

Westminster Legal Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: The future of policing – accountability, cost and effectiveness

Date: Morning, 18th March 2010

Venue: Princess Alexandra Hall, Over-seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR

Agenda subject to change

- 8.45 - 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 - 9.05 Chairman's opening remarks
Tony Baldry MP, Secretary, All-Party Parliamentary Policing Group
- 9.05 - 9.30 The view from the Home Office
Stephen Kershaw, Director, Police Reform and Resources, Home Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.55 Trust and accountability in the police force
Themes: What factors determine public confidence and trust in the police force? To what extent is there clear guidance on who should be held accountable for the delivery of police services? Has the introduction of monthly neighbourhood police meetings helped local people to hold the police to account? Does the Misconduct and Complaints system instill public confidence in the police? What would be the likely effect of the direct election of Police Commissioners? Who should make up the membership of police authorities and how should they be appointed? What role should police authorities have in the monitoring and assessment of police forces?
Rick Muir, Senior Research Fellow, ippr (Institute for Public Policy Research)
Bernard Hogan-Howe, HM Inspector, HMIC, (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary)
Councillor Rob Garnham, Chairman, Association of Police Authorities
Stephen Cragg, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers
- 9.55 - 10.05 The latest Independent Police Complaints Commission guidelines
Themes: An outline of the revised statutory guidance for the police complaints system. How will the new guidance affect police accountability?
Jane Furniss, Chief Executive Officer, IPCC (Independent Police Complaints Commission)
- 10.05 – 10.15 Cutting police bureaucracy
Jan Berry, Reducing Bureaucracy Advocate
- 10.15 - 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 Chairman's closing remarks
Tony Baldry MP, Secretary, All-Party Parliamentary Policing Group
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- 11.05 - 11.10 Chairman's opening remarks
Lord Judd
- 11.10 - 11.50 Police and communities: priorities, accountability and the private sector
Themes: What role should communities play in setting policing priorities? Have Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships enhanced community safety and how can they be delivered effectively? To what extent has the 'Policing Pledge' achieved its goal of setting out clear standards people can expect from the police and what impact will the introduction of community contracts have on neighbourhood confidence in the police? Why has the use of private security forces increased within local communities and who should they be accountable to? What should be the role of Accredited Persons in Community Policing?
Deputy Chief Constable Nick Gargan, Deputy Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer and Director, Policing Policy and Practice, National Policing Improvement Agency
Natalie Pace, Head of Community Safety, Ealing Council
Francis Jones, Managing Director, Sparta Security
Chris Cooke, Chair, St James's Street Area Local Action Team, Brighton
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 - 12.15 A future structure for policing
Sir Ian Blair, former Metropolitan Police Commissioner
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 - 12.55 The policing budget: partnerships, large scale events and public safety
Themes: What will be the impact of proposed cuts to police overtime and a reduction in the use of support staff on the service and public safety, especially in the run up to large scale events such as the 2012 Games? How will further collaboration between police forces, such as, joint administration teams, specialist units and investigation teams impact on the service? Will an increased emphasis on partnerships such as, the 'joined-up service' initiative improve police effectiveness? Have measures introduced to cut bureaucracy, such as the amount of form filling police must undertake when recording crime been effective?
Peter Smyth, Chair, Metropolitan Police Federation
Assistant Chief Constable Robin Merrett, Sussex Police
Rob Allen, Senior Policy Adviser, CBI
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 Chairman's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum thanks and closing remarks
Lord Judd
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Legal Policy Forum