

JOSC CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE ON 7/12/08

Future meetings

Meetings will start at 10:30 and conclude at 4pm. With the option of a 30 minute extension

The Chair and Vice Chair of the JOSC propose to be available for ½ hour before each meeting to informally meet with JOSC colleagues to discuss our approach to questioning in advance of receiving our evidence

The Officer Support Group will circulate in advance of each meeting some suggested lines of questioning. These will not be exhaustive or replace your own thorough preparations but will, we hope, aid preparation.

Dates

A statement from the JPCT is appended. This offers clarity as to their expectations and, I hope, allays some Member comments made at earlier meetings about timescales and the role of the JOSC

At our December meeting we agreed that our meetings would be as follows;

1. 18th January
2. 22nd February
3. 14th March
4. 28th March
5. 25th April – Final meeting considering report.

Venues and speakers will be confirmed with the agenda packs for our meetings

JOSC Member Input

As a Member of the JOSC your input in to this process is invaluable and we welcome your full contribution and suggestions.

We presently envisage a process where the Officer Support Group will assist us in preparing the report. However requests may, in due course, be made for additional capacity should we determine this is required

Submissions

As Chair I wish to state for the record that all submissions proposed for consideration in the formal paperwork for this body need to be submitted to the Officer Support Group no later than 2 weeks in advance of any of the already declared meeting dates

As Chair I will with my colleagues (Vice Chairs) exercise the final decision about what papers will be included in an agenda dispatch

We invite written submissions from any affected Local Authority, local Overview and Scrutiny Committee or interested organisation and would ask that any such documents are submitted to the Officer Support Group by no later than 29th February 2008

Legal Advice

I have sought legal advice from my legal officers already in relation to the operation of the JOSC. You will also recall Hackney's legal rep was at our last meeting and are happy to continue contributing.

I would ask that the JOSC is mindful of such contributions. We welcome all offers of support but also I think we should agree that any offers for legal advice are channelled through the OSG

JPCT comment following Chair's enquiry re conclusion of the work of JOSC

'The following proposal will be put for consideration to the next meeting of the Joint Committee of PCTs on the 19 Dec:

The Joint Committee of PCTs' current timetable has consultation closing on 7 March, followed by drafting of the independent consultant's report and draft London Commissioning Group (LCG) recommendations during March/April.

We would like to invite the JOSC to finalise and supply its report to the programme office and independent consultants by 2 May 2008

In order to avoid Mayoral election purdah, we propose that the independent consultant's report is presented to public, PPIs, PCT Boards, the JOSC and other invitees as soon as possible after the Mayoral elections. To avoid the election count and the bank holiday the first potential date is the 6 May. We would like to invite the JOSC to present at this meeting.

The independent report, responses to the consultation and LCG recommendations would then be shared with the PCT Boards and JOSC. We would like the final report to go to the JCPCT on the 30 May, taking account of PCT Board views and JOSC views amongst others'.