Buckinghamshire LCU IAG Meeting

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4pm- 6pm Wednesday 4th June 2025
Via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Attendees	
Emma Burroughs	TVP Chief Superintendent
MS	IAG Chairman
Karen Adamson	TVP Community and Diversity Officer
Simon Lincoln	TVP Chief Inspector
PB	IAG member
SJ	IAG member
HA	IAG member
SCR	IAG member
JD	IAG member
A-MV	IAG member
RM	IAG member
KS	IAG member
SA	TVP Admin Support Officer
Louise Warbrick	TVP Superintendent
Apologies	
AN	IAG member
MP	IAG member
G	IAG member
GE	IAG member
HP	IAG member
RM	IAG member

1. **Welcome, apologies and introductions** **Chair – MS**

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- Discussion around the importance and role of the Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) and Community Scrutiny Group
- 5 x IAGs across Thames Valley currently- Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, Berkshire East & Berkshire West.
- Hoping we can assist with advising TVP on the impact of some of the police action we take.
- Important to also be listening to the communities, taking their perspectives and effective engagement strategies.
- Looking at 4 x 2 hour meetings per year.

2. Approval of previous Minutes and Action **Chair – MS**

- No previous minutes action log to review as first meeting as a Local Command Unit

3. Criticality Updates: **C/Supt Emma Burroughs**

- **New or emerging issues or critical incidents**
- There may be times where TVP call on IAG members to help the police deal with critical evidence.
- This would be in any incident where we believe the confidence of the victim, their families or the community has been significantly impacted by police activity.
- We do have potential critical incidents where we are very open ad transparent in our approach, e.g. the unexplained death in Downley and if there was anything we had missed (this has now be investigated, and we did give the correct response)
- Discussion around the incident involving PC Chris Miller, an update on his condition and the investigation. MS wanted to take the opportunity to pass on the IAGs well wishes to PC Miller and his family.
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4. S.60 CJ & POA **C/Insp Simon Lincoln**

- **Review of S.60 authorisation and evaluation**-
- Explanation of what a Section 60 is, how it can be used and the benefits of using the power. It is approved by an Inspector, and ratified by a Superintendent, for areas where it may specifically be needed. S.60s can be extended. After the use of S.60, we have started to assemble groups from the community to review our use of that power, review body worn video etc.
- **Overview of Incidents in Castlefield & Police Activity-**
- Started in Castlefield after the 1st incident in March as a result of the reports of serious violence and the fear and belief there may be further violence that takes place.

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- Rare for us to use a S.60, let alone having to use it several times in 3 months. The area of Castlefield was identified and the S.60 was put in place, and we had additional units deployed with the area of disrupting any further violence.
- 2nd incident was not long after this when affray was committed with weapons used. This resulted in arrests and a second S.60 put in place.
- Last incident was 11th May where a vehicle was attacked by persons. A Silver Group was created, chaired by C/Insp Lincoln, which oversaw the response to the incidents and ensure we delivered an effective investigation into them.
- Community engagement occurred and by using our CADO and other community contacts, and by increasing foot patrols, we could restore some faith, trust and confidence in the community. The Partnership approach was important in the reassurance of communities and disruption of offenders.
- Discussed the use of Closure Orders in the area, the use of mobile CCTV and increased resourcing.
- We have refreshed the work that the police have been doing in Castlefield, and the creation of the Castlefield Coalition (which involves local councillors, business leaders and community safety partners) which has supported the problem solving approach, and we are seeing some great feedback from this, and a positive change in the feedback from the community.
- 14 people arrested after the above incidents and investigations are still ongoing, one charge, 33 stop and searches, and 2 knives found and 2 people arrested as a result of the S.60s.
- SJ advised the importance of partnership work and mentioned Neighbourhood watch working with PCSOs outside Mosques.
- HA bought up the feelings of the young people and the importance of the police officers/ PCSOs being seen out in the community.
- AV asked if we attend schools. KA advised this is something that is done, and explained her role and the community engagement that we are currently working on. Also mentioned a Schools Liaison Officer to be starting in the Wycombe area in due course.
- **Neighbourhood Guarantee**
- Breakdown of the 5 things the government are pledging that the communities will receive as a result of the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee- ***Please click link below for more details.***
  Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee performance framework - GOV.UK

- Discussion around the New Respect Order and what this means. It allows police to deliver swift enforcement against prolific offenders. We are awaiting finer details on this order, but confirmed there will be some way of identifying who is in need on one of these orders.

- PB asked about sharing of information between areas. Insp Lincoln advised the use of the Rural Crime team who do this.

5. Local Command Unit Updates **C/Supt Emma Burroughs**

- **MARU Survey**
- Keen to hear the views of the community, and the MARU survey
- 550 people completed this in Bucks
- 5 things that were monitored that have an effect on people's perception of policing- Police effectiveness, fairness, levels of community engagement, levels of disorder, personal levels of trust in the police and feeling safe.
- People from Aylesbury and South Bucks were questioned.
- A range of questions were asked to participants.
- Headline figures given now and next meeting we will be focusing on specific areas for IAG feedback.
- **Please click link below to view the findings of the MARU Survey.**
  Trust and Confidence Survey

6. Inspections & any new guidance **Supt L Warbrick**

- **HMICFRS inspection-**
- Currently with Buckinghamshire, and the focus is on vetting, professional standard, counter corruption arrangements and overall police integrity.
- We have had bespoke focus groups, and have been doing reality testing as to what staff on the ground understand and believe.
- EB will share the results of the findings with members as and when they become available.
- **New Trust & Confidence Strategy-**
- TVP are the first force in the country to be in the position to launch this strategy.
- Discussion around the Communications Strategy.
- The strategy is split into our vision, our pillars and our commitment, five priority areas, local operationalisation and performance framework
- 5 x priority areas- Use of powers, disproportionality in victimisation, community cohesion and hate crime, engagement and reconciliation & internal trust and confidence.
- Link to the strategy will be shared when available.

7. Community Scrutiny Panel insights **C/Insp Simon Lincoln**

- **Themes and risk areas requiring IAG consideration-**
- The concept is to gather community members from all walks of lives and show them body worn videos of stop and searches and invite them to comment on the searches, which we use to feedback to officers for training, and we then take the

feedback to the Review, Reflect, Reform meeting at a force level, chaired by C/Insp Lincoln, which can then be feedback on how we train our officers.

- This is a good experience for officers to develop and also to reinforce good practice.
- Questions asked around Procedural justice which focuses on the Four Pillars of Procedural justice which are voice, neutrality, dignity & respect and trustworthy motives.
- S.60 review was done after the Castlefield incident & we had some positive feedback on this.
- PB bought up the benefits of using the Community Boards as they really know their communities and it could assist.
- Discussion of how the review panel is picked and that it is open to all. Anyone who wants to reply is welcome to contact KA or SL.

8. Community Cohesion **C/Supt Emma Burroughs**

- **Hate crime performance and community tensions**
- This will be a standing agenda on the IAG meeting.
- This meeting focuses on the Supreme Court ruling in April regards the Equality Act 2010 with sex meaning biological sex.
- Following the UK Supreme Court judgment in *For Women Scotland v The Scottish Ministers*, we are also working to update our guidance and policies. The Supreme Court ruled that in the Equality Act 2010 (the Act), 'sex' means biological sex.

This means that, under the Act:

- A 'woman' is a biological woman or girl (a person born female)
- A 'man' is a biological man or boy (a person born male)

If somebody identifies as Trans, they do not change sex for the purposes of the Act, even if they have a Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC).

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- This had polarized views, and subsequent implications for work places.
- We have seen a slight increase, and hate crime is reviewed on a daily basis in the morning meetings.

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- It has meant changes in our policies and guidance, around stop searches and more in depth searches, and facilities that we can provide.
- HA bought up the phone line that was created for support with anti-hate crimes but that it stopped, potentially due to a lack of funding. EB advised this is something we can look to possibly re-start with the changes in legislation, depending on funding from the Office of Police Crime Commissioner.

9. AOB **All**

- **Theft from Motor Vehicles in Chalfont St Peter-**
- AMV explained the thefts from and of motor vehicles recently. A lot of people did not report, and AMV wondered whether officers would go out and if they could go out as a deterrent in the area.
- EB confirmed officers have been out, looking for doorbell footage etc.
- Discussion around why it was felt people didn't report? KA and AMV to work together with the Neighbourhood Specialist Officer in regards to ways of reporting and ensuring those in the community are aware of all options available to them.
- **Have your Say-**
- AMV advised that a lot of people have told her they didn't go to the Have your Say in CSP recently as they weren't told until late in the day that it was on and couldn't make it. To share details of the next one in CSP via the Parish Councils network. EB explained the short notice of this event was an oversite.
- SL advised that event dates should be updated on the Your Police UK calendar, and in our community forums.
- Usual practice is that we should publicising things around 3-4 days before the event to allow sufficient time.
- Discussion with SJ about the Volunteers Recognition Meeting and feedback that he had from it. Advised it will be passed to the dedicated point of contact for volunteers.
- **KIN-**
- Discussion around the KIN (Key Individual Network) list and the benefits of being on the list, and the good work that can be passed on through this channel. KA advised if people were interested in being added to this, then if they could send their details through the chat, and we can make contact to get them added.

Next meeting – TBC- Discussion to be had around the timings, face to face/ virtual etc. Date to be confirmed.

- MS idea is to have at least one meeting per year face to face, but this will need to be considered geographically, as Teams may be better for some people.

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- Tuesday or Wednesday seems to be a good day for most people, and the time seemed to work for everyone in the call.
- MS proposed last couple of weeks for September for the next meeting, so proposed sending out the dates of the latter 2 Wednesday's and going with the majority. This will be sent out in due course.