

## **POLICE LIAISON “GATEWAY” TEAM**

### **Aim**

To develop, improve and maintain working relationships between the MPS and protest groups in order to facilitate peaceful protest. Provide accurate and detailed information, to Command teams, in order to assist in planning a proportionate Policing Operation per the National Decision Making Model.

### **Roles**

#### **Single point of contact for protest organisers.**

The Gateway team will be the primary contact for protest organisers to speak with the MPS. The team will use Social media, other media outlets and word of mouth to publicise their contact details to protestors, campaign groups, trades unions, community groups and any other interested parties who may wish to protest within the MPS.

#### **Liaise with organisers throughout the planning process, on day of event and afterwards.**

When information of a protest is received, the Gateway team will conduct the initial, and all further contact, with organisers. If necessary the Gateway team will liaise with the organiser on the day or, if appropriate, provide a detailed briefing for the PLT Supervisor assigned to the event. The communication will continue post event, not only to debrief the process, but to maintain positive relationships outside of protest planning.

#### **Liaise with SC&O22 Planners**

The Gateway team will provide regular updates to the Planning Team re organiser meetings. Proposals re routes, times and all other details proposed by the organiser will be discussed with the planners. The team will also action any tasks from the Command Team.

#### **Attend Command team meetings.**

The Gateway team will not agree to any proposals prior to attending the Command team meeting for the event. A comprehensive briefing on the organiser, their wishes, potential points for negotiation and all other details of the proposed event will be provided to the Command Team.

### **Contact hard to reach protest groups.**

Historically, some protest groups have been reluctant to engage with Police. The Gateway team will endeavour to establish lines of communication with these groups and gain their trust

### **Update Crimint and maintain logs.**

The team will keep a written log of all meetings with organisers. When appropriate Crimint will be updated in a timely manner.

### **Liaise with other MPS departments.**

The team will have regular contact with other MPS resources with responsibilities connected to Public Order Policing, such as CTSET, NDEU, FIT and EG Teams, Local Boroughs etc.

### **Liaise with outside agencies and partners.**

Regular liaison with external partners such as Westminster City Council, TFL, etc will be maintained.

### **Training**

The Gateway team will assist in the training of new Police Liaison Team Officers and ongoing developmental training. When appropriate, the team will assist with CADRE and Public Order training.

### **Resource Police Liaison Teams**

The team will maintain a list of qualified PLT trained Officers and resource events as necessary. This will formalise the current ad hoc system of resourcing.

### **Standard Operating Procedure**

A SOP for PLT deployments will be developed in conjunction with SC&O 22 Senior leadership Team.