To find out more about Time for Action and how you can get involved contact Christian Steenberg, Programme Manager, GLA by email christian.steenberg@london.gov.uk or (020) 7983 6564.



The Way Forward - taking action to end violence against women and girls

The Mayoral Strategy, "The Way Forward: Taking Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls", was published in March 2010. Delivery is driven by the Violence Against Women and Girls Panel; drawn from the statutory and voluntary sector. As London's first integrated strategy, it aims to bring prevention to the heart of all initiatives to combat VAWG and focuses on rape sexual assault, sexual exploitation, trafficking, forced marriage, female genital mutilation, domestic violence and violence committed in the name of honour.

Rape Crisis Centres - Access to support for women and girls who have experienced recent and historic forms of sexual violence has been significantly increased by the opening of three more Rape Crisis Centres funded by the Mayor. This has been achieved in partnership with London boroughs particularly Ealing, Redbridge, Croydon, Islington and Westminster. Extra funding was also given to the only existing service in Croydon to expand the number of counselling hours. This is the first time that Rape Crisis provision exists in all four quadrants of London and the Mayor is committed to additional funding if re-elected.

Recently the Mayor launched a new website: www.rapecrisislondon.org to help women in London easily access the services and find relevant information

A series of events have been led by the MPS to improve referral pathways between the Rape Crisis Centres, the Havens and the MPS Sexual Assault Investigation Unit (Sapphire).

Preventions and support - In April 2011 the Mayor launched an online directory for women and practitioners to search for support across more than 270 services, the directory is compiled by Eaves with the GLA: www.london.gov.uk/knowwheretogo

It is also important to shift attitudes towards the acceptability of violence. A new film, 'Where is your line?' is being shown in schools to underline the importance of respect and consent.

Understanding of the complexity and breadth of the VAWG agenda has been enhanced by an independent study into Harmful Practices commissioned by the Mayor. The information gleaned on areas such as female genital mutilation will be used to develop London's response and will be published shortly.

Finally, but no less significantly, a number of boroughs have produced their own, complementary strategies to improve and coordinate the fight against violence against women and girls at the local level. The Mayor will publish guidance in 2011 to support this work.

To find out more on The Way Forward contact Jain Lemom, Programme Manager, GLA by email jain.lemom@london.gov.uk or (020) 7983 4707



Safer Communities - making our public spaces and transport network safer

The Right Direction – London is one of the safest capitals in the world but we can always do more to ensure people can travel feeling safe and secure. The transport system is a low crime environment. In the last financial year crime on buses has fallen 4% (from 24,976 to 23,974 offences) and on the London Underground and DLR by 7% (from 14,536 to 13,472 offences). As TfL take over more stations as part of the London Overground network there will be further improvements in transport safety. The latest figures demonstrate the excellent work done by TfL and our policing partners on and around the transport network.

Overall there are more now police resources than ever focused on the transport network. Extra officers (police and PCSOs) in the Safer Transport Teams; double the number of cab enforcement officers; and a new cycle task force. The number of British Transport Police across the capital funded via TfL has increased over the past few years to about 900 officers.

The Mayor launched “The Right Direction” in February 2011. The strategy contains a number of priorities to tackle crime and fear of crime on the transport system, including reducing theft and anti-social behaviour and increasing the confidence of older people when travelling in London.

Earn Your Travel Back was launched by the Mayor in August 2009 to enable those young people who have had their free travel taken away due to inappropriate behaviour the opportunity to gain back this privilege. The scheme provides young people with one chance to undertake positive activity to get back their free travel – unquestionably one of the most valuable concessions available to young people in the capital. In the last year 1423 young people have successfully earned their travel back.

The Mayor launched the first **Safer Park Awards** in September 2010, with 32 parks award winners (across 20 boroughs) in the first year. Seminars and events took place to spread good practice and share expertise across all boroughs. Application for the 2012 Award will open later this year.

We have continued to champion the issue **dangerous dogs** to partners and Government. In August 2010 the GLA launched the Dangerous Dogs petition to enable Londoners to show support for changes to legislation. By the end of May it received over 4,500 signatures and was presented to Downing Street.

For more information on the Safer Communities activities please contact Susan Crisp, Programme Manager susan.crisp@london.gov.uk or (020) 7983 4479

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Greek

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Turkish

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Punjabi

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Hindi

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Bengali

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Urdu

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