

INTRODUCING THE NEW SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD Briefing Note

The role of the Safer Neighbourhood Board is to act as the primary borough-level mechanism for local engagement. Its main aim is to ensure communities are more closely involved in problem solving and crime prevention, and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime has identified ten key functions for the Safer Neighbourhood Board which are set out below:

1. Establish policing priorities in the borough
2. Monitor crime performance and community confidence
3. Monitor complaints against the police
4. Monitor complaints from victims of crime
5. Provide assurance that a system of independent custody visiting is delivered
6. Identify local projects for Community payback
7. Ensure all wards have a ward panel
8. Oversee the Borough Independent Advisory Groups
9. Support Neighbourhood Watch
10. Ensure the stop and search monitoring function is delivered

The Board sits at the top of the community engagement landscape, above Neighbourhood Panels (clusters) and Ward Panels.

Although not a statutory organisation with no statutory powers, the Safer Neighbourhood Board will provide a key local accountability mechanism for the Mayor. The way this is delivered locally will be up to Board members.

Membership of the Board is decided locally and should consist of a diverse representation. Currently, the membership will include representations which include:

- Bromley Economic Partnership
- Faith Group
- Independent Advisory Group
- LB Bromley
- Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime
- Met Police
- Payback
- Police Custody Visitor Group
- Probation
- Representation from minority groups
- Reps from each of the clusters
- Residents Associations
- Safer Neighbourhood Panels
- Victim Support
- Youth

An initial meeting has been held to review membership and terms of reference. The date for the first meeting proper has not yet been set.

The Safer Neighbourhood Board has been allocated £25,000 for projects which aim to reduce neighbourhood crime and increase community confidence.