

Wokingham IAG Meeting minutes

DATE: Tuesday 25th October

TIME: 19:00 pm

LOCATION: MS Teams Only

Attendees

Initials	Position and area
ET	Wokingham IAG Chair - B & W LPA
HC	TVP - Bracknell & Wokingham Acting LPA Commander
PL	Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
RS	Community Group & Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
DR	Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
SA	Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
AK	Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
JW	Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
WS	Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
US	Wokingham IAG Applicant, B & W LPA
MP	Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
KC	TVP - Bracknell & Wokingham LPA (Minute Taker)

Apologies

Initials	Position and area
DM	Community Group & Wokingham IAG Vice Chair - B & W LPA
SK	Community Group & Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
LH	Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
JD	Community Group & Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA
RM	Wokingham IAG - B & W LPA

Minutes/actions

1. Welcome and Introductions:

IAG Chair

ET welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He expressed his appreciation for Vice Chair DM who had agreed to stand in as Chair if required this evening. The list of apologies / attendees is above.

**2. Minutes and
from previous****actions
meeting:****All**

The minutes from the previous meeting on 26th July 2022 were reviewed and accepted. Updates were provided with the following actions either completed, amended or ongoing:

ACTION - AC to request the breakdown of S&S outcomes by ethnicity. Completed

ACTION - LH to provide update on Strut Safe initiative at the next meeting. Ongoing

ACTION - HK to check the status of the Ethnic Minority group. HK advised the group met once with Commander AC and they would like them to join the IAG and will seek their views. Completed

ACTION – IAG members to consider agenda items with relevance to priorities. Ongoing

ACTION - HK to speak to the Wokingham NH Inspector and ASB Team at WBC and also request an update from the NH Policing Team around the reported issues. HK provided a detailed update from the Neighbourhood Inspector. There is an operation in place focussing on ASB in identified areas. The team are working closely with parents, schools, councils and are undertaking enforcement and youth work. HK will compile some figures and report back to the IAG under a future agenda item covering the *Overview of crime and policing issues*. Completed

ACTION - KC to put something together to encourage the community to report issues to the Police.

Update 04.10.22 – The following has been added to all TV Alerts and submissions to local publications: *Please contact us if you have any information relating to crime in your neighbourhood. Report online at www.thamesvalley.police.uk or call us on 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency.*

For further clarification, please dial 999 when:

- *a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed*
- *someone is in immediate danger or harm*
- *property is in danger of being damaged*
- *a serious disruption to the public is likely*

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can use the textphone service 18000.

You can text the Police on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergencySMS service.

British Sign Language (BSL) users can use the video relay service where an interpreter will help them report the crime.

Please call 101 for non-emergency enquiries. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can use the textphone service on 18001 101. **Completed**

ACTION – KC to include figures for bike thefts in the minutes.

Update 24.10.22 – Reported Wokingham bike thefts:-

April – June 35

July – Sept 34

Oct to date 13

Completed

3. Update from Ethnic Minority Group**LPA Commander**

Update provided under agenda Item 2.

4. Overview of crime and policing issues including Stop and Search (S&S) LPA Commander

HK advised a quarterly strategic S&S meeting had been held the previous week, the purpose of which was to provide updates and guidance for stop searches ensuring they are proportionate and any disproportionality is understood. There is new and improved data including around ethnicity. The meeting also looked into S&S outcomes at LPA level to identify good and bad practices as well as any patterns on policing teams. 117 stop searches were performed in Bracknell & Wokingham between 1st July and 30th September and 94% had Body Worn Video (BWV) footage. In 70% of cases, no further action was taken, 11% had community resolutions, 9.3% resulted in arrest and 2% had verbal/written warnings. HK provided an example where 4 youths were searched after reports of a knife seen in a park. Only one youth had a knife and three did not. In this example, 75% of youths had no further

action taken. She advised if an Operation is being run, all stop searches are intel led. Officers have access to Language Line which provides interpreters to assist with stop searches if required.

5. Critical incident review (if appropriate)**All**

N/A

6. AOB/ Members Feedback**All**

- Does TVP have any actions for the IAG to take?
PL suggested the IAG should help TVP progress issues while also being a critical friend and there should be a plan of objectives plus a strategic plan. DR suggested there should be a Charter for the IAG, what we are and what we want to do.
ACTION - ET to review/discuss agenda items with HK, AC and include PL
ACTION – ET to send a copy of the IAG Handbook to members Completed
ACTION – HK to ask NH Inspectors where they are with relation to working with Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs)
- Ideas for membership drive for new, additional attendees?
AK suggested arranging meetings in Temples and Mosques. The IAG members could also look at attending community meetings.
ACTION – ALL: Please advise KC what specific meeting you would be willing to undertake by 1st January 2023 and what has been arranged.
- Hate Crime statistics – JW
Reports are 26% up – is this due to increased reporting and/or recording and a real increase in crime? What is the situation in Wokingham?
HK presented the Hate Crime figures from 1 April to 24 October to the group comparing 2021 figures with 2022.

Items carried forward from the previous meeting:

- Bobby on the beat?? -- US
US asked where the public can go to see the police. HK advised the Neighbourhood Teams, consisting of PCs and PCSOs, perform problem solving and engagement functions and also provide a visible presence in the community. With the uplift in police officer recruitment there are training programs where newly recruited officers have protected training times. This has provided a resourcing challenge with Neighbourhood Officers used to backfill 999 calls and priority issues. AK & US suggested that recruitment leaflets be created in different languages.
ACTION – KC to send details of Police Cadet Scheme to AK to encourage young joiners
ACTION – AC to provide an operational Hot Spot update
- Wokingham thefts -- RM
This item was carried forward to the next meeting.

ET thanked HK for standing in for AC at the IAG meetings.

7. Next Meeting Dates:**To be confirmed for next year**