

**Summary of substantive policy discussions**  
**at Liberty Council meeting**  
**October 2006**

The main discussion was on the shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes, the subsequent inquest, and the accountability of the police. Council agreed that the amount of time taken to get to the bottom of what happened was unacceptable. It was agreed that accountability under the criminal law is not always the most effective or important accountability mechanism. Nevertheless, the relative public interest in, on the one hand, a prosecution; and, on the other, disclosure of information and an inquest, would vary depending on the facts of each case.