

**DATE** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**TIME:** 19:00 pm

**LOCATION:** MS Teams Only

Attendees	Init	Position and Area
	FP	TVP - Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	DW	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	DJ	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	RB	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	BW	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	MS	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	DL	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	ES	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	JW	Local Authority –Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	KC	TVP - Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
Apologies		
	PC	Local Charity – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	AMP	Local Charity – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** **IAG Chair**

Acting Chair FP welcomed the attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.

The list of apologies / attendees is above.

**2. Previous notes/actions:** **All**

The minutes from the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were reviewed and accepted.

**3. Chairs Report:** **IAG Chair**

As below LPA Commanders Updates

**4. LPA Commanders Updates:** **LPA Commander**

FP advised robberies had reduced by 15%. They were more frequent in the summer, with many linked to youths and drugs, but there were no patterns and were also sporadic. Tackling robberies is a TVP priority and if someone is on the police radar due to intelligence, they will be targeted. FP was asked to clarify what items are considered weapons. The list includes firearms, knives and also knuckle dusters and metal bars which are considered offensive weapons.

The PCSOs have been increasing visible patrols and the dedicated Covid response car has been deployed around the area.

FP advised there will be a restructure of the Neighbourhood Policing teams starting in April. They are being split into North and South teams and will focus on geographical areas. There will also be a dedicated Problem Solving team.

**5. Stop and Search Data and Discussion:****All**

FP shared stop and search data covering 01/04/20 – 19/01/21. The data covered over 1000 searches, 600 for drugs and 210 for weapons with a successful outcome for 20%.

The stop and search figures showed an ethnic breakdown of 55 black, 57 Asian, 752 White and 244 unknown. Bracknell Forest is approximately 15% BAME. Complaints against the police have decreased significantly since the introduction of Body Worn Video. FP clarified that the police do not have to record car stops, but they do record the stop and search of people in the vehicle.

**Action** – FP to look at Ethnic Minority stop and search figures over the last five years.

**6. Hate Crime Data and Discussion****All**

This item was deferred until the next meeting

**7. Other Crime Updates****LPA Commander**

The group reflected on the tragic murder in Reading.

ES asked how the police are adapting to changes caused by the pandemic such as school closures and how this has affected vulnerable young people. The group also discussed whether video games encourage violence in society.

FP advised that the recently formed Violence Reduction Unit are looking at training programs and packages for schools and Reading Football Club has youth programs in place to help discourage violence in youths.

**8. Members Feedback / Issues to raise:****All**

FP sent a message and link out to the group at the beginning of January encouraging them to have their say regarding the public consultation on proposed changes to TVPs front counter provision.

DW commented that with the gradual closure of other counters across the country it might not be an issue. RB advised he had mixed feelings about the closures due to growing alienation between the police and the public. There may be a longer term danger of losing connection with regards to domestic violence where it could be like cutting the police off. DW advised some chemists have a system in place to assist DV victims – ‘Ask Annie.’ MS asked whether there was a cost issue and why not sell the buildings and move the police out to smaller units? FP advised it was up to the PCC.

ES advised officers need to engage with Jennets Park as they have not had a Have your Say meeting or community engagement with officers for over 18 months. He felt there was a disconnect between 101 and getting intel to teams which is not good.

**9. AOB****IAG Chair**

RB said his observation is that there is too much content on social media from former officers. There are concerns around suicide discussions. FP advised the Force is actively trying to support all officers and staff.

PCSOs will be looking at social media groups and finding out where we can engage better and also encourage Have Your Say meetings with the community. The group suggested posting results of good police work on social media to give reassurance to the public that something is being done.

MS asked whether the PCSO patrols in local parks were random or deployed. FP advised they are targeted and led by intel.

DL advised it is a general perception that the public feel distanced from the police. When he goes out for his daily walks he sees lots of people breaking Covid rules. FP advised the police response is to give gentle encouragement and advice, but will enforce with fines when necessary.

**10. Agenda items requested for next meeting:****All**

How can we make this a successful group?

**11. Next Meeting Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021