

Met Forward: Monthly progress bulletin (October 2010)



1. Purpose

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

2. Met Forward Project and Workstream Updates

Standardisation of Community Engagement Structures

On the 4 October, members of the Communities Engagement and Citizen Focus Sub-committee (CECF) received a report updating them on initial findings from the value for money review of Community and Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs)

The report outlined the value that CPEGs bring including;

- improved engagement and relationships between young people and the police;
- the establishment of third party reporting sites and of a crime prevention desk in a local supermarket, making the police more accessible to the community; and

- provision of opportunities for the community to nominate projects for the Community Payback Scheme (unpaid work carried out by offenders), ensuring offenders repay their debt to the community and help to improve the local environment.

To view this report please go to: www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/cecf/2010/101004/04

To build on the findings from the report, the MPA will be holding a consultation event for representatives of CPEGs on 9 November looking at issues including 'what is a model CPEG'. This will help us to identify areas of good practice across London and identify any gaps and areas where we can improve. The final report is due to be presented to the CECF in December.

London Crime Reduction Board

The **London Crime Reduction Board** chaired by the Mayor of London held its inaugural meeting on the 29 September. The Board brings together a number of agencies with pan London responsibilities, with the aim of pooling resources and knowledge to tackle key community safety priorities. Work is continuing to develop the Board and the structures that support its work.

To read a summary of the key issues and feedback arising from the consultation on the proposals for the development of the Board go to www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/metforward/lcrb-feedback

Safer Transport Teams (Operation Tyrol)

Met Forward outlined the Authority's commitment to ensuring that Londoners are able to travel around the city in safety.

The Safer Transport Command (STC) was formed in April 2010 incorporated three key objectives.

- **Bus related crime, antisocial behaviour and fear of crime**

To reduce the fear of crime and ensure the safety and security of staff and the public on and around the London bus and public transport system and its interchanges;

- **Roads policing and walking/cycling**

To maximise people movement and minimise delays and disruption on London's surface transport system, in particular; *and*

- **Taxis and private hire vehicles**

To enforce the law relating to taxis and private hire vehicles (PHV) to ensure the safety of the public.

The STC, in partnership with Transport for London (TfL), has made some significant progress against the objectives set out above.

The majority of boroughs (26 boroughs) saw reductions in bus-related crime in 2009/10 compared with the previous year. The greatest reduction was seen in Bexley with a reduction of 34.3%, on top of a 43% reduction achieved in 2008/09. Bus-related crime also fell by 29.5% in Greenwich, 24% in Lewisham, 23.7% in Bromley, 23.2% in Kensington and Chelsea and 22% in Sutton.

A progress update went the Strategic and Operational Policing Committee (SOP) on the 14 October. To view this report please go to: www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/sop/2010/101014/07

MPA/MPS Estates Programme

Met Forward outlined its intention to review the MPA estates programme to ensure that our assets are used effectively to meet the demands of policing in the 21 Century.

The MPA is responsible for the Metropolitan Police Estate which needs to be modernised and adapted to accommodate up-to-date policing practices and functions. Central to this is making policing more accessible to the public and consulting effectively with communities to make sure we get this right.

A renewed strategy document which acknowledges the current economic climate budgets and the need for significant savings went to the Finance and Resources committee on the 21 October 2010. This strategy supersedes previous plans and can be found at; www.mpa.gov.uk/downloads/committees/finres/101021-07-appendix01.pdf

Met Forward refresh

Met Forward is currently being reviewed to ensure that it reflects economic, political, legislative, public priorities and demographic trends. The review will build on previous successes and will identify areas for development.

Met Forward receives national recognition

On 26 October Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary published *Police Governance in Austerity*, their thematic report into the effectiveness of police governance. Drawing on the findings of the joint inspection (carried out with the Audit Commission and the Wales Audit Office) of 22 police authorities across England and Wales, the report identifies what is important for police authorities to focus on to respond to the unprecedented challenge of the government's Comprehensive Spending Review which identified that police funding will reduce by 20% in real terms, which equates to a 12% reduction in cash terms over the next four years.

The report also highlighted examples of notable practice which recognised the MPA's Met Forward programme for setting strategic direction and priorities for the Metropolitan Police Service.

GLA/MPA Crime and Community Safety Roadshows

Following the success of the GLA/MPA roadshows held last June / July, the GLA and MPA will be hosting another series of meetings informing borough stakeholders about the work the GLA, MPA and MPS are doing to address the issue of violent crime and to hear from the audience about the best way to address this issue collectively.

A number of stakeholders will be invited to attend including – Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership chairs and officers from the relevant responsible authorities, Community and Voluntary Sector organisation, local councils and leaders, Local Authority Chief Executives, Borough Commanders, Chairs of Community and Police Consultative Groups and Independent Custody Visitors and so on.

To find out more about these events and book your place, please go to;

www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/metforward/roadshows

Getting Involved

- To find out more about Met Forward go to www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/metforward
- To help us ensure that the information we provide on the progress of Met Forward is useful please take part in our short on line survey at:
<http://surveys.mpa.gov.uk/v.asp?i=23237kggvk>

- To find out more about committees and information on attending go to www.mpa.gov.uk/work