Independent Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes

Berkshire West Local Command Unit

DATE 26 November 2025

TIME: 6:30pm

LOCATION: Teams

Attendees	**Initials**	**Position and Area**
Chief Superintendent Felicity Parker	FP	LCU Commander
SM	SM	IAG Chair
Insp. Matt Gow	MG	
Supt. Louise Warbrick	LW	
RG	RG	Guest
AK		IAG member
AKC		IAG member
AB		IAG member
BZ		IAG member
MC		IAG member
JG		IAG member
HKL		IAG member
PA		IAG member
MCl		IAG member
JM		IAG member
KR		IAG member
Apologies		
Trip Pannu	TP	CaDO
KP		IAG member
MJ		IAG member
MP		IAG member

AP		IAG member
JGe		IAG member
SL		IAG member
SG		IAG member
EM		IAG member
NH		IAG member
AH		IAG member
PM		IAG member
MM		IAG member

Item 1
Welcome and Introductions

SM, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Self introductions were done.

Item 2
Guest Speaker

RG, Head of Performance, Scrutiny and Assurance from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner joined the meeting. Slides to be sent with notes.
Points discussed:

- Excellent – Race Action Plan
- Trust and Confidence – it doesn't seem to reflect the useful information that was in the Race Action Plan. The information seems too generic and does not reach ethnic minorities.
- Future role of PCC reviewed. Awaiting 'white paper' and areas that have mayors it will fall under this role. Those that do not have a mayoral system, other processes are being considered. PCC Matt Barber is committed to support the public and continue to serve as promised.
- Trust and Confidence Strategy – added into chat
- Comments – Supt. LW advised she will take back the comments to consider implementation back into Trust and Confidence document
- Engagement and forming strong relationships – key area advised Supt. LW

- Hate Crime – is fragmented and we are working to improve this advised Supt. LW. Also monitoring community cohesion another area of work progressing.
- Ch/Supt.FP advised the Race Action Plan is a key area and we want to continue to try to do better with regard to working closing with communities and would like input from members either now or any time after the meeting.

Item 3
LCU Commander Update

Ch/Supt. FP provided updates and information as follows:

- Three key areas/Priorities
  - Responses (when we are called to incidents/emergencies)
  - Updating victims is another priority
  - More outcomes (justice – through courts, out of courts (less formal)
- Scrutiny of performance is done monthly
- Neighbourhood policing – we have increased our resources (officers) in town centres – an increase of six. And they are to be visible.
- Focussed patrols – using app
- Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter
- Working with Reading Local Authority – Public Space Protection Order which gives us additional powers to manage anti-social behaviour such as speeding electric bikes through towns and begging in towns.
- Asylum hotels – we meet weekly to discuss with local authorities.
- Rural crime – crime has reduced. We work with West Berks Local Authority – in the area of prevention.
- Wildlife training and increased rural crime what's app.
- Five hare coursing operations actioned
- It would be good for officers in the town to engage with members of the public. It is also good to see them in town.
- What's app – can we use this in other areas other than rural crime?

Item 4
MECC Training – PA

Slides reviewed with members and document with information on programme will be sent to everyone with meeting notes. Ch/Supt. FP thanked PA for his excellent work in relation to the MECC training.

Item 6
Current Crime Trends

Supt. FP responded to comments in chat regarding:

- Social media and police
- Sixteen Days of Activism – noted. Supt. Warbrick put comments in the chat for members (see end of notes).
- Trends reviewed
    - April – today compared to this time last year reviewed.
    - No increase for all crime; shoplifting up 15% as more work is being done to get these crimes reported
    - 9% increase in domestic abuse violent crime.
    - Knife crime – 31 incidents so far. Increase from last year. No patterns and neighbourhood teams doing work in this area
    - 19% less stop searches. 33% ended up in a positive outcome – we found what we suspected we would find.

Item 5
Update from Insp. MG

- Atlantic House – new police station in place
- Use of body worn video doing well.

Item 7
Information from IAG members about their Communities

JG: would like to see cameras working (many are not).

MC: 17 February 2026 beginning of Ramadan. Mosques and organisations will have events – there will be dates coming out and it would be good to promote and for members to attend.

KR: a lot of people are receiving DWP scam and TV Licensing scams. Please be aware for older relatives and those that are vulnerable.

AK: member of the domestic abuse forum in Wokingham and would be happy to provide any information that may assist members or we could have it as an agenda item at an IAG meeting.

HKL: working on a safety campaign and would like support from members for the campaign.

Item 8
AOB

Sixteen Days of Activism: reviewed by JM. It would be good to see action within our local communities, especially West Berkshire. Work promoting key campaign messages will be done advised Supt. LW.

Message in chat from AB: Hi All, I am representing both WB Indian community and also bring Mental Health perspective to the discussion with my role of working with MH patients. My update for the meetings is that we had quiet period with not much issues within our towards local community. I would like the WB to remain same in coming months. I have not heard much issues from community members. I noticed TVP presence in few Community events, and would like them do more of this. I invite TVP to visit one of our event on 18th Jan 2025 at Shaw house ground - Pongal Festival.

Chat Comments from Supt. LW: Please find attached an invite to a panel discussion around mens roles in tackling male violence against women and girls. Token man always host excellent panel discussions and provide excellent resources for discussion around key topics involving gender equity. Please share this free event to all; Men's Role in tackling male violence against women and girls Tickets, Wed 26 Nov 2025 at 16:00 | Ev…A panel to explore the role men and wider corporates have in combatting male violence against women and girls

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Support victims of stalking through the National Stalking Helpline and London Stalking Support Service, as well as training for organisations in Lone Working and Personal Safety as well as Stalking...

Response to Stabbings at Manchester Synagogue: police response was excellent and thank you for the efforts advised Sulayman. Alice asked that all members be contacted for incidents.

Next Meeting(s):

- 11 February 2026

Action Summary

Meeting Held 26 November 2025

No actions set.

Meeting Held 3 September 2025

Action 1: Next IAG Body Worn Video of Section 60 for incident in Reading over the summer for members to review. TP/Insp.MG to action.
Status: will be shown at Scrutiny Panel Meeting before the end of the year.

Action 2: Insp. MG to contact JG to obtain intel regarding four by four activity.
Status: complete.

Action 3: Ch/Supt.FP to contact counterparts in West Berks Council and Wokingham Borough Council and Reading BC to see if they will action removing painted crosses on roundabouts and take action to remove flags due to community concern in Berkshire West LCU.
Update: some are more forthcoming than others. Reading has been proactive. Any further concerns please ensure you let your local council know.
Status: complete.

Action 4: Insp. MG and TP to meet with NH regarding concerns within the refugee community. Reporting process – to be addressed as well as safety should any incidents arise.
Status: complete.

Action 5: Insp. MG and SG to meet and discuss re-invigorating the Youth IAG.
Update: to be discussed at our next meeting.
Status: ongoing.

Action 6: Newsletter to be sent by PS VB to members of the IAG (last issue and current).
Status: complete.

Action 7: Berks West LCU IAG What's App Group will be created by SM
Status: complete.