

FAO: Community Safety Portfolio Holders, Opposition Spokespersons for Community Safety, Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members

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Dear Colleague,

Getting Closer to our Member Councils - your chance to set the Local Government Association's policing and community safety lobbying priorities

A key role for the Local Government Association (LGA), of which your Council is a member, is raising issues and problems local authorities face in making their communities safer with central government. Following the general election, and when a new government is created, we will undoubtedly see changes in policing and community safety policy, which will affect how we go about reducing crime and anti-social behaviour on our streets, and in our neighbourhoods and communities. There will also continue to be long standing legislation, policies and procedures that hamper our community safety work and which we would like to see addressed.

We are sure that you will have views on new and emerging policing and community safety initiatives from the government, as well as on changes that need to be made to existing legislation and policies.

We would like to hear those views and therefore invite you to attend the next meeting of the Safer Communities Board, which is taking place in Exeter on **Monday 12 July 2010**. The meeting will run from 1.15pm to 3.15pm, with lunch served prior to the meeting at 12.30pm, and will take place at the Corn Exchange, George Street, Exeter, EX1 1BU.

The meeting will include an overview of the new government's policing and community safety programme, and then an opportunity for you to discuss with the Board what this means for your communities, and to let us know of issues you would like us to take up with the Home Secretary and Home Office ministers.

In order for us to make arrangements for the day please confirm you will be attending the meeting by emailing us at: paul.johnston@lga.gov.uk by **Tuesday 1 June**. We should be grateful if you could please include in your reply details of any dietary or access requirements that you may have.

I look forward to meeting you on the 12th July.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Les Lawrence, Chair, LGA's Safer Communities Board