

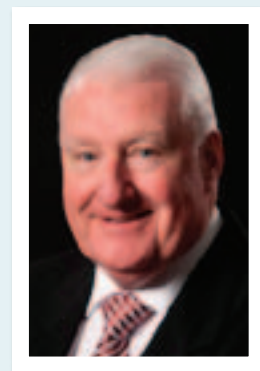


# GMPA BRIEFING

## Welcome from the chairman

Thank you for taking the time to read the latest edition of GMPA Briefing. This newsletter is designed to keep you, partners of Greater Manchester Police Authority, informed of the issues which are of importance to policing here in Greater Manchester. I hope you enjoy this instalment and encourage you to share it with anyone who you feel would be interested in the topics covered.

**GMPA Chairman Cllr Paul Murphy**



## Money Talk

**Police have to take their fair share of the cuts which are required at a national level and it will be some time after the Comprehensive Spending Review announcement before individual police authorities know exactly what this means for them in 2011/2012 and beyond.**

In Greater Manchester, the Authority has been working in partnership with the Force for many months to prepare for what may lie ahead and there is a commitment to ensure people know exactly what the impact of the budget announcement will be to GMP as soon as precise details of the savings required are known. In the meantime, work to remove the bureaucracy and barriers which prevent the delivery

of an effective police service are continuing. The work is not new. For a significant period of time, GMPA and GMP have been modernising the way the Force works and making changes that improve performance in tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and improving confidence, whilst safeguarding value for money. The national financial situation has caused modernisation plans to accelerate, however, preserving frontline services and reducing corporate costs, which are higher than in other comparable organisations, have been and will continue to be high priorities. Inevitably, there will be fewer posts overall and GMPA and the Force are 100% committed to providing support to staff during these difficult times.

## INVOLVING PEOPLE

**GMPA is running an online budget consultation to provide all Greater Manchester communities with an opportunity to understand and get involved in setting the police budget.**

The Budget Simulator website at [www.budgetsimulator.com/GMPA](http://www.budgetsimulator.com/GMPA) is online until December 1. It puts users in control of the police budget and allows them to decide how they would spend it if they were in charge. Before users submit their spending choices they can see the consequences of their decisions. All of the budgets submitted will be considered by the Police Authority when setting the 2011/2012 Greater Manchester Police budget which is approved in February 2011. All those who take part in the consultation will receive feedback so they know how their involvement had an impact.

# IMPROVED PERFORMANCE

Greater Manchester Police's performance has gone from strength to strength in recent months. Performance data up to the end of September 2010 shows that targets are being met or beaten in seven of the ten areas which are measured. In the remaining three areas where challenges remain, the work taking place is having a positive impact and each target is less than 10% from being achieved.

This year (2010/2011), the targets which the Force is working towards fall into five categories:

- Increase Public Satisfaction
- Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour
- Reduce Vehicle Crime
- Protect Vulnerable People
- Reduce Domestic Burglary

It is no secret that earlier this year, GMP's performance caused the Authority great concern. The unsatisfactory results were noted by the Home Office's Police Performance Steering Group too. Both GMPA and the Force were quick to respond and steps including the creation of a Performance Management Group, which continues to scrutinise and challenge performance on a monthly basis, and a 90-day operational action plan, were soon in place. Recent statistics indicate the response is proving very effective with September performance data showing the performance is equal to or better than target in the areas of:

- Anti-social behaviour perception and reduction
- Vehicle crime reduction and detection
- Detection of domestic abuse
- Detection of racially or religiously aggravated offences
- Detection of domestic burglaries

The areas where targets are within 10% of being met are:

- Domestic burglary reduction
- Detection of serious sexual offences
- User satisfaction.

The Home Office's i-quanta system compares the performance of Forces which are grouped in Most Similar Forces and GMP is in a group of

six other metropolitan forces (West Yorkshire, West Midlands, Merseyside, North Yorkshire and South Yorkshire). The most recent results available show GMP has continued to maintain its position within the Most Similar Forces group for all relevant indicators.

- % of people who perceive a high level of anti-social behaviour in their local area – 1 out of 6
- % sanction detection rate for serious sexual offences – 2 out of 6
- % of people who agree that the police and local councils are dealing with the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter in their area – 4 out of 6
- Number of domestic burglaries recorded – 4 out of 6
- Number of vehicle crimes recorded – 4 out of 6
- % sanction detection rate for domestic burglaries – 5 out of 6
- % sanction detection rate for vehicle crimes – 5 out of 6
- % sanction detection rate for racially or religiously aggravated offences – 5 out of 6
- % of users that are satisfied with the overall service provided by the police – 6 out of 6

Most Similar Forces data shows a mixed bag of results and GMPA is robustly scrutinising and challenging the Force to ensure learning takes place and continuous improvement is achieved.

GMPA Chairman Cllr Paul Murphy said: "Everything is moving in the right direction but we are not complacent. We will continue to demand consistently improving results on behalf of local people.

"We recognise that the Force can only be successful in a number of areas if partner agencies show their support and I encourage all those involved in policing to take a proportionate view of risks and recognise there are limits to police responsibilities.

"Similarly in some areas we are restricted by national rules. For example, police officers cannot be made redundant. We need the Home Office to make policy decisions to promote value for money and effective use of resources through the performance regime."

	2010/11 1 Apr - 30 Sep 2010	2009/10 1 Apr - 30 Sep 2009	% change	Fewer victims
Total crime	117,189	129,443	-9.5%	-12,254
Serious acquisitive crime	24,060	29,671	-18.9%	-5,611
Domestic burglary	9,096	10,089	-9.8%	-993
Robbery	2,368	3,006	-21.2%	-638
Vehicle crime	12,596	16,576	-24.0%	-3,980
Racially or religiously aggravated offences	1,502	1,736	-13.5%	-234
Serious sexual offences	1,124	1,188	-5.4%	-64
Violence against the person with injury	9,741	10,835	-10.1%	-1,094
Gun crime	244 1 Apr - 31 Aug 2010	370 1 Apr - 31 Aug 2009	-34.1%	-126
Firearms discharges	31	39	-20.5%	-8
Knife crime	964	1,222	-21.1%	-258
Anti-social behaviour incidents	92,893	118,532	-21.6%	-25,639



## GMPA Committee Restructure

**The scrutiny of GMP is a core function for GMPA and a new committee structure which reflects that is now in place.**

Previously a separate Scrutiny Committee existed but now all committees undertake scrutiny and reality checking activity. The new governance arrangements have been formed on a series of

principles. They include the need to ensure there is evidenced-based decision making and challenge along with clarity of purpose around statutory responsibilities.

The new committee structure was developed in response to themes identified by Members, inspection feedback and committee self-assessments.

Members considered it essential to challenge the status quo to ensure the Authority's governance structures continue to be fit-for-purpose, particularly in light of the changing local context, such as the establishment of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities Public Protection Commission.

In some cases, the new committees are a re-branded version of their predecessor - the change in the use of language is a way of building on some of the solid platforms which exist in the Authority. In other cases, the changes are more fundamental and are about ensuring GMPA remains focused on its core responsibilities.

Details of all new committees are featured on the GMPA website [www.gmpa.gov.uk](http://www.gmpa.gov.uk)

# Scrutiny of Major Events Policing



## **GMPA has delivered the findings of its scrutiny of major events policing project.**

Proposals in the areas of policing high profile events, football matches, protests and other large scale events are amongst those to feature in Preserving the Peace, a report produced by the Authority following an in-depth scrutiny project by a Commission specifically set up to probe the area of work.

Commission lead Mrs Gloria Oates OBE DL sadly passed away shortly after the report findings were published. Speaking at the time, Mrs Oates said: "The impact of the policing of the G20 summit protests was not only felt in London. Here in Greater Manchester it became evident that local people had concerns. We responded by setting up a Commission to deliver a piece of work specifically aimed at examining GMP's approach to policing things like large-scale national conferences, protests and demonstrations, Royal visits and football matches. This helped us assess the Force's performance, highlight good practices and develop recommendations for improvement for

both GMP and other agencies involved in this important area of work."

Recommendations for GMP include:

- The development of guides for staff and officers involved in high profile events.
- A consistent central point of contact to act as the main liaison with protest groups.
- Police officers to use football matches as an opportunity to build relations with the public.

Recommendations for other agencies include:

- A revised Home Office circular about charging for police services to combine current guidance and relevant case law (Home Office).
- Provision of clarity about the definition of events, when the police should be involved and the circumstances where charges should and should not be levied (Association of Chief Police Officers).
- Consider the development of suitable performance measures linked to major events policing (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies).

A total of 59 recommendations are made throughout the Preserving the Peace document and they were developed following a programme of observation, consultation with members of the public and interviews with expert advisors including police officers. GMPA is now working in partnership with GMP to ensure review findings which require action by the Force are addressed. In addition, work will take place to ensure other agencies named in the report are aware of the recommendations. To access a copy of the report, visit [www.gmpa.gov.uk/publicdocuments.htm](http://www.gmpa.gov.uk/publicdocuments.htm)

## MPs Meeting

**Members of Parliament are important partners of GMPA and twice a year, the Authority plans and delivers an informal London-based networking session for all Greater Manchester MPs.**

This provides an opportunity for the Authority, Force and MPs to discuss policing matters in the City Region. The networking event began in 2008 and feedback from each so far has shown that attendees feel they are valuable. The next session is planned for November 30 and MPs' offices will be contacted in the usual way with all the finer details for diaries.