Newington Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Ward Panel Meeting
7.00pm Thursday 15th October 2026 – Newington Estate TRA Hall - Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions and follow up from previous meeting.

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reiterated the invitation that everyone should sign up to MetEngage (www.metengage.co.uk) where the meeting agenda and minutes, group constitution and other notices can be found. It was noted that MetEngage should not be used to log incidents. In an emergency, 999 should be used and, for other incidents 101 and online reporting should be used. MetEngage is more of a communication tool. There are also regular meetings between the Council and Police to share intelligence about issues such as retail sales of fireworks (e.g. if they are being mis-sold). Autumn Nights patrols will be tasked based on the latest intelligence that residents are sharing with the police as to locations that are particularly problematic.
- The chair would like the constitution to be adopted at the next meeting.
- The team updated as follows on recent activity by the team:
    - **E-bike/e-motorcycle enabled phone theft.** Ongoing work around Kennington tube station, in part working with TfL (e.g. inc. Tannoy announcements around danger of theft around the station, the introduction of a police-operated Nomad camera), to deter and prevent phone theft. There are strict rules about chasing e-bikes and the dangers that can be involved. Officers are liaising with the Met Police intercept team (the number of these officers is very limited in number) where the officers are trained to chase people using e-bikes. This team is being tasked for this area with one chase having gone into Burgess Park. Potential for overt and covert operations. Councillor suggested a pilot to address the issues that the residents have raised with the potential for multi-agency working – e.g. community wardens, community organisations, using a mix of interventions (inc. e.g. staggered gates, geo-fencing) and involving the council so that addressing this issue is not just the responsibility of a very stretched team of officers.
    - **Pasley Estate and Pasley Park.** Static patrols aimed at deterring e-bike use across the area. Stops in the park that have been effective.
    - **Pullens Estate.** TRA has approached the council to investigate the potential for outside doors at key locations across the estate.
    - More generally abstractions to other Met Police tasks are relatively high but the aim is for the team to be used more locally (rather than across Central London) so that they can better respond to local issues.

2. Issues raised

- **Fireworks**. If people are firing fireworks at people then 999 should be used. The local police and the council will have a plan for the period up to bonfire night (ref the Autumn Nights programme). It was suggested that residents (e.g. Brandon 3, Pasley Park) who are being affected by fireworks should be given information as to how to report firework incidents. Suggested too that this should be raised as an issue with local MPs and questioned why fireworks were being sold to members of the public in the first place.
- **Newington Estate.** Issues around speeding across the estate from high-speed e-bikes and motorcycles. Potential for putting up signs but also gates that deter access.
- Ongoing issues around the Marlborough Garages with individuals e.g. one living in the there. Searsons and Lucy Ashe House – significant ASB issues – people climbing onto

properties in the area. Officers are aware of these issues and action is imminent. Lucy Ashe – young people aged 14 to 25 are smoking drugs on a regular basis. Winchester Garages – locks broken multiple times in the past month with high cost for repair.

- Squatters have moved from Canterbury Place but people still sleeping in the garden.
- **Brandon 2.** Experience of motorcycles using the paths and the danger they pose to people walking locally.
- Issue of dark places around Hillingdon Street. Hanworth House – the island block – people going in to the block and smoking with many e-bikes parked also there. Team can add the island block to the team's route.
- Pitbull dog in this island block. In the lower garages also dog-related ASB. Dog being let off the lead (and going into Kennington Park (known to the Lambeth local police team)) but the owners live in Newington ward.
- **Reporting.** Frustrations at lack of response to emails where intelligence is provided to the police (e.g. around phone theft – useful is information about times of day, description of the riders/ of the route being taken). Team suggested the use of the appropriate reporting channel e.g. 101 or online. Key is providing detailed information that the team can make use of.
- **Chapter Road.** Use of ghost plates on motorcycles that are going through Pasley Park.
- **Delaune St.** No current ASB related to 2-wheel.
- **Councillor reports.** Pullens residents report increase in drug use. Discussion of the introduction of security doors across the estate but this has been rejected in the past by residents. Team has done some patrols in early mornings and some arrests have been made. Police team has looked at a partial closure order (which is intensive to police) which only allows residents and their guests to enter.
- ASB concerns on Rutley Close and fears around drug use from the elderly residents. Concerns especially for locations without security doors.
- Important to get an update from council officers on issues around ASB on estates – this can include issues around ASB on stairwells in locations which had previously been addressed through a number of pilot schemes.

3. (New) Ward priorities.

- Two-wheeled enabled phone snatching – which is occurring throughout the day and is being enabled by the advent of fast illegal e-bike/motorcycles and groups of offenders who are increasingly organised.
- Two-wheeled enabled ASB.
- ASB in stairwells and bin areas (inc. a shipping container) across the ward.

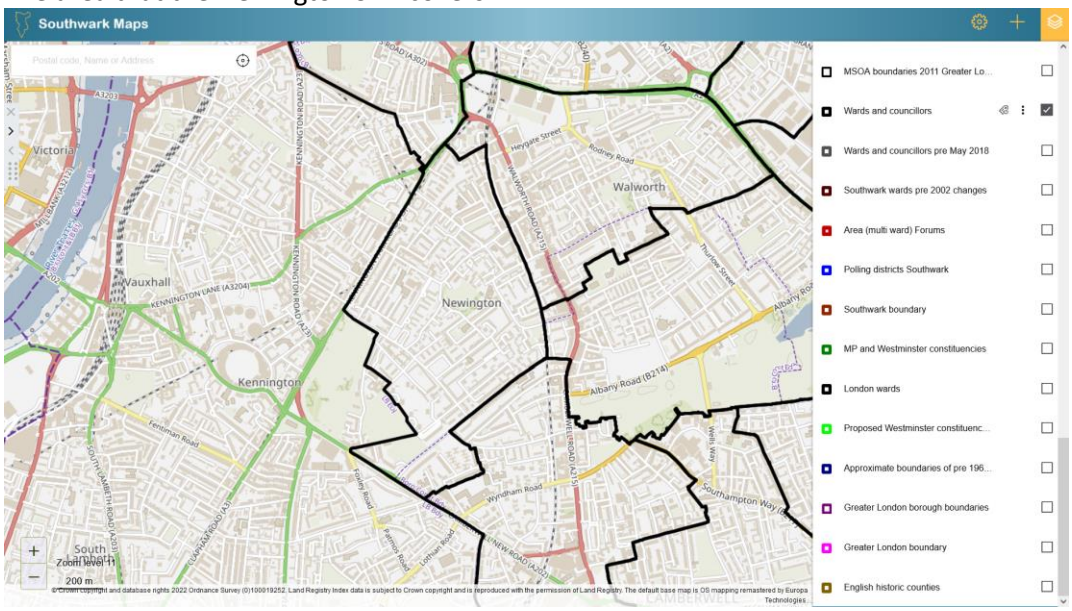
NB the value of signing up to MetEngage where you will receive updates about local police activity. The link is: https://www.metengage.co.uk/ and sign up is on the landing page.

4. Councillor Contacts. The email addresses for the Newington Ward Councillors are:

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5. Ward Map. (https://geomap.southwark.gov.uk/connect/analyst/mobile/#/main)

- The area that the Newington SNT covers



6. Safer Neighbourhoods Team Contact Details:

NB In an emergency (i.e. something is happening now) always dial 999. When non-urgent and the team cannot be contacted on the numbers below, please dial 101. On the MetPolice website (https://www.met.police.uk/) it says how to report Anti-Social Behaviour. ASB can also be reported via the Council website (southwark.gov.uk).

Reporting via Crimestoppers (https://crimestoppers-uk.org/)

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Date of next meeting - 7pm Wednesday 13th January 2027. Venue Newington Estate TRA Hall.