

KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP

MEETING ON 17 NOVEMBER 2004

REPORT OF CHIEF COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER

COMMUNITY SAFETY

This report seeks the Steering Group's views on two issues:

- The deployment of the next tranche of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)
- The development of the new Community Safety Strategy

FOR COMMENT

1. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

- 1.1 It has been reported previously that the Council's Cabinet has approved the deployment of an additional 30 PCSOs in the Borough from next April. Cllr Paget-Brown is now consulting on where they can be most effectively used.
- 1.2 There are currently 10 PCSOs in each of the following wards -- Campden, Colville, Cremorne, Earls Court and St Charles. There are smaller numbers operating in Norland, Notting Barns and Courtfield.
- 1.3 Once these new arrivals are in place, half of the 18 wards in the Royal Borough will have a full complement of 10 PCSOs. The Council's intention is then to consult local residents in the spring of 2005 on whether the PCSO programme should be expanded to include all wards in the Royal Borough in April 2006.
- 1.4 It is against this background that Cllr Paget-Brown is considering where the next tranche of PCSOs should be deployed. He expects to continue the practice of allocating 10 PCSOs to a ward as this, from the experience of the last 18 months, ensures that there are enough staff to provide visible daytime and evening uniformed street patrols.
- 1.5 In considering which wards to choose, Cllr Paget-Brown will have regard to the following factors:
 - Achieving a balance of wards across the Borough so that the effectiveness of PCSOs can be compared in different areas

- Addressing perceived displacement of disorder and antisocial behaviour from wards that already have PCSOs
- The synergies that could be created by choosing wards adjacent to those that already have PCSOs
- The extent of disorder and anti-social behaviour in wards that PCSOs can directly help to address
- The extent to which PCSOs can directly contribute towards reducing the core crimes of domestic burglary, street crime and motor vehicle crime in a particular area
- The additional burden on Police Inspectors with responsibility for managing the new PCSOs and whether they will have Safer Neighbourhood Programme status and the extra resources that brings.

- 1.6 Cllr Paget-Brown would welcome the views of the Steering Group on which wards should be the next priorities for future allocations of PCSOs. These can be taken into account, together with other views expressed, prior to a decision being reached on this matter.

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2. COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

- 2.1 It is a statutory requirement that local authorities and their partners must produce an audit of crime and disorder in their area every three years and then develop a strategy to reduce crime and disorder.
- 2.2 The community safety partners have just completed their third such audit and a summary will shortly be available. Local agencies are being consulted on what issues they consider should be given particular priority in the next strategy. It would therefore be helpful to hear from the Steering Group on this matter.

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