

Appendix 1.

	APA recommendation	Current position	Gaps in service / Considerations
1	Police, Police authorities & CDRPs should work together when consulting communities in relation to crime, policing or community safety issues. Joint processes will prevent duplication and promote a more coordinated approach.	Amber: Integrated communications strategy linked to the City Charter/policing protocol that aims to address this specific point is being developed to further improve these processes (lead officer - Head of Engagement & Partnerships), but some work is already ongoing - e.g. MPA has developed local policing summaries process to ensure it can be linked to local authority engagement strategies/timetables to avoid duplicative/contradictory messages; CPEGs are encouraged to work with local authorities to support/facilitate the delivery of face the people sessions and to link with other CJS partners, such as Probation and CPS to provide a conduit for their engagement work, which supports MPA/MPS aims/objectives; the consultation processes for the Policing Plan are well developed and are designed to complement CDRP consultation activities	As the integrated communications work develops, further actions will be taken forward by MPA officers. The restructuring of the Engagement & Partnerships Unit will mean that EPOs will take on a more strategic/managerial role, which will be delivered through the established SLA process. Work is already underway to redefine the minimum standards for CPEG delivery and this provides the opportunity to ensure that all groups take steps to integrate their activities with those of local partners. Similarly, the MPA will have greater control over the BCU fund which will help ensure joint processes are followed.
2	CDRPs are required through the national standards to communicate with communities. Where possible, police authorities should encourage a rationalised and coordinated approach to providing information to communities on crime, policing and community safety.	Amber: City charter/policing protocol (see above)	Each CDRP should have a communications strategy and the MPA should work with partners to ensure an appropriate plan is in place, particularly in relation to developing joint messages.
3	Police authorities should recognise the range of other local partnerships to which they are required to contribute or have regard to, in particular LCJBs, children trusts and LSPs.	Amber: MPA recognises the range of local partnerships to which it should contribute and is actively engaged with, and represented on, a number of London wide bodies, e.g. the London Criminal Justice Board, London Community Safety Partnership and the London Safer Communities Policy Forum. However, given the resourcing constraints, representation on the range of relevant partnership boards at borough level is mostly (there have been some exceptions) achieved through indirect involvement, e.g. the MPA links with Local Strategic Partnerships and Children's Trusts through its role on CDRPs, but is usually represented at annual LSP meetings.	These interactions will be reflected in the monthly borough scan through which officers provide monthly updates on borough level matters. It would be useful to develop similar mechanisms for collating feedback from members on key points of interest arising from partnership meetings which they might attend without an officer.
4	Police authorities need to consider how implementation of overview & scrutiny and councillor call for action can be effectively aligned with existing police accountability processes.	Green: 24.09.09 Full Authority ratified the decision for MPA to participate as 'expert advisers'. In practice this means a standing invitation to MPA (could be member or officer). No expectation that members/officers will attend every meeting, but the MPA will provide appropriate briefing material as required and specific material to those focusing on Met Forward priority themes.	There is a need to negotiate/develop protocol and content for briefing material which can be collated for scrutiny panels, which should also reflect on how CCFA will integrate with our own mechanisms of scrutiny.
5	As well as an allocated member on the CDRP, the police authority should ensure appropriate officer support is available for relevant members to ensure they are appropriately briefed on issues being raised through the CDRP and how this relates to wider police force and authority priorities and policies.	Green: EPOs represent the MPA in its range of local responsibilities, providing (written/verbal) advice and support to link members and deputising for, and acting on behalf of, Link Members as appropriate to ensure the Authority meets its statutory duties. EPOs also provide a central point of contact and channel for effective communication and intelligence gathering in regard to borough matters for MPA Members, local partners and other key community organisations, contributing to the MPA's strategic planning and policy development through the borough scan and accessing or mobilising other MPA expertise or resources as required.	New service standards are being developed in the light of MPA restructuring to ensure appropriate service delivery for link members is maintained. There is a need to negotiate other units' support for the process to ensure an adequate standard of information is available.
6	MPA to consider areas of responsibility on a CDRP to ensure clarity for CDRP partners and MPA / MPS offers as to which updates / responses are to be undertaken by MPS/MPA representatives. I.e. MPS to respond to local operational policing issues, and the MPA to respond on pan London Policing policy / priorities. The CDRPs expectations should be managed regarding the boundaries of these responsibilities.	Red: No formal process has been agreed.	There is a need to negotiate/agree protocol with MPS

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7	Police Authorities should have processes in place to take into account issues raised through the CDRP when considering its own planning process.	Amber: All CDRPs are invited annually to comment and feed into the MPA/MPS policing plan and budget setting processes and with borough commanders on the variable target setting process. Borough issues are also fed into the Authority throughout the year through the monthly borough scan and EPOs provide Planning & Performance Unit with borough strategic assessments annually and provide detailed briefing material for Joint Engagement Meetings as required.	MPA could explore how to further develop the MPA's role in the variable target setting process and how that might be aligned to JEMS' outcomes
8	The Police authority are to ensure the policing contribution to CDRPs is clear, articulate and where possible, reflects the wider policing plan.	Amber: Members are regularly updated on policing plan development through the committee structure and regular briefing papers .	Officers need to be regularly briefed on policing plan development and to develop specific briefing material on the [potential] impact on local policing
9	The role of CDRPs and the police authority representation should be reflected and recognised within the police authority committee structure.	Green: This is managed through CEP (Communities, Equalities & People) and its sub-committees.	
10	Police Authority must consider and be clear on its position regarding 'dual-hattedness'.	Amber: The terms of members responsibilities have been agreed and are robust and clear. However, it should be noted that the Authority has agreed that assembly members' link boroughs should be co-terminous with their GLA constituencies, which could potentially lead to conflicts of interest.	The MPA is in a unique position due to the demographic & political complexity of London and its 32 boroughs. As the number of boroughs exceeds the number of link members, and considering dual roles within the GLA , the issue of 'dual hattedness' is difficult to address specifically, but has been dealt with through the development of clear and robust guidance on member responsibilities.
11	Establish protocols with the force to consider mutual approaches and contributions	Amber: Some work currently underway on this through the development of the MPS partnerships strategy and of the City Charter/policing protocol.	As the work in these areas progresses specific actions will be identified to ensure this issue is fully addressed.
12	Framework and reporting structure for funding and resource contribution	Amber: Structures in place for both MPA partnerships fund and BCU fund. Projects stemming from the CEP committee are being undertaken to identify and improve funding and oversight of 3rd sector partnerships.	i) Partnerships fund is under review and will be revised for 10/11 financial year to ensure it is better targeted and more robustly managed; ii) BCU fund will be reviewed to ensure the processes are still adequate in light of further extension of the programme into 10/11
13	The Police authority should ensure any strategy to consult communities takes account of the existing statutory requirement of police authorities and coordinate activity where appropriate.	Green: The MPA's consultation responsibilities are delivered through CPEGs and specific consultation activities as they arise throughout the year, e.g. Policing plan and scrutiny consultation processes. Member representation on CDRPs provides the opportunity to ensure local strategies are in line with the Authority's strategy.	The MPA's current community engagement strategy will expire on 31.12.09 and work is currently ongoing to develop a new three year strategy, which will take account of these factors. The integrated communications work will also feed into this process.
14	The Police authority must be represented at a senior level at public meetings held by the CDRP.	Green: The MPA is represented at public face the people meetings by either the link member or a senior officer of the Authority.	
15	The Police Authority should ensure that the partnership plan and strategic assessment take full account of issues raised through community consultation.	Amber: The Authority meets this requirement through direct feedback to CDRPs on issues raised through MPA consultation activities and also through providing feedback on scrutiny consultations. many CPEGs also feed directly into the partnership plan and strategic assessment through borough level consultation surveys and by facilitating face the people sessions. The Authority feeds into higher level partnership plans (i.e. LSP plans and local area agreements) through its role on CDRPs.	The mechanisms that enable this process could be strengthened. To ensure all consultation products are drawn together and rationalised.