

City of London Police Authority: Special Interest Areas Scheme

Aims & Objectives

1. The objective of the SIA Scheme is to improve knowledge on the part of Members about key areas of national and local policing and essential activities of the City Police.
2. It operates by the Police Committee nominating one or more Lead Members to each of the various special interest areas. The Police Commissioner determines a 'Contact Officer' to act a liaison with each of the Lead Members.
3. The Scheme aims to improve the Police Committee's scrutiny function when making decisions on complex issues at each meeting. It is intended that Lead Members acquire the necessary expertise by being more actively apprised of key developments in their respective areas. The objective of the Scheme is not to give an operational role to Members in their respective areas or responsibility for delivery; instead, it is intended to boost the support which the Police Committee provides to the Force in delivering outcomes.
4. Preparation and publishing of the Policing Plan each year involves a significant element of local consultation, in which respect, Members are well placed to reflect the views of their electorates. In order, to assist in that process – and to make consultation into a two-way process, it is desirable for Members to be acquainted at first hand with how the force works, its problems, successes, etc. In this connection the SIA Scheme aims to assist both Members and the Force to deliver the level of policing service which the City community wishes to have but taking account of the constraints which may be placed upon the ability to provide that, e.g. financial.

How the Scheme will work

5. Contact Officers are responsible for keeping Members apprised of developments and ensuring that they are reasonably involved in meetings/discussions where general strategic direction in each of the areas is being considered. Parties are requested to keep in touch on a reasonably regular basis – say, quarterly (more often if you wish or feel it to be necessary). It is quite possible that, as a result of these discussions, Members could put forward suggestions for improving the way in which certain things are done in the Force. Members' business/professional skills could be a real benefit. Both Members and Contact Officers are encouraged to speak freely to each other, keeping the Clerk to the Police Committee & the Police Authority informed where relevant.
6. Members are encouraged to keep the Police Committee informed of contacts made/information obtained/any potential problems, etc. Any questions from Members about the SIA Scheme should be addressed to the Police Committee Clerk or the Police Authority Team.

Areas	Lead Member	Officer Lead	Comment
Business Improvement, Performance & Risk Management	Andrew Lentin	Stuart Phoenix	No Change
Strategic Policing Requirement Overview and Corporate Plan delivery	Deputy Henry Pollard	Stuart Phoenix / DCS Clark	Added Corporate Plan delivery to this area
Professional Standards and Integrity	Alderman Alison Gowman	Det. Supt Maria Woodall	No Change
Equality, Diversity & Human Rights	Tijs Broeke	Kamalpreet Dhaliwall	New Lead Member
Counter Terrorism	Deputy James Thomson	Det. Supt Dermont Robinson	No Change
Economic Crime /Fraud (& Cyber Security)	Nick Bensted-Smith	T/Cdr Peter O'Doherty until Cdr Karen Baxter arrives/ Alix Newbold Gary Brailsford-Hart (Cyber Security)	New Lead Member and Cyber Security added
Accommodation	Deputy James Thomson	Martin O'Regan	No Change
Community Engagement & ASB	Tijs Broeke	CI Jess Wynne/ Supt Lee Presland	New Lead Member
Public Order	Emma Edhem	CI Rob Wright/ Supt Lee Presland	No change
Road Safety & Casualty Reduction	Alderman Alison Gowman	Inspector Sarah Smallwood/ CI Jess Wynne/Supt Lee Presland	No Change
Safeguarding & Public Protection (including ICV Scheme)	Nick Bensted-Smith	DCI Sanjay Andersen/ D/Supt Angie Rogers Craig Spencer (ICV)	No change