

London Community Safety Partnership

The London Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) was set up in 2006 to build on the work of its predecessor the London Crime Reduction Delivery Board. Its aim is to help co-ordinate the development of community safety strategy, policy and practice in London.

It was hoped the new body would;

“have potential to introduce a new dynamic in multi agency partnership working at a regional level in London, to sharpen the focus of regional joint working, to reduce duplication and overlap, and to improve relationships and working arrangements between the key partners.”

The bi-monthly meeting partnership is chaired by the Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service and brings together many of those agencies who have a responsibility for working to reduce and prevent crime, anti-social behaviour, drug addiction and the impact of the terrorism.

Membership

It is made up of senior representatives from: London Councils, London Criminal Justice Board, British Transport Police, Crown Prosecution Service, the Government Office for London, the Greater London Authority, the London Community Safety Policy Forum, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, London Probation, the Metropolitan Police Authority, the National Offender Management Service, 5 Local Authority Chief Executives and the Youth Justice Board.

Through consultation, events and reports the LCSP contributes to the development of a strategic framework for London which may, in time, develop into a Community Safety Plan for the city. It aims to improve the regional support given to local partnerships and where possible it strives to offer a unified voice for London in response to relevant central government initiatives.

Key themes

For 2006/7 and following consultation four key themes were chosen for prioritisation. These are:

- Robbery.
- Youth crime and victimisation.
- Anti-social behaviour and the ‘respect agenda’, including the impact of Safer Neighbourhood Teams and the effectiveness of local partnership working at neighbourhood level on this problem.
- Implementation of the Home Office CDRP review across London.

Structure

To enable it to do its work the LCSP seeks the support and involvement of a range of boards, forums and networks, these are constantly evolving to meet changing priorities but they generally aim to improve the understanding of issues, develop policies and programmes, track performance and support local practice/ implementation.

Since its inception the LCSP has made representations to Whitehall on the Comprehensive Spending Review, the Crime and Disorder Act Review, Disproportionality, the Prolific and Priority Offenders Scheme, Public Service Agreements, a Robbery Problem-Solving Analysis, Safer Schools Partnerships and the Youth Summit.

