

**DATE** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
**TIME:** 10:00-11:30  
**LOCATION:** Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Position and Area</b>
SS	IAG Vice Chair
NH	IAG Member
A	IAG Member
GE	IAG Member
AC	IAG Member
RM	Area Commander, Aylesbury Vale LPA, TVP
HH	Admin Support, Aylesbury Vale LPA, TVP (Minutes)

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions:**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **2. Action notes and matters arising:**

None raised.

#### **3. LPA Commanders Updates:**

- An update was given regarding three murder trials; one outcome, one scheduled and one awaiting a date. The community impact and different outcomes are all being considered and plans exist around them for safety and reassurance.
- An update was given regarding two serious violence incidents that took place in two of Aylesbury's parks. Following these incidents, Police and council have arranged a joint site evaluation visit for Edinburgh Playing Fields and Alfred Rose Park. Top priorities are to improve lighting, CCTV, access, and security to these sites. We hope this will be in place within the next six months albeit the council have indicated there may be issues with funding.

#### **4. Stop and Search (SS) Discussion:**

NH The Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel was discussed. It met recently to review body worn video footage of SSs. The panel consists of Police and members of the public. The panel felt it was a very useful exercise as they were able to provide different viewpoints. In general, the panel felt that it was not 'why' the search was completed but 'how' it was completed that made the difference. If the officers are polite (language used and tone) and follow protocol (provide

reason for the stop, rights, paperwork. Disproportionality has been an issue in previous years but this is much better now.

A second meeting is being planned for the New Year.

[RM] Training has changed and improved over time and officers are now required to use their body worn video cameras to record the search. Stop and Search is intelligence led and cannot be random so there will never be parity/proportionality, for example, it is highly unlikely that any elderly people will ever be stop searched as we have never had elderly suspects of burglaries, violent crime, theft etc. Officers are not permitted to Stop and Search someone based on smell of cannabis alone. Handcuffs can be used if the person becomes non-compliant and/or violent to protect all concerned.

Discussion over use of cautions for cannabis as the likelihood of CPS charging a person for cannabis possession is low. Cautions can be applied multiple times, there is no limit.

**ACTION: RM to request an education piece on Stop and Search be created for circulation through TV Alerts. IAG Members present have agreed to share the article with their communities, schools, parents and contacts.**

## **5. IAG Terms of Reference (ToR) Review**

At the next meeting, members will vote on what should be included and what should be removed from the ToR, with the Superintendent's agreement. The draft will be shared with everyone for review before the next meeting.

The Chair proposed that a different representative should attend the SIAG each time – someone with specific subject matter knowledge, rather than a single representative. All in attendance agreed this.

## **6. Members Feedback / Issues to raise:**

The Hindu Temple plan to hold the Festival of Colours next Spring, following a two-year hiatus.

Aylesbury Pride is planned for August 2022 (one of the bank holidays, to be confirmed by organisers).

Street Angels are recruiting – previously had 20+ regular volunteers but numbers currently stand at around 12. Street Angels would like to cover Friday and Saturday night in the Town Centre but are struggling to do so with current numbers.

[NH] Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire Council have previously run an initiative in conjunction with B&Q - members of the public sign up to receive a voucher to buy a reduced price safe from B&Q and the Council fit it to the wall. This might be worth revisiting.

[GE] Part of the Hate Crime Project being spear-headed by AC and Buckinghamshire Council. IAG Members agreed that a session around the project should be included in a future meeting.

## **7. AOB**

There was discussion around the homeless initiatives in place in Aylesbury and how the IAG can assist.

**ACTION: AC to arrange for someone from Housing to attend the next IAG meeting in March – to discuss homelessness and how people can be supported once they are housed.**

**ACTION: Watford have a good model for dealing with the homeless. AHAG to use contacts to get more information on what this looks like. (AC to discuss with KW)**

## **8. Next Meeting Dates:**

Dates for meetings 2022, these dates are subject to change

- Thursday 10th March 1000-1200
- Tuesday 7th June 1000-1200
- Tuesday 6th Sept 1000-1200
- Thursday 8th Dec 1000-1200