

Queen's Park Ward Panel Meeting, Thursday 12th February 2026

Venue: Ground floor, Happy Hub, 17-23 Third Avenue, W10 4RS

Start: 6:00 pm

Agenda

Note: Queen's Park Community Councillors (QPCC) attend as residents rather than as Councillors. This enables them to express their opinions as individuals.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Any Apologies for Absence
3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes?
4. Introduction by our new Chief Inspector for Safer Neighbourhoods on Westminster Borough - Chief Inspector James Weston
5. Update from Metropolitan Police Service – PC Ashley Dennis
 Ward Priorities: Youth Violence, Squat related ASB and Burglary.
6. Community Crime Reduction Street Walks – PC Ashley Dennis
 Community Group Walks – Open to all
 Community Group Walks – Female-Only Led Walks
7. Update from Team Leader – Neighbourhoods – Pete Glover
8. Queen's Park Avenues Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Lydia Abou-Jaib
9. Safer Neighbourhoods Board – Terms of Reference
 Adoption of Terms of Reference
10. Additional Topics for Discussion
11. Ward Crime Statistics – Ray Lancashire (If time permits)
12. Future Meetings – Where and When?
13. Any Other Business.

NB. The order of main headings may change depending on the Police schedule.

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Meeting Minutes

Date: 12th February 2026
Time: 18:00 – 20:00 hrs
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Welcome and Introductions

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with introductions from attendees.

The Chair John McArdle formally welcomed everyone and thanked residents for their continued engagement with ward matters.

Matters Arising

No matters were mentioned

Chief Inspector for Safer Neighbourhoods on Westminster Borough - Chief Inspector James Weston was abstracted away so was unable to attend the meeting.

Ward Priorities Change: Youth Violence to just Youth. (Still to be changed)

The panel discussed the need for a more holistic approach to youth issues within the ward, focusing not only on violence but also on wider challenges such as engagement, education, and support. This shift aims to address the root causes and provide positive opportunities for young people, fostering community cohesion and long-term wellbeing.

Social Media

Moving away from X (formally Twitter) Door to door signups to Met Engage. Tough Sell on Met Engage.

SW asks are the Met not doing well or trying to do better?

In response to SW's question, it was acknowledged that while the Metropolitan Police have faced challenges in digital outreach and community signups, there are ongoing efforts to improve engagement and accessibility for residents. As discussions moved forward, the panel agreed to review these concerns and explore further ways to make Met Engage more accessible and appealing to the community.

Social Media Engagement

The team is transitioning away from using X (formerly known as Twitter), the social media platform, as its primary means of communication with residents. Instead, efforts are being made to encourage Met Engage—a dedicated online platform developed by the Metropolitan Police Service (Met) for direct communication, updates, and community engagement. Met Engage allows residents to receive local policing information, report concerns, and participate in community discussions. However, encouraging residents to sign up has proven challenging. Door-to-door campaigns have resulted in only a small number of new registrations, with many residents expressing concerns about data privacy, lack of

familiarity with online platforms, or simply preferring traditional forms of communication such as leaflets or face-to-face interactions.

(AD) continues to enjoy his role in QP and remains highly motivated in his work within the ward. The team is currently fully staffed, providing good resilience and operational capacity. Officers are performing well, maintaining strong engagement and delivering a high standard of service across the ward. There are currently no vacancies, ensuring the team is operating at full strength and able to effectively meet local policing priorities.

(AP) What is meant by Queen's Park Police anymore.... Stations are closed.. Church Street is not open.

This prompted further discussion regarding the visibility and accessibility of local police services, with several attendees expressing concern that the closure of nearby stations has made it more difficult for residents to engage directly with officers or seek support in person. Recent efforts to improve community engagement, such as the adoption of Met Engage and the presence of fully staffed teams in the area, were acknowledged, but it was agreed that more needs to be done to reassure the public and maintain a clear local policing presence. The panel noted the importance of regular communication, visible patrols, and continued collaboration with the community to address these challenges and strengthen trust in local policing.

More reporting is need by police to assign resources to problems. More resources are needed. To ensure that residents' concerns are addressed promptly and effectively, the panel highlighted the importance of maintaining open lines of communication and encouraging community members to use established channels, such as 999 for emergencies and 101 for non-urgent matters. By actively participating in reporting and sharing local issues, residents can help prioritise policing efforts and contribute to a safer neighbourhood, reinforcing the collaborative approach between the community and local officers.

Illegal gambling at property in Harrow Road

Illegal gambling at property in Harrow Road has been raised as a concern, with residents noting increased footfall and suspicious activity during late hours. The issue highlights the importance of maintaining open lines of communication between the community and local officers, as prompt reporting can assist police in allocating resources effectively and addressing anti-social behaviour. The panel reiterated that ongoing cooperation and vigilance are crucial in tackling such problems and encouraged residents to continue using available channels to report incidents, ensuring that the neighbourhood remains safe and welcoming for all.

Resident Crime reduction street walks

Crime reduction street walks, two types of groups male/female and female only led walks. Looking for areas to include where things can be improved. Better lighting/Tree canopy cut down, and targeted street walks are practical measures to enhance neighbourhood security. By identifying specific locations in need of attention and collaborating with residents, the panel aims to foster a safer and more welcoming environment, encouraging active participation from all community members.

It was mentioned again about making reports to police so that resources can be assigned. 999 in an emergency or 101 in non - urgent situations.

Following the discussion on community safety and engagement, the panel moved forward to address ongoing concerns and future actions. Members emphasised the importance of clear communication between residents and police, particularly in relation to local incidents and the allocation of resources. The need for reporting issues, whether emergency or non-emergency, was reiterated to ensure that problems are properly prioritised. Initiatives such as targeted street walks and improvements in lighting were highlighted as practical steps towards enhancing neighbourhood security and fostering a collaborative environment. The meeting continued with a focus on identifying further areas for improvement and encouraging active participation from all attendees, reinforcing the panel's commitment to making Queen's Park a safer and more cohesive community.

Queen's Park Avenues Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

(LA) spoke about setting up the scheme in QP and that there are seven Neighbourhood Watch notices on a select approved number of roads. Recognising the potential of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to foster a greater sense of community and enhance local security across Queen's Park Ward. Also discussed, how the scheme could support ongoing efforts to address safety concerns, encouraging residents to remain vigilant and actively participate in maintaining a safe environment. It was suggested that the presence of visible signage on selected roads serves as a practical reminder for residents to report incidents and engage with one another, reinforcing the collaborative spirit that underpins the neighbourhood's approach to crime reduction and community wellbeing. There is a map of all locations available.

Close

The Chair thanked attendees for their contributions and constructive discussion. The meeting closed at 7:50 pm.