

**SOUTHWARK YOUTH VIOLENCE PANEL**

**Membership and Terms of Reference**

**Summary**

The panel shall be known as the “Southwark Youth Violence Panel”. It is a time limited, task focussed group, established to lead and co-ordinate evidence gathering from local stakeholders and responsible public sector organisations, to build a picture of the current status of youth violence and knife crime in Southwark and use this evidence to inform the council’s response to tackling youth violence and knife crime. The panel is not a formal committee or a decision making body. The panel will report its findings and make recommendations to the relevant cabinet member / cabinet to inform the council’s policy and work around knife crime.

**Membership**

1. The group shall be a cross party panel. The cabinet member for community safety and public health will chair the panel. In addition there will be four nominations from the majority group and two nominations from the opposition group. The panel may co-opt up to two young people in addition to the permanent members.
2. The panel may, as it sees fit, invite other members, representatives from partner organisations, public and private and third sector bodies to part take in the work of the group where necessary and relevant.

**Terms of Reference**

3. To lead and co-ordinate evidence gathering from local stakeholders and responsible public sector organisations.
4. To build a picture of the current status of youth violence and knife crime in Southwark.
5. To use this evidence to inform the council’s response to tackling youth violence and knife crime.
6. The panel will identify and agree specific issues to consider in their first meeting.
7. The panel will agree a final report back to the cabinet / cabinet member for community safety and public health including any recommendations by the end of the 2018/19 municipal year.
8. Following the final report back , the panel shall come to an end.

### **Meetings of the Panel**

9. Meetings shall take place on such dates as agreed by the chair.
10. The ordinary place of meetings of the panel shall be Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH unless otherwise specified.
11. In the absence of the chair, the meeting will elect a person to chair the meeting.
12. Any member of the council who is not a member of the youth crime panel may attend the meetings of the panel, but he/she shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of any business, save by leave of the chair.
13. Meetings of the panel will be held in public.
14. Relevant officers will provide all the necessary support to enable the work of the panel.