

Briefing for the SCPB on the new Safer Neighbourhood Boards which will replace CPEG's across London

Communication to date:

On the 16 April 2013 the Deputy Mayor for Policing And Crime's Adviser for Neighbourhoods – Steve O'Connell - wrote to all portfolio holders (copied to Chief Executive officers) setting out MOPACs plans regarding SNBs and they were invited to have a meeting with him to discuss local thoughts, views and plans in more detail.

On the 17 April 2013 all Community and Police Engagement Groups were invited to attend a meeting at City Hall where Steve O'Connell, spoke to them about MOPACs plans and expectations for the future. MOPAC officers will continue to provide advice and guidance.

The development of the SN Board model in Barnet:

- A consistent one-size model for SN Boards will not meet the varying needs of each of London's diverse boroughs. MOPAC will therefore not prescribe how every borough should set up its Board. MOPAC is anticipating that all SN Boards will be in place by April 2014
- All boroughs have been asked to develop their plans and then forward them to MOPAC for discussion and sign off. This is something that MOPAC encourages Barnet CSEG to do with the relevant partners
- The development of SNBs is being led in different boroughs by different partners (CPEG/MPS/community safety team). This is in line with the localism approach and very much dependent on a range of factors, e.g. the strength of the local CPEG and of the local partnership. Regardless of who is leading the development work, partners are expected to consult and discuss development with other stakeholders in the borough and MOPAC will expect to see consensus in their plans.
- Safer Neighbourhood Boards will sit within the wider engagement landscape at borough level. They will form the apex of a pyramid-type structure, which builds on ward level engagement through Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels, to inspector-led Neighbourhood Cluster Panels and then to the borough-wide SNBs.

A Safer Neighbourhood Board is to be created in every London Borough with 5 key aims:

Key Aim 1 – to have a broad remit to reflect MOPAC’s broader responsibilities, but respects the view that local people will know best what is needed at the local level;

Key Aim 2 – to ensure communities are more closely involved in problem solving and crime prevention;

Key Aim 3 – to have greater reach and ensures a more frequent refresh of ideas and views;

Key Aim 4 – to achieve greater coherence between different engagement mechanisms, e.g. Independent Advisory Groups and Stop and Search Community Monitoring Groups, so as to provide greater public accountability in policing and crime reduction;

Key Aim 5 – to make more efficient use of resources to deliver value for money and target funds at tackling issues of local concern and crime prevention

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