

# South Bucks IAG Meeting

## Minutes



**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
**TIME:** 6pm – 8pm  
**LOCATION:** MS Teams

### Attendance

Emma Burroughs	TVP Chief Superintendent
Alex Ash	TVP Neighbourhood Chief Inspector
Karen Adamson	TVP Community and Diversity Officer
R. M	IAG Chairman
S. J	IAG member
M.B	IAG member
A-M. V	IAG member
S. A	IAG member
H	IAG member
K. T	Joint Independent Audit Committee
S	IAG member
A. L	IAG member
A. Ad.	IAG member
<b>Apologies</b>	
G. W	
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A. A	
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### Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions – Chairman
2. Approval of previous Minutes & Actions- Chairman
3. Update on the new IAG structure
4. Neighbourhood structure
5. Commanders update
6. Members Feedback / Issues to raise
7. AOB
8. Agenda items requested for next meeting

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### 1. Introductions

The chair opened the meeting and introductions were made by all in attendance

### 2. Approval of previous Minutes & Actions

The minutes and actions from the last meeting were agreed and request from Chair that we use full names of attendees until approved and then names redacted before public publishing.

### 3. Update on the new IAG structure

5 IAGs at command level in line with new structure. Introduce Community Scrutiny Panel. Details sent out. New IAG Chair been uncontactable so cannot announce it yet. This will be added to the minutes when confirmed. Chair for Community Scrutiny Panel will be confirmed this week to be announced soon. Next Scrutiny Panel will be March 2025 time. Apologies for delays. New Year we will start and have the first Bucks IAG in Late January 2025. plan to start looking at recruiting more members. We still have our advert open on our website for the whole force. Karen Adamson will be making sure we have all networks and diversity covered along with geography. Rota system may be used to manage numbers and encourage numbers and diverse engagement.

### 4. Neighbourhood Structure- C/Insp Alex Ash

#### Burglary-

*Daws Hill Area offending-* numbers prove to be similar between 2023 and 2024 with no significant increase. Earlier incidents in the year are linked to businesses, hotel and 2 building site thefts. More incidents of late appear to co-inside with the conclusion of the building works and the new residential estate. Neighbourhood and priority crime teams have picked up the offending.

**Question:** in relation to type of offense and themes. Established that it's a variation of car, residential and business burglary with no theme evidenced and all very much kept in view.

Feedback to community that cars still being left unsecure- advice to keep vehicles clear of items, windows, sunroofs, sheds, storage breaks and cars securely locked and double checked to reduce opportunity and keeping any external door cams charged and functioning.

**Question:** concerns for there being drug related activity in Daws Lane by Members. If observed, advise to try and log time and any other identifying information to assist force with intelligence on this.

**Question:** Worries that burglaries taking place whilst residents in the property: No information to support this. Op Grotto (dedicated resources for this) supporting response with periodic data being reviewed to support target visibility and this is

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seeing positive results so far across the whole of the Bucks LCU.

Some suspects identified and a positive outcome just recently of a charge and remand who was from the MET area highlighting joint operations with other forces are working well.

### **Neighbourhood Watch-**

Excellent work has been taking place with Inspector Duggan leading as Partnership Engagement inspector. 2 dedicated leads for NH Watch for each area meaning this is more enhanced. More work to be done but overall good increase in alerts.

Further training for staff being taken forward by Insp Duggan. TV Alerts are good and being cascaded with NH Watch but request for these to be put out quicker to assist NH watch members. Question on how NH officers are placed. These are allocated per area, recent increase in officer numbers for TVP. There will be increase of officer allocation in busier areas where identified.

**Positive feedback:** Walk around in Wycombe with PCSO, excellent communication from officer approaching members of public displaying public drinking etc. and action was met with positive response from member of public. Good example of policing. C/Insp Ash discussed the allocation of officers for areas in respect of Inspectors, sergeants, supervisors, officers and students. Numbers have increased and it's a really healthy and encouraging number.

PCSO's are again a great number now after a period of lower numbers. There will be some work to reflect on if we have people in the right place and numbers since we have become an LCU.

Since becoming an LCU we have more flexibility to move resources to where high crime areas are to support where the greatest demand is and this will at times vary numbers which is based on this and other data.

### **HRU-**

Dealing with high harm offenders, those with greatest need or needing support from other agencies whether victim or suspect. They cover the whole of the LCU (Previously known as problem solving teams) Appears to public that we don't have fair distribution but there are a number of other teams who have cross cutting responsibility across whole of crime area to maintain coverage.

### **Retail Crime-**

Outcome of charges have significantly increased, above 100% increased! convinced this is due to the neighbourhood teams presence and numbers in those busy known areas.

### **Community engagement- Karen Adamson- TVP Community and Diversity Officer**

Links made and being made with various communities and organisations with regular meetings to be set up. Aim is to build relationships with these communities building improved engagement and links to educate and create more positive

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relationships between them and the police, building confidence using multi agency approach including health, education, youth, multi-faith organisations & utilising Key Individual Networks (KINs), extending the TVP alerts to them too.

NH Watch would like to work closer with Karen Adamson to support their engagement with some of these communities and to share work and not duplicate. Recently NH Watch have started the first Youth Watch locally with the hopes this will extend to other schools.

### 5. Commanders Update- C/Supt Emma Burroughs

#### - **30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October incident in Desborough area**

An individual randomly attacked 4 members of the public. At time no identification. Sadly before arrest could be made, further offences were made (bringing it to total of 8 victims) none life threatening but members of the public eventually detained suspect until police arrived and suspect was arrested and remanded in custody and charged. He pleaded not fit for interview. We always do extensive checks when anyone comes in to custody with a qualified health professional and it was deemed he was fit to be detained and interviewed and we are now currently waiting on psychitric report to determine mental capacity. Suspect continues to be remanded in custody and next court hearing will be in February 2025.

#### - **Castlefield Halloween**

Extensive levels of disorder where 15 individuals between 17 and 22 who while wearing balaclavas etc. went on a rampage targeting addresses for unknown reasons. Victims been supported and suspects not known to them. CCTV footage was brilliant for activity but not identification however two have been arrested and further arrests will be made over the coming weeks. Officers were outnumbered at one point until further resources available, this was a significant incident towards officers as well as members of the public and their addresses. We acknowledge concerns for repeat of this crime and sense of fear for the community and we are engaging and making sure a presence will be increased for next year using learning from this incident and working to educate local youth and their parents to support this. We will communicate this publically within the restrictions to highlight results of these actions of those involved and hope to deter repeats.

#### - **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December-**

#### **Concerns of possible exposure to cyanide contact.**

Full chemical response where we locked down area of Desborough road and evacuated residents. Fire service went in to identify what chemical it was. Results showed that after further debrief of female, it was fabricated information and potentially a mental health incident and police had been provided with false information. Further investigation took place in female's property and both her and partner were arrested on suspicion of kidnap and neglect of two children in the house. Suspects on bail. Children now with foster carers while force works out

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what went on. Good joint working with other emergency services but with result that children are now safe and well with foster parents at moment while we work with other agencies to investigate and understand incident further.

### - **Pony and Trap racing on A413**

Very little non-existent information and intelligence that event will take place. We don't find out until we are getting live time calls from members of the public. By the time police can arrive the event has finished and moved on and if and when we are in time we are usually out numbered.

We are regularly challenged by public as to why we don't have officers ready to attend but it is random and can happen between 7am and 9pm mostly at weekends but occasionally during the week.

We cannot predict when event will happen and we have to balance resources and judge if affective to put officers on area for days on end when other demands are proving to be of greater risk at that time.

We continue to encourage the public to call 999 as soon as they can when there is a fear for life, large group gathering etc. All dash cam and external CCTV is helpful for the police to identify individuals involved.

We have a dedicated public order and roads policing team who have a response plan in place to attend as soon as possible. Previous event they have interrupted and identified vehicles and orders will be issued. This Continues to be a challenge and we appreciate the impact on the community when this event takes place. We continue to work closely with council, PCC and highways to get funding to install a gravel central reservation and along verges to hinder racing. Continued engagement with other forces. \*Request from member that we publish outcomes from Police attendance at the event to reassure the public of what's happening and that action being taken\*

## 6. **Members Feedback / Issues to raise**

**Q:** Speeding reckless driving in Wycombe and at times witnessed to have balloon to lips or throwing canisters out of car. Is this crime in progress and warrants 999 call or non-emergency?

**A:** yes, crime in progress. If you believe it's an emergency, crime in progress, danger to life or violence anticipated or going to be serious injury or damage caused, this warrants a call. Call takers make a decision from that call. All information is helpful and can support force.

## 7. **AOB / Feedback**

**Concern raised:** 101 call was 14 minutes and a negative experience for member. Had to evidence why they felt it was a police matter. (Please provide Emma with Ref number for investigation) Improvements have been noted with call handling but aware more is needed so all feedback very much appreciated and encouraged.

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**Positive Feedback:** increase of police on foot and by car in town. People noticing increased presence and this has increased reassurance in community.

**Positive Feedback:** call back/follow up received by member from an online submission to check in and ask if anything further to add.

**Prison Releases:**

Worked closely with courts and probation services. That is allowing down and yes, we had 6 individuals that were early release. 2x drug, 1 theft 1 shop lifting and 2 low level assaults. Working collectively on these.

**8. Agenda Items requested for next meeting**

None raised at this meeting. To be sent via email before next meeting.

**Date of next meeting:** TBC for January 2024. Discussion to be had around timings, face to face & teams options etc.