



Bracknell & Wokingham LPA IAG Meeting

DATE: Tuesday 26th January 2021
TIME: 19:00 pm
LOCATION: MS Teams Only

Attendees	Init	Position and Area
	FP	TVP - Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	RS	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	DM	Local Charity and IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	PL	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	RM	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	SK	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	MP	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	ET	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	JD	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	SA	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	KC	TVP - Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
Apologies		
	AK	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	KW	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA

1. Welcome and Introductions:

IAG Chair

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

The list of apologies / attendees is above.

2. Previous notes/actions:

All

The minutes from the meeting on 28th October 2020 were reviewed and accepted.

3. Chairs Report:

IAG Chair

As below LPA Commanders Updates

4. LPA Commanders Updates:

LPA Commander

FP asked the attendees whether there were any issues they wished to know about or if they had any questions.

The group expressed concerns around the Police not receiving Covid-19 vaccines. FP advised the Chief Constable has stated at the Home Affairs Select Committee there was a case for the Police to be moved up the priority list. Healthcare providers have been offering excess unused vaccines to vulnerable Police Officers rather than destroying them. PPE has been upgraded at all stations and

Custody suites in view of the new more infectious strains. A lot of work has been undertaken around Police resilience and the systems put in place for the pandemic are holding up well.

PL commented on the *Policing Covid* document circulated prior to the meeting and asked whether the military could provide additional resourcing for the police. FP advised that the police link in with community leaders and groups and the local authority is currently employing people to help enforce Covid rules. There have been no reported Covid breaching large parties on the Wokingham side. RM commented that everyone has a role to play.

RS commented that people would benefit from more clarity around the rules and clearer messages from the government. SK mentioned there is a lot of confusion in the community around messages and clarity was imperative.

ACTION – FP to speak to the Neighbourhood Teams around getting clear messages out to the public locally.

FP advised TVP had been given funding to address violence and knife crime and she is currently looking at connections between drug dealing and knife crime. RM asked why people are carrying weapons. FP advised it is generally for protection and there have been many reports of people being threatened with knives on social media. DM asked if the reports are related to any particular background or area. FP advised there is a new Violence Reduction Unit who are looking at that and are working with agencies around helping people who need assistance. They are also looking at ways to help young people who require assistance and getting that help as early as possible.

5. Stop and Search Data and Discussion: All

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

6. Hate Crime Data and Discussion All

DM asked whether a designated Hate Crime Officer was in place and FP advised she would ask the Neighbourhood team to contact her directly. FP advised she will be attending a meeting with the Community Team regarding supporting people with learning difficulties.

7. Other Crime Updates LPA Commander

RS expressed concerns following a recent burglary in the community and asked if there had been an increase overall. FP advised that burglaries in the area have decreased by approximately 54%.

SA expressed concerns around 3 reported incidents of a flasher in a foreign car around Wokingham.

ACTION – FP to speak to the Wokingham Neighbourhood Team regarding the issue.

DM advised she has seen a rise in drug use and the smell of cannabis, particularly in xxxx Road. SK commented that drugs are being dealt behind xxxx on xxxx and at the xxxx near the xxxx. FP advised drugs is a difficult issue and there are not enough resources to cover all users. Local policing teams currently focus on vulnerable people, county drug lines and targeting cannabis farms. There is also a new drugs scheme for youths (under 18s) diverting them to New Hope where they are given a worker to try and solve their drug problems. However, there is no tolerance with drug dealers and regional teams are tackling the larger issues. FP asked the group to report drug dealing and other issues if they see them.

ACTION – KC to send the links for contacting the police and reporting crime to the group.

ACTION – KC to send same to the Neighbourhood Watch leaders.

RM asked whether the increase in new builds across the area have affected low-level crime. FP advised she had not asked the local teams directly, but this type of crime is always happening.

8. Members Feedback / Issues to raise:

All

DM said she felt PCSOs needed to be more visible and mentioned the Safer Places Scheme as vulnerable people need to have somewhere to go for assistance. The group discussed whether a more visible police presence would provide a comfort factor for the community. ET mentioned there is a police point at the Finchampstead Baptist Church. RS commented that the Have Your Say meetings the teams used to hold in Woodley were very effective.

9. AOB

IAG Chair

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.

The group discussed key ways to deliver effective messages to the community. SA suggested utilising schools to reach parents.

RS suggested the Police might be able to access and utilise Neighbourhood Apps to exchange messages and will send details of the ones he has seen to KC.

ACTION – KC to research the Neighbourhood App to see if it can be utilised locally.

10. Agenda items requested for next meeting:

All

How can we make this a successful group? ET suggested setting up a Teams group to post issues to share ideas and chat. It was suggested that everyone submit a short Bio about themselves. RM has kindly offered to collate these for the group.

ACTION – RM to collate Bios submitted by the group.

11. Next Meeting Dates: 27th April 2021