

# Engaging Communities in fighting crime



## Neighbourhood Crime and Justice group

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## Crime still tops public concerns and this matters because:

- Progress in tackling crime – but people don't believe this to be the case
- Signal crimes but no signal justice
- This lack of confidence can affect the capacity of communities to maintain safety and order (less willing to report crime, give evidence or challenge wrong doing)
- Affects quality of life: 37% of the public say fear of crime has a high or moderate impact on their quality of life

# The Crime and Communities Review

Commissioned by PM, reporting to 6 cabinet ministers, Led by Louise Casey

## Purpose of the review:

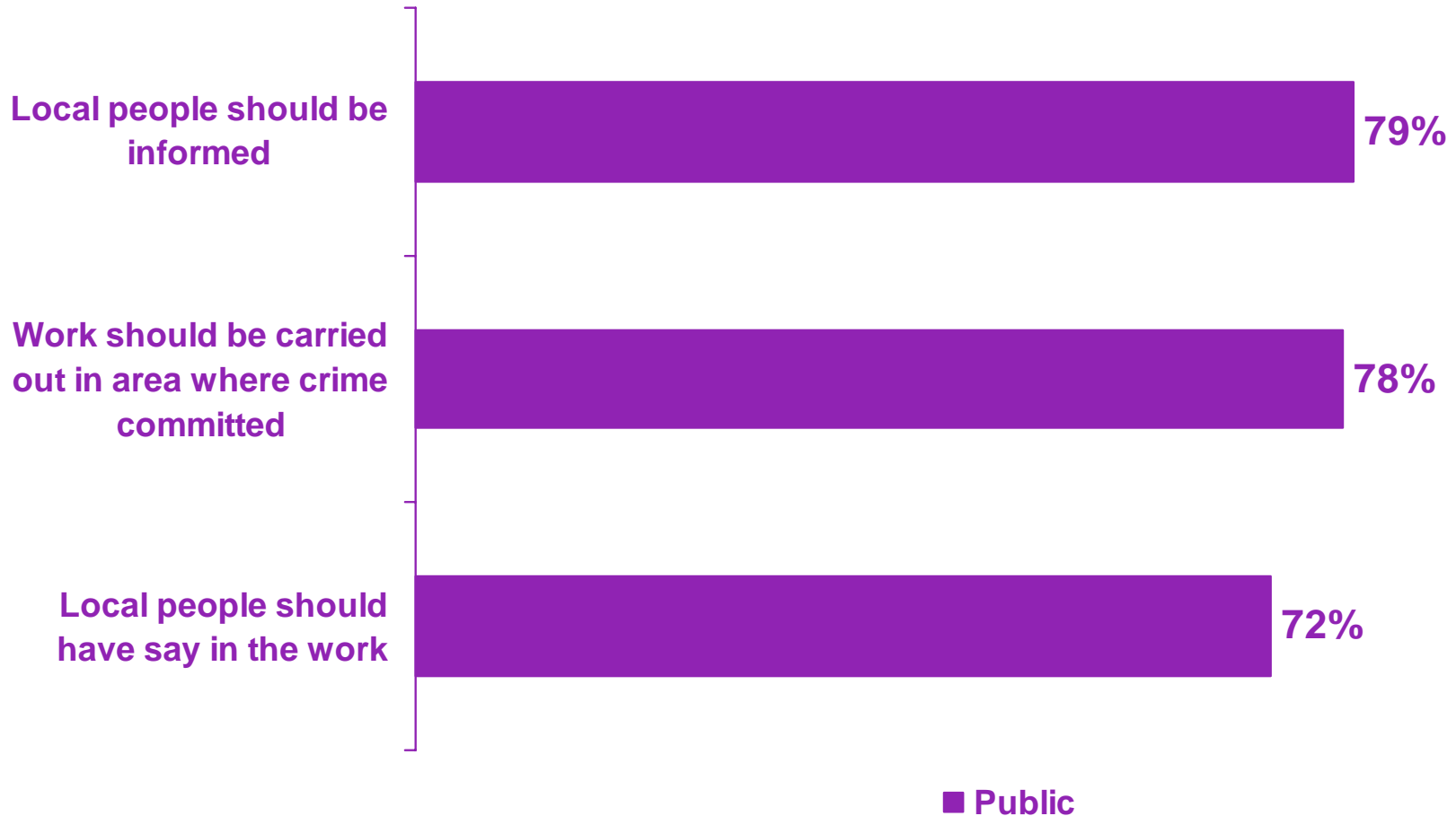
To understand how local communities and agencies can work together to:

- Reduce crime in their areas
- Raise community confidence in local agencies and criminal justice

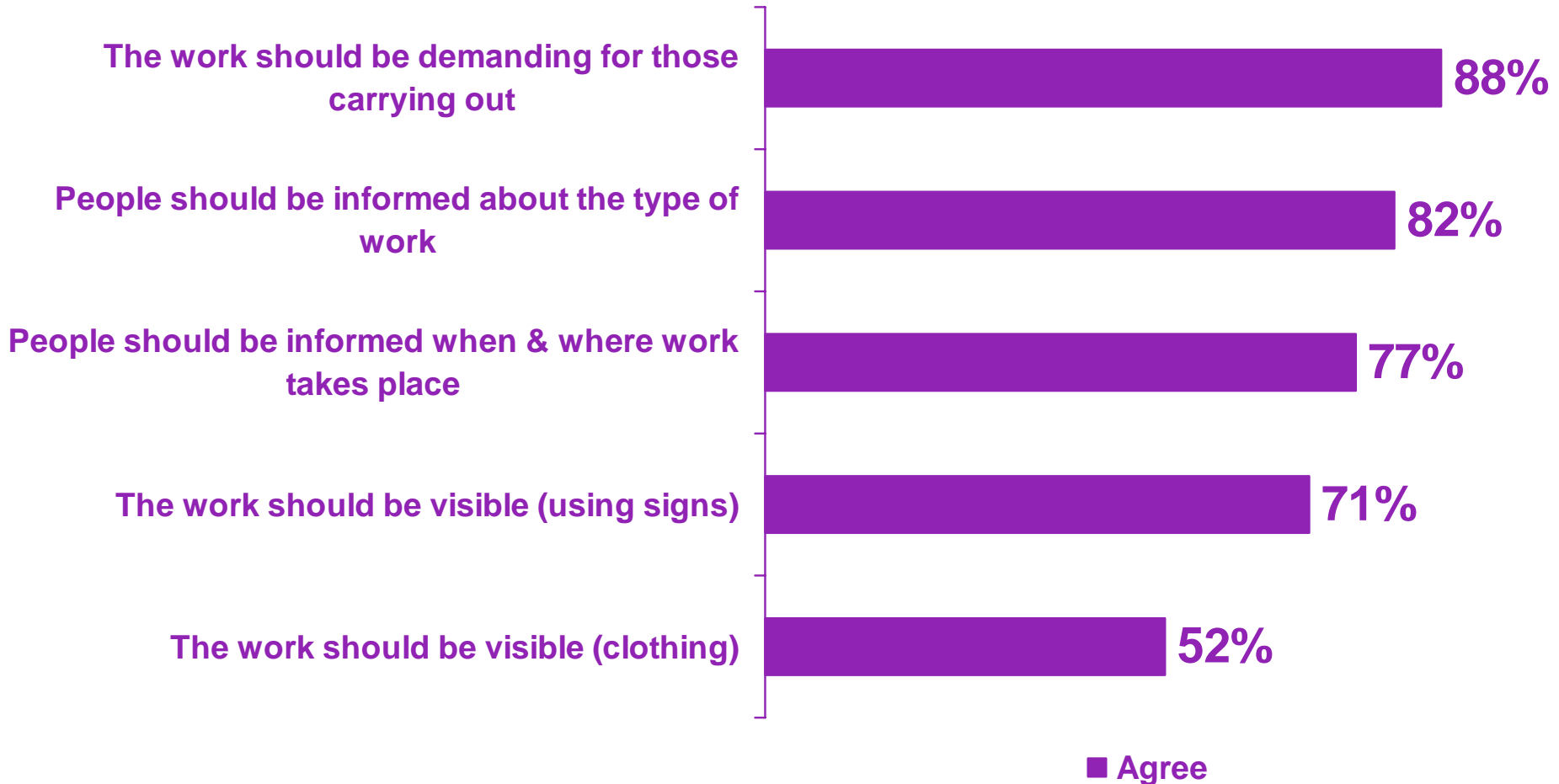
# Key Findings from the Review

- 55% people say crime is the most important issue facing Britain today
- 79% agree CJS respects rights of offenders but only 33% of public think CJS meets needs of victims
- 91% of public think the delivery and standards of policing should be the same where ever you live
- Nine in ten of those responding to the review thought they were not told enough about what happens to offenders
- 90% of public agree that all punishments for crime should involve payback to the community
- The majority of people are prepared to play an active role in tackling crime

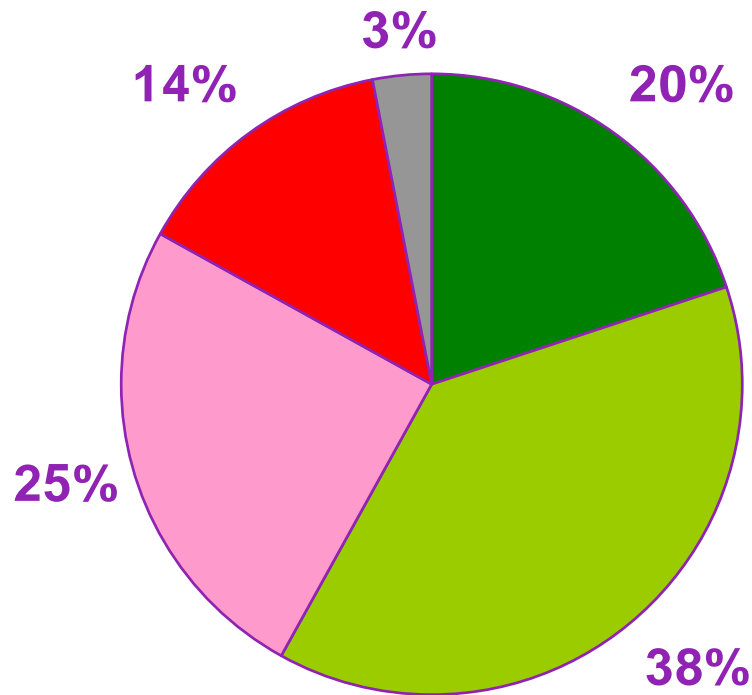
## If some people who commit crime are given community sentences (e.g. cleaning up graffiti), do you agree or disagree...



# To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following about community payback work?

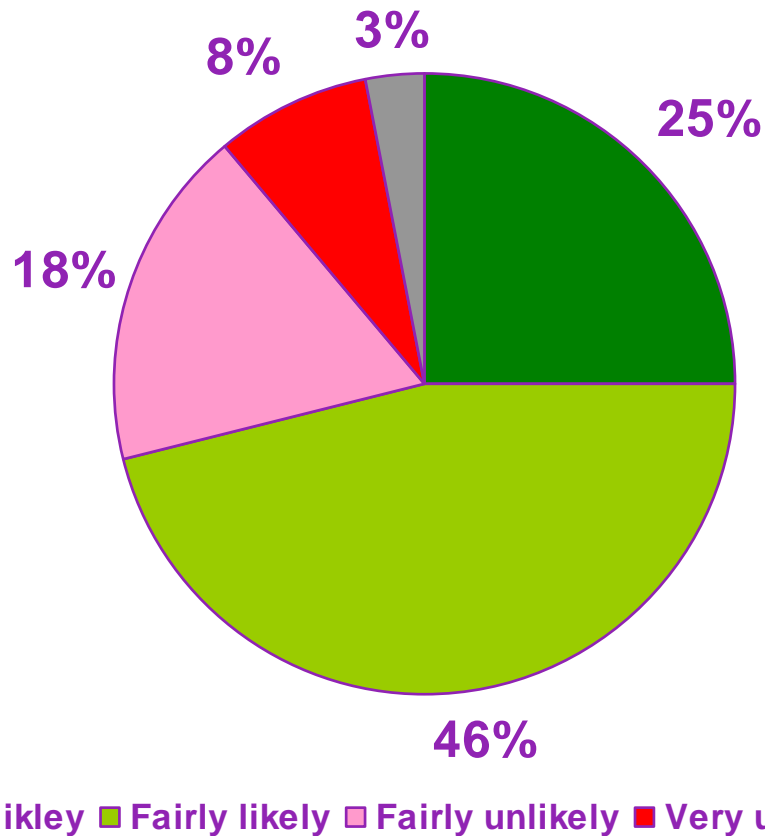


How interested would you be in having a say in what type of work should be done in your local area?



■ Very interested ■ Fairly interested ■ Not very interested ■ Not at all interested ■ Don't know

If there was a local meeting to decide what the work should be, how likely would you be to attend such as meeting



Base: those interested in having a say in what work should be done (1,025)



## 32 Review Proposals including:

- Visible community payback
- Support for victims and witnesses
- Police commitment for every neighbourhood
- Integrating local neighbourhood and policing
- Focus on prevention - e.g. Friday/ Saturday night activity
- Feedback to the public on court decisions
- Support for active citizens and community crime fighters

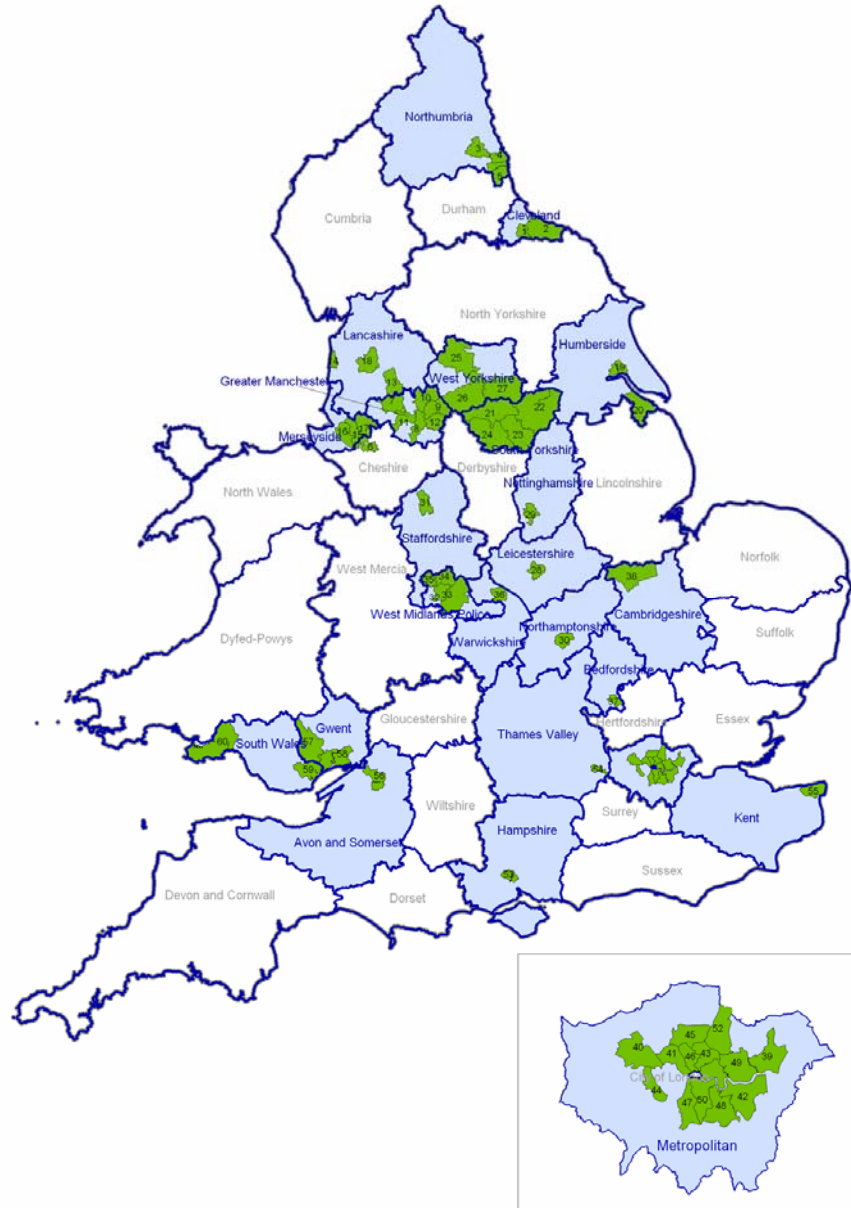
# Priorities for action/ improvement

- Integrating/ aligning broader “neighbourhood management “ response with Neighbourhood policing teams, particularly around public engagement
- Visible justice and consequences (community payback, communications and sentencing decisions)
- Public take up of policing pledge
- Community Crime Fighters
- Role of local government and partners- e.g. increasing provision on Friday/ Sat night

# Implementation

- Identifying target “pioneer areas” to move “faster, further” and take proposals forward
- Establishing strategic post of Neighbourhood Crime and Justice co ordinator in each pioneer area with remit to better integrate services
- Nominating LA officers as designated liaison points to resolve neighbourhood problems and feed back to the public
- Ensuring LA presence at every neighbourhood policing public meeting
- Working with probation and the courts to promote visibility and public awareness of community payback

# Distribution across the country



# Next steps

- 60 Pioneer areas were launched 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Programme of visible action to implement proposals starting November 2008
- Delivery to compliment other government priorities and mainstream work commitments and improve public confidence
- Recruitment to Community Crime Fighters programme

# Any Questions?

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