



LEAD MEMBER AND REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

LEAD MEMBERS

To strengthen decision making and learning and development across the authority members have agreed to the introduction of an Area of Interest Group approach to replace the traditional lead member structure for the Authority. Three groups are based on areas of interest which are:

- Community Safety;
- Equalities; and
- Continuous Improvement.

This virtual structure of groups enables members to be involved in and provide support for a service area where they have a particular interest or expertise. As part of a group, members jointly provide support relevant to the service areas for national and local issues and attendance at events.

The different disciplines included in each group are as follows:

Community Safety

Neighbourhood Policing
CDRPs
Local Area Agreements,
Citizen Focus,
Consultation and Engagement
Protective Services.

Equalities

Equalities and Diversity
Social Inclusion and Cohesion;
Human Rights

Continuous Improvement

Performance Management
Complaints
Resources - (money, people, estates)
Risk Management



This approach strengthens the structure and decision making ability of the Authority by:

- being flexible and sustainable;
- improving the capacity and learning of members;
- creating a team approach;
- allowing members with less time available to contribute;
- making better use of member's personal expertise,
- improving information systems, and
- providing better support for the Authority in relation to large strategic issues such as diversity and performance management.

MEMBERSHIP - AREA OF INTEREST GROUPS

Members have now identified which 'Area of Interest' they wish to be involved in as detailed below. The Chair of the Authority will continue to have oversight of all service areas and issues. Taking into account comments made by members at an Advisory Group the groups all have representation from both Independent and Councillor Members of the Authority.

Community Safety	Equalities	Continuous Improvement
Cllr T Foster	Cllr L Rickerby	Cllr D Napier
Cllr E Darke	Mr S Singh	Cllr B Shepherd
Cllr G Sanderson	Mr J Cooke	Mrs E Hayward
Mrs T Drury		Mrs C Clarke
Mrs J Remnant		Mrs J Guy
Cllr G Cooper		Mrs J Moon

To ensure adequate representation and a regular review of the disciplines included in the groups the implementation of the Areas of Interest will be reviewed in October 2009.



REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members also represent the Authority at a number of external meetings.

APA POLICY GROUPS

Citizen Focus and Partnerships - Cllr Tom Foster

- Sub: Mrs Jill Remnant

Corporate/Business - Cllr Dave Napier

- Sub: Mrs Eleanor Hayward

CITIZEN FOCUS REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD

Ms Jill Remnant

NORTH EAST CENTRE FOR POLICING SKILLS

Mrs Chris Clark

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Mrs Eleanor Hayward

DIVERSITY STRATEGY GROUP

Mr John Cooke

For more information about Lead Members and Representation on Outside Bodies contact NPA Policy Team