



Buckinghamshire LCU
Independent Advisory Group Meeting

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026

Time: 16:30 – 18:30

Via Microsoft Teams

	Attendees	Position/Area
	MS	IAG Chair
	C/Supt Mason	LCU Commander
	Insp Gehnich	Neighbourhood Inspector
	Insp Neupert	Neighbourhood Inspector
	KA	Community & Diversity officer
	RD	Community Protection Inspector
	MK	Member
	MR	Member
	GP	Member
	SJ	Member
	MF	Member
	AV	Member
	JW	Member
	Apologies	
	JE	Member
	RM	Member
	HP	Member

1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair

- Chair welcomed attendees and recorded apologies.
- JW, Community Cohesion Officer for Buckinghamshire Council, welcomed and introduced himself to members, outlining his policing and community engagement background.

2. Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting – Chair

- Actions from the previous meeting were reviewed. The Annual Report has been circulated, and conference information remains pending.
- Members confirmed the previous minutes as a true and accurate record with no matters arising.

3. Community Protection Team Presentation – Acting Inspector Duffy

- Presentation delivered on the newly established Thames Valley Community Protection Team, funded through national investment to enhance protective security for Jewish communities and address the increase in antisemitic incidents nationally.
- The team structure, intelligence capability, investigative resources and partnership arrangements were outlined.
- Discussion included protective security activity, Project Servitor deployments, counter-terrorism links, community engagement and confidence building.
- MF sought clarification regarding antisemitic crime recording, offence types and CPS involvement. A/Insp Duffy advised the most commonly encountered offences included public order offences, criminal damage, harassment and occasional assaults, with investigations managed in line with existing hate crime processes.
- KA provided an overview of continued engagement with South Buckinghamshire Jewish communities and local faith leaders.
- JW raised the importance of considering inter-faith events and activities within security planning. Assurance was provided that such engagement formed part of the community engagement approach.
- Members welcomed the proactive approach and the emphasis on partnership working and victim confidence.

4. Tackling Illegal E-Bike Anti-Social Behaviour – Inspector Neupert

- The presentation focused on the growing issue of illegally modified e-bikes and e-scooters being used in antisocial and criminal activity.

- It was emphasised that the strategy was not intended to criminalise legitimate e-bike use and recognised their wider social and environmental benefits.
- Community concerns included dangerous riding, intimidation of pedestrians, pavement use, excessive speed and criminal exploitation.
- Data was presented regarding enforcement activity and vehicle seizures across Thames Valley Police.
- Challenges included identification of offenders, absence of registration details, intelligence development and safe intervention tactics.
- The proposed policing response included improved recording, intelligence gathering, school engagement, parent education, community communications and targeted enforcement activity.
- AV highlighted significant community concerns within Chalfont St Peter. MF emphasised the importance of rapid responses to community reports and communication regarding police activity. SJ and JW raised points concerning supply, modification and enforcement opportunities. MR raised concerns regarding scooter parking and pedestrian access.
- Members broadly supported the strategy and encouraged greater public communication regarding police activity and outcomes.

5. Community Scrutiny Panel Insights – Inspector Gehnich

- The Community Scrutiny Panel continues to review body worn video footage relating to stop search and use of force incidents.
- Recruitment activity was underway to increase panel membership and improve diversity of representation.
- Year-to-date stop search data for Buckinghamshire was presented, including a positive outcome rate of approximately 45.6%.
- Review findings indicated that powers were generally being applied lawfully and professionally, with strong examples of effective communication and use of the GOWISELY framework.
- Areas for development included recording grounds more fully and ensuring effective scene leadership following use-of-force incidents.
- The panel highlighted positive examples of empathy, professionalism and aftercare provided by officers following incidents.

6. High Wycombe Anti-Social Behaviour Problem Solving and Safer Streets – Inspector Gehnich

- An update was provided on the Safer Streets program operating across High Wycombe, Aylesbury and Chesham.
- Additional funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner supported enhanced patrol activity, hotspot policing and partnership initiatives.
- The program included extensive partnership working with Buckinghamshire Council, CCTV services, homelessness services and recovery organisations.
- Significant foot patrol activity, retailer engagement and disruption activity have taken place, with positive reductions reported across several crime and anti-social behaviour categories.
- Members welcomed increased police visibility and positive public feedback regarding patrols and community engagement.
- MK raised concerns regarding the loss of CCTV connectivity supporting Aylesbury Street Angels. This was agreed for further review with partners.
- MF queried the sustainability of positive results and future expansion to other locations. Inspector Gehnich outlined plans to embed successful working practices within neighborhood policing and maintain evidence-led deployment of resources.

7. AOB

- C/Supt Mason responded to questions concerning the ongoing Home Office Inquiry into long-term covert deployments. It was explained that Thames Valley Police was not currently within the scope of the inquiry and any recommendations would be reviewed once published.
- Questions submitted by RM relating to local issues and a prolific offender case were acknowledged. Further information was to be provided outside the meeting.
- JW requested circulation of presentations where appropriate. It was agreed that presentations would be shared alongside the minutes where suitable.

- GP requested a future agenda item regarding Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), including comparative performance information. This was supported for future consideration.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Potential dates for January /February 2027 will be circulated by email for member availability.

Meeting Close

- Chair thanked all presenters and attendees for their participation and contributions before formally closing the meeting.

Actions

Action	Owner	Deadline
Circulate meeting presentations with minutes	JH	Post meeting
Provide update regarding Aylesbury CCTV connectivity concerns	Insp Neupert / Partners	Next meeting
Respond to member enquiries raised under AOB	C/Supt Mason	Pending
Consider VAWG presentation and performance update	Chair / TVP	Future meeting
Circulate January/February 2027 meeting dates	JH	Prior to next meeting