

Bracknell & Wokingham LPA IAG Meeting

DATE: Tuesday 27th April 2021
TIME: 19:00 pm
LOCATION: MS Teams Only

Attendees	Init	Position and Area
	FP	TVP - Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	ET	Acting IAG Chair - Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	KW	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	JG	Local Charity – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	PL	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	JW	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	MP	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	SA	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	KC	TVP - Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
Apologies		
	AK	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	DM	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA
	RM	IAG Member – Bracknell & Wokingham LPA

1. Welcome and Introductions:

IAG Chair

Acting Chair ET welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. There were no declarations of interest from the attendees.

The list of apologies / attendees is above.

2. Previous notes/actions:

All

The minutes from the previous meeting on 26 January were accepted and updates provided for the outstanding actions.

3. Chairs Report:

IAG Chair

KC confirmed only one candidate had come forward for the position of Chair, with no nominations for Vice Chair and asked whether anyone else would like to be considered. ET was elected as the new Chair following a vote by the attendees.

4. LPA Commanders Updates:

LPA Commander

FP provided an overview of crime for the area. She advised that targeted tasking had been taking place and a number of people had been apprehended with drugs seized. One female is on bail, one male has been remanded in prison and one young person is under investigation. FP advised the police can put a partial closure on an address which means only the resident can enter and stay there

or a full closure where the address is shut down completely for 3 months. The members suggested using Thames Valley Alerts to report good news to the community and to encourage them to come forward and report issues.

PCSOs have been patrolling due to anti-social behaviour (ASB) and only 8 incidents have been reported. FP advised that if people report it, the police will respond. SA advised people are still attending a specific area with a big fight occurring at the weekend and there are also issues with drugs. JG commented this should be reported to the local authority and KW advised she would determine the best contact.

ACTION - KW to confirm the best contact for reporting issues and advise FP.

PL asked about levels of fraud and FP advised Action Fraud is the UK's response. All vulnerable victims of reported fraud are visited by a PCSO and given advice on fraud prevention. JW advised he has reported a large number of fraudulent emails and phone calls.

KW asked whether the increase in mental health issues has led to increased levels of violence. FP advised the police have received a large number of calls in relation to MH and it is a concern, but it has not been evidenced yet. SA commented on the knife amnesty posted on Facebook and asked whether it could be advertised in schools.

ACTION – FP to speak to Neighbourhood Policing teams regarding advertising the knife amnesty in schools.

5. Stop and Search Data and Discussion: All

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

6. Hate Crime Data and Discussion All

FP advised Hate Crime is an area of focus although not a huge amount has been reported. The local authority has a Hate Crime Panel and figures have been going down; it is difficult to tell if this is because of Covid. JG advised that her organisation will be taking part in Hate Crime Week in October and PCSO JL will be supporting them.

7. Other Crime Updates LPA Commander

The members discussed what they feel are the current key issues.

An increase in fly-tipping was mentioned and KW advised the local authority are using some effective CCTV cameras and there are cases going to court.

MP mentioned an increase in dog thefts and that he had seen information on Facebook recently regarding a suspicious van. KW advised that MD is our local Dog Warden.

ACTION – MP to send details of the van reported on Facebook to FP.

ACTION – FP to talk to partner agencies regarding community messaging around dogs.

8. Members Feedback / Issues to raise: All

ET advised he has identified a newly qualified teacher to join the group to provide a youth perspective.

New IAG Member JW was invited to submit a short bio to ET who will forward it to RM to collate with the other bios.

ACTION - JW to submit a bio to ET to forward to RM.

9. AOB**IAG Chair**

Workers Educational Association (WEA) hand signal for domestic violence and abuse. How this would apply in a police context. The group discussed the DV hand signal and the code word ANI which can be used at pharmacies to alert staff members to victims of domestic abuse.

KW asked whether the police will be in a position to adjust their response with the lifting of Covid rules and restrictions. FP advised the Neighbourhood Teams are being restructured from next week to increase focus on engagement and geographic problem solving in the community.

ET asked the attendees for feedback on the meeting.

ACTION - All attendees to forward feedback on the meeting to ET

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

None were requested at this time.

11. Next Meeting Dates: 26th August 2021