

DATE Wednesday 2nd December 2020
TIME: 10:00-12:00
LOCATION: Online via Zoom

Attendees	Init	Position and Area
MK		IAG Chair
SS		IAG Vice Chair
SF		IAG Member
RM		IAG Member
PD		IAG Member
CP		IAG Member
AH		IAG Member
HA		IAG Member
HW		IAG Member
GE		IAG Member
CP		IAG Member
HG		IAG Member
KR		IAG Member
JO		Invited Guest
IK		Invited Guest
AC		IAG Member
CO		IAG Member
MW		IAG Member
Michael Loebenberg		Area Commander, Aylesbury Vale LPA, TVP
Simon Lincoln		Deputy Commander, Aylesbury Vale LPA, TVP
Apologies	Init	Position and Area
James Davies		Neighbourhood Inspector, Aylesbury Vale LPA, TVP
JH		IAG Member
CO		IAG Member

1. Welcome and Introductions:

MK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Action notes and matters arising:

Minutes from Sept meeting were accepted as correct.

3. Buckinghamshire Council Updates – CO:

Community Safety is one of the first council departments to be restructured after unitary. The council is now in the selection process for the role of Head of Community Safety Services.

The council and relevant partners have received a referral for a Domestic Homicide Review. This is another reminder to the meeting of the risks posed by domestic violence, even more during the pandemic. He encouraged everyone to report any concerns they may be aware of.

The council has got two levels of grants from central government to support local businesses during the pandemic. Community hubs are making contacts with vulnerable people to ensure they are supported. We are also supporting the roll out of mass vaccination from this morning via Local Resilience Forum across Thames Valley.

4. LPA Commanders Updates (Superintendent Michael Loebenberg and Chief Inspector Simon Lincoln):

***Please see presentation for more information. Please note that some information has been redacted.**

Supt Loebenberg: Overview of LPA performance for the past 12 months – there were 1422 crimes solved which is about a 25% increase compared to previous year. A breakdown of crime categories and their numbers were discussed.

Simon Lincoln: NHP updates: joined a national campaign against knife crime in local hotspots and several stop and search operations that led to arrests and weapons seized. NHP continued with patrols during lockdown checking on premises vulnerable to burglary during darkness as we get into the winter.

Simon Lincoln: There have been a great collaborative approach between TVP and partners in addressing Covid restrictions, trying to be more proactive in reducing the chances for the virus to spread. There has been 335 reports of suspected breaches of Covid restrictions since 20th October in Aylesbury but the number of reports is going down. In general reports have been about people not complying with regulation in their homes or in some of the licensed premises. With the regulations changing from time to time, TVP will make necessary adjustments to ensure the guidelines are implemented. Arrangements are being made to enhance enforcement during the Christmas period.

Stop and Search

Data on volume, positive outcomes and proportionality discussed as per the presentation given.

Supt Loebenberg: Officers are being supported to conduct stop and searches in the right way because it is a necessary tool for the police. The outcome rate should determine if the tactic is being used properly, on an intelligence led basis. The outcomes that we see justify this approach because a good proportion of the searches result into positive outcome.

The IAG was asked to consider different views and determine the best way to achieve their stop and search 'scrutiny function' for Aylesbury Vale LPA. This is a topic that will always be on the IAG agenda and at this stage the possibilities include having a specific meeting or having a dedicated group of IAG representatives. The meeting exchanged views and members are willing to support the police in scrutinizing stop and search further.

ACTION: Supt Loebenberg to put forward a proposal to determine what happens next.

5. TVP Professional Standards Presentation (Tony Lees, Thames Valley Police)

Change in legislation on the definition of complaints against police February 2020 has led to an increase in the number of expressions of dissatisfaction against police.

TVP is reaching out to communities to let them know of the changes and raise awareness of various platforms that are available for communities to complain and improve police services.

Tony will provide further information via a document that will be shared wider in communities which is included in the circulation with IAG minutes.

6. Members Feedback / Issues to raise:

GE and IK: explained the initial stages of the TVP Positive Engagement project in the Aylesbury regarding to enhance relationship between police and BAME communities, and explained the link to recruitment.

An event is being considered to engage BAME communities on various issues around cultural activities but there will be stalls for police information such as crime. The event is likely to take place after Covid, allowing gathering of people.

A youth committee has been established and a good number of volunteers are in place to deliver the event.

SF: Bucks Heroes project is underway and are keen to have a proportionate representation of heroes in the gallery displaying their contribution to Buckinghamshire. Nominations are invited to ensure local heroes are celebrated.

HJ: on behalf of AC: BuDS will support engagement event to ensure it is accessible.

The foodbank has issued 30000 meals since April 2020, at least a 1/3 more compared to last year, more is still needed.

MW: six action groups are now in place and residents are encouraged to take part to help address local issues. The board is also looking at Community Street Wardens in the town centre to help address some of the problems in the area and this should be a funded scheme in expansion to the Wycombe scheme – a benefit of a Unitary council approach.

SS: Very useful if the IAG can support police on stop and search, 'please tell us what you need'. Furthermore, community policing alignment with Community Boards has worked extremely well, communities feel closer to officers.

Watermead Volunteer Army has served 16800 meals since March 2020 from local donations to help with Covid community resilience, now there is a range of services and advice including solicitors and ex CAB agents on debts, finance and housing issues.

CP: Service level agreement with Sexual Abuse Support Service to support male victims of domestic abuse. From January 2021 will be able to offer counselling to victims whose first language may not be English, particularly to those speaking Urdu and Punjabi.

There will also be a unit to work with clients who cannot go into a refuge

RM: Diwali festival of light was virtual this year, not in the town centre.

The Trust has worked with Buckinghamshire Council and other partners to share Covid messages especially within BAME communities who are higher risk, looking after the elderly and other vulnerable members of the community and are willing to be involved in projects that were discussed in the meeting today.

MK– Town Chaplaincy: hoping to release our chaplaincy back into the town once the pubs and night time economy start to operate again

AC – feedback on the IAG survey: Shared the main items in the survey results. More details will be available if needed but action on training IAG members will be explored soon.

7. AOB

None raised.

8. Next Meeting Dates:

9th March 10:00-12:00

9 th June	10:00-12:00
9 th September	10:00-12:00
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