

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 31st January 2019 Item 6 - Evidence gathering for review - Engagement between the police and community	Item No 6
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Outline

Items 4 and 5 of the agenda are intended to explore recent trends in Stop and Search, and work by both the Police and partners to improve interactions and community confidence in this area.

This item will look at the work of the police around community engagement generally, and some relevant initiatives underway in the community.

London's Police and Crime Plan¹ states that the British system of policing by consent is dependent on the support of the public....and that 'People who have trust and confidence in the police are more likely to cooperate with the police and comply with the law'.

When producing the terms of reference for its review, the Commission found data for Hackney to suggest that trust and confidence aspect should be an area of focus. MOPAC's Public Attitudes Survey showed there to have been quite significant reductions in the proportions of Hackney residents reporting positive perceptions of the police, across a range of measures. The scale of these reductions had not generally been replicated at a London level.

More positively, Hackney residents were among the most likely in London to feel that the police can be relied on to be there when needed.

However, they were significantly less likely to likely to feel well informed about local police activities, to feel that the police are dealing with the things that matter to the community, and to believe that the police are doing a good job in the local area. Perhaps most concerning is the fall in the proportion of residents feeling that the police treat everyone fairly regardless of who they are. This placed Hackney in bottom place of all London boroughs on this measure.

This item will receive input from the police around their work to improve community confidence.

¹ www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/mopac_police_and_crime_plan_2017-2021.pdf

Hackney's Safer Neighbourhood Board is the primary borough-level mechanism for local engagement in policing. It also oversees the Independent Advisory Group which works to encourage positive interactions between the police and community. Members of these groups will be in attendance to talk about their work and findings.

The Crib (a Social Inclusion Charity in Hackney) have also been asked to attend this discussion. The Crib project has run youth work sessions in and around Hackney for 16 years. It delivers initiatives for young people aged up to age 21.

The Crib's Trading Places project is one example of its work. This enables young people to reverse roles with representatives of a range of organisations which interact with them, including the police. The scheme aims to build trust and respect between the community and these organisations. The Chief Executive of the Crib will be in attendance to talk about this project and others of relevance to this review.

A group of the Inspirational Leaders (a group of young black men who advise the partnership-wide Improving Outcomes for Young Black Programme) will also feed into the item. The group's activities include the brokering of discussions between the police and the community. They have been invited to discuss observations from this work and to relay community views on how trust and confidence can best be achieved.

Guests expected:

- Sue Williams, Central East Commander, Metropolitan Police Service
- Janette Collins, CEO, The Crib social inclusion charity
- Nicola Baboneau, Support Officer to Hackney Safer Neighbourhood Board, and Designated Chair of Hackney's Stop and Search Monitoring Arrangements
- Members of Hackney Stop and Search Community Monitoring Group (to be confirmed)
- Deji Adeosun, Youth Leadership Manager, Hackney CVS (and support for Inspirational Leaders)

Inspirational Leaders:

- Javade Wilson
- Olamide Olusegun
- Oluwatosin Adegoke
- David Agan

Papers enclosed:

- No papers have been provided for this item.

Action

The Commission is invited to ask questions of guests around trust and confidence in the police, and how this can be best achieved.