



Community Safety and Policing in Partnership National Conference 2008

"The first priority of every government is protecting the security and safety of the people...But there is another side to the current problems which must command our attention. We know that, historically, in tough economic times, there has been a rise in crimes of violence and theft.

"Just as we are acting to protect the economic security of the country, we must step up efforts to tackle crime and keep people safe on their streets and in their homes. We now have the highest number of police in our country's history and we are cutting red tape to ensure they can spend the maximum amount of time out on the street."

— Rt. Hon Gordon Brown MP, Prime Minister, September 2008

Event Details

Title: **Community Safety and Policing in Partnership National Conference 2008**

Date: Tuesday 9th December 2008

Time: 10:00am — 4:10pm
(followed by networking drinks)

Venue: Academy Conference Centre, London

Organiser

Public Policy Exchange, in association with the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future policy development across all areas of public policy.

Overview

The Government's long-term pledge to build safer communities has been bolstered by the latest British Crime Survey statistics, which point to a continuing downward trend in overall crime rates, with official police recorded crime figures also showing a fall in almost all categories. Despite the general decline in crime rates however, the perceived escalation of knife-possession, gang-related violence, alcohol-related disorder and anti-social behaviour has fuelled the widespread fear of crime and dented public confidence in the criminal justice system.

Recognising that much work is still to be done, the Government has acknowledged that the police alone cannot reduce crime – engagement with communities, local authorities and stakeholders is essential both nationally and locally. The Government has therefore sought to accelerate multi-agency working at the local level, with a revised *National Community Safety Plan 2009-2011*, unveiled last year, to galvanise local crime and disorder reduction partnerships and deliver more effective crime reduction strategies in every area. Building on the work of the past decade, several major initiatives have been launched, including the *Action Plan for Tackling Violence 2008-2011*, the *Youth Crime Action Plan* and, more recently, the *Policing Green Paper*. The key reforms set out in the Green Paper aimed at strengthening neighbourhood/community policing will be taken forward in the *Crime Reduction and Policing Bill*.

The Community Safety and Policing in Partnership National Conference 2008, hosted by the *Centre for Parliamentary Studies*, offers a timely opportunity for local police and community safety practitioners to gain a valuable update on the Government's priorities for its crime reduction strategy in the year ahead and consider how these priorities will be translated to the local level. Delegates will also examine the challenges that lie ahead in dealing with the potential increase in crime as a result of the economic downturn. Furthermore, the conference will analyse how the proposals recently outlined will deliver on the key pledges to tackle anti-social behaviour, reduce youth offending and eliminate violent crime from our streets through a renewed partnership approach between police, probation, local authorities and the third sector.

Delegates will have the opportunity to debate, share ideas and network with colleagues from across the police, local authority and government landscape.

Who should attend?

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, Community Safety Teams, Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinators, Drug & Alcohol Action Teams, Police Service, Police Authorities and Fire Services, Youth Offending Teams, Youth and Outreach Workers, Youth Inclusion Teams, Representatives from Young Offenders Institutes, Probation Officers, Offender Management Services, Community Cohesion and Development Organisations, Community Support Officers, Children and Youth Services, Domestic Violence Co-ordinators, Families Services Officers, Sure Start, Children's Trusts and Children's Centres, Health Service Professionals, Victim Support Representatives, Social Workers and Social Services Officers, Social Exclusion and Neighbourhood Renewal Teams, Local Education Welfare Authorities, Teachers and Head Teachers, Neighbourhood Wardens and Co-ordinators, Criminal Justice Practitioners, Judges and Magistrates, Legal Professionals, Local Authority Officers & Councillors, Central Government Departments and Agencies, Equality and Diversity Practitioners, Third Sector Practitioners, Academics and Researchers