

This conference is a second chance for authorities to attend the previous, over-subscribed conference, originally held in January 2005.

SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT: A WHOLE-AGENCY APPROACH TO CRIME AND DISORDER

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on local authorities to consider the crime and disorder implications of all their policies and practices. The Police Reform Act 2002 extended this duty to police and fire authorities and PCTs.

These public services need to consider the implications of Section 17 on the decision-making process and to develop whole-agency frameworks to ensure routine consideration in all decisions. Many local authorities are currently developing this framework and preparing for the 2005/2006 CPA where corporate delivery of safer communities will be evaluated for the first time.

This conference provides an in-depth examination of Section 17 and its place in the Safer Communities agenda. It provides the government framework for Section 17 and focuses on good practice. The conference will also examine the legal implications of Section 17 and the role of legal services in preparing Section 17 reviews.

Date: Wednesday 11th May 2005

Venue: Local Government House
Conference Centre
Smith Square
London SW1

Who should attend: Leading Local Authority Members with responsibility for Crime and Disorder
Police Authority Members and Policy Officers
Fire Authority Members and Policy Officers
Chief Executive Officers & Departmental Heads
Safer Community Policy Officers
Community Safety Officers
Chair and members of the CDRP
Head of Legal Services in authorities with duties under Section 17

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PROGRAMME

- 10:00 **Chair's Opening Remarks**
- 10.05 **The Impact of Section 17**
Peter Nash, Community Safety Policy Officer, Local Government Association
This address will provide an overview of the impact of Section 17 and the key challenges to compliance. The address will provide a view of the role of local authorities and other agencies and will look at how Section 17 fits with local and central government Shared Priorities, CPA and impact on Crime and Drugs agendas.
- 10.40 **Section 17 and the Crime and Disorder Agenda**
Professor Ken Pease, Visiting Professor UCL and Loughborough,
Former Professor of Criminology, Manchester University
Professor Ken Pease will provide an academic perspective on Section 17. The address will examine the impact of Section 17 on the Crime and Disorder agenda, the use of criminology to compliance and provide a critical analysis of national Safer Communities policy.
- 11.10 **Questions**
- 11.20 **Refreshment Break**
- 11.35 **Seminar 1**
- 12.25 **A Corporate Approach**
Dilbagh Dhami, Managing Director & Lead Consultant, Positive Action Network Ltd.
Ex-Birmingham City Council
This case study will provide an in-depth look at a corporate response to Section 17. This includes the key considerations, structure, ownership and implementation issues in respect of the introduction of a corporate S.17 plan.
- 1.00 **Questions**
- 1.10 **Lunch**
- 2.00 **The Home Office View of Section 17**
David Truscott, Head of Partnership Performance and Support Unit, The Home Office
This address will provide central government's view on the role of S.17 within Crime and Disorder policy and the expectations of bodies charged with compliance. The results of the recent review of S.17 will be discussed.
- 2.25 **Questions**
- 2.35 **Seminar 2**
- 3.25 **Feedback from Seminars and Panel Discussion**
- 3:45 **Conference Close**

SEMINARS

Delegates may attend two seminars.

Each seminar will commence with a presentation of the subject and then provide a forum for delegate participation through discussion of the issues raised and sharing of experience.

A The Legal Implications of Section 17

Peter Tilson, Principal Solicitor and Ian Bilham, Section 17 Officer,
Northumberland County Council

A local authority interpretation of the legal implications of Section 17 and an examination of the role of legal services in supporting Crime and Disorder partnerships and the corporate response to Section 17.

B Anti-Social Behaviour – the lessons of a whole-authority approach

Andy Mills, Head of Service (Community Safety) Leeds City Council

This seminar will provide a view of Section 17 encapsulated by whole-authority approaches to Anti-Social Behaviour. The seminar will provide a framework of Anti-Social Behaviour work on which to model the implementation of Section 17.

C Application of Section 17 to Environmental Crime

Glynis Rogers, Community Safety Manager, and Graham Ward, Head of Review and Improvement, London Borough of Bexley

London Borough of Bexley was rated as an "excellent authority" under CPA. This seminar focuses on its Section 17 work in relation to environmental crime including work on public consultation and Community Safety Action Zones.

D The Police Authority view of Section 17

Michael Powis, Clerk to Kent Police Authority

This seminar will focus on the implementation of Section 17 within police authorities and provide a view on how becoming a Responsible Body under the Act can, and should, be fulfilled. The seminar will also examine how Section 17 fits in with the current legislative framework of police authorities and how this links with local planning and CDRPs.

E The Introduction of Section 17 to Fire Services

Speaker to be confirmed

This seminar will look at the introduction of Section 17 to fire services. It will look at how this affects Crime and Disorder joint working with other partners and the merging of agencies objectives for Crime and Disorder work.

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Conference Objectives

- To provide an overview of the Government's objectives for Section 17 within designated Responsible Bodies
- To look at the role of Section 17 in the wider Safer Communities agenda
- To examine a whole-authority approach to Section 17 in preparation for local authority 2005/2006 CPA
- To provide good practice case studies of Section 17 corporate policy and departmental Section 17 reviews within agencies
- To examine the implications of Section 17 from an academic and legal perspective

Speakers include:

- David Truscott, Head of the Partnership Performance and Support Unit, the Home Office
- Peter Nash, Community Safety Policy Officer, Local Government Association
- Professor Ken Pease, Visiting Professor UCL and Loughborough, former Professor of Criminology, Manchester University
- Dilbagh Dhami, Managing Director & Lead Consultant, Positive Action Network Ltd. Ex-Birmingham City Council

Seminar leaders include:

- Michel Powis, Clerk to Kent Police Authority
- Peter Tilson, Principal Solicitor and Ian Bilham, Section 17 Officer, Northumberland County Council
- Glynis Rogers, Community Safety Manager and Graham Ward, Head of Review and Improvement, London Borough of Bexley
- Andy Mills, Head of Service (Community Safety), Leeds City Council

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