## **Effective Champions and a voice for the Local Community**

The Waltham Forest Police and Community Consultative Group (PCCG) is the grass roots voice for a safer community and its meetings are open to the public. Its membership is made up of a cross section of men and women from all ethnic backgrounds.

## The question can be asked 'why are there Police and Community Consultative Groups?'

Their roots go back to the investigations of the 1981 Brixton riots by Lord Scarman who, in his report suggested that PCCGs should be set up in order to make the police more accountable. In 1984 the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, following the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE), issued a directive that consultative arrangements must be set up in each London borough. Waltham Forest had set up its PCCG in 1980 in anticipation of the legislation.

The Waltham Forest PCCG is made up of the local Councillors, representatives from the local community and business groups who apply for membership as well as the Police Borough Commander who attends with his senior officers. Waltham Forest PCCG therefore has direct access to police and council officers. The PCCG is independent of the police, political parties and the council. We are impartial!

We are community based and our leading members are from a wide range of community backgrounds. With this in mind we would like a resident from each of the six Community Councils within Waltham Forest to come along to the PCCG meetings to represent the Community Councils views and concerns.

Our main function is to help make Waltham Forest safer by providing a unique forum for direct communication between all groups in the community.

By using the experience of the other PCCGs it is the ideal problem-solving forum. More importantly, it gets results!

The Group meetings take place 5-7 times per year, meetings are approximately 2-3 hours long and are held at Walthamstow Town Hall, Forest Road, London, E17 4JF commencing at 7.30pm.

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