

Chiltern & South Bucks IAG Meeting



Minutes

DATE Thursday 18th November 2021

TIME: 18:45 pm

LOCATION: MS Teams Only

Attendees	Init	Position and Area
GH		IAG Chair
SG		IAG Vice Chair
GW		IAG Member
JG		IAG Member
AS		IAG Member
DA		IAG Member
JB		SIAG Chair
EB		TVP – Commander
RP		TVP – Deputy Commander
RV		TVP – Neighbourhood
JE		TVP – Neighbourhood
Apologies		
MS		

1. Welcome and Introductions:

IAG Chair

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of his background.

2. Previous notes/actions:

All

Previous minutes commented and actions checked. As there was a break between the last IAG meeting, the actions have rolled over to this meeting:

Actions:

- MS has close ties to mosque elders, as well as local youth leaders and will approach them
- JG has links to previous chair of Youth group in Chalfont St Pete
- GW will contact BCC's GRT liaison officer

3. Chairs Report:

IAG Chair

JB introduced himself as a Chair of Strategic IAG and National Associations of IAG. JB explained the history of Thames Valley Police Independent Advisory Groups – there are 12 areas in TVP and each has an IAG. IAGs were formed 26 years ago as a result of the Lawrence Enquiry and there was an explanation of the functioning of IAG – main function is

to give independent advice to TVP. The minutes of the meetings are published on TVP website and the agenda can include everything.

There has been a recent revamp of the IAG policy and the responsibility of recruiting rests with the Chair to ensure that the Group monitors the composition of the IAG and recruited appropriate new members. IAG are not Representatives of any social or community groups and do not speak for the community. IAG are representative of their community, not political appointments. IAG application process explained and TVP can run a background checks before someone become a member –people with criminal record may also become members.

Communication as an important part – it is essential that IAG communicate with the local community and TVP and provide two-way information. It is important for the IAG members to stay anonymous. There are 16 community boards and the councillors being on the community board is a great opportunity for two-way communication.

JB explained the concerns the ACC has:

- Not enough challenge
- Commander`s time investment
- “Push back” – it needs to be constructively engagement between IAG and the local commander

JB explains the opportunities for training with the local policing. The College of Policing suggests IAGs carry out an annual review of their performance, a template is available. .

EB explained that she worked with JB closely for last year to reinvigorate Wycombe IAG where EB is also LPA Commander and would like to thank JB for the support. EB would like to broaden he attendees to have a look at their communities and propose new IAG members – explained the importance of more diverse and wider board of IAG members. EB would like to take the opportunity to stress how much she value IAG

4. LPA Commanders Updates:

LPA Commander

EB introduced herself as the new C&SB Commander and Wycombe LPA Commander and taking the role in regards to the future merger between the 2 LPAs. This is primarily to line with Bucks Council and also to have a combined resource in a bigger area – not just the bigger number but diversity as well.

5. Stop and Search Data and Discussion:

All

Stop and search is a key part for IAG – EB gave short description of process and the importance of it. Police officers have Body Worn Video Cameras that has to be switched on and in future TVP is looking to share the footage with IAG – there will be a list with videos where the IAG members can choose randomly a number and watch the video. This will give IAG an opportunity to share their views and also to go back to the community and share the process. EB admitted the officers do not always get the process right. EB gave an example of 14 years old boy being Stop and Searched by 6 officers in EDEN Shopping Centre (High Wycombe) – at face value the footage does show a high number of officers who are taking hold of the boy. It can be perceived as an excessive amount of officers and force. However,

the story behind this footage is that the boy had prior to the incident been brandishing machete and then put it back in his trousers. The officers had to take control of the situation to protect themselves and the public.

6. Hate Crime Data and Discussion

All

JE shared Hate Crime Reporting Level slide and it shows a raise of Hate Crime – within the force and on a national level or increase of reporting it – there is tracking with equivalent policing areas as to percentage of the population reporting incidents.

Hate incidents:

- Greatest percentage increase have been in disablist and transphobic reports.
- Lowest reported percentage rise is to racist incidents but these are still the vast majority of reported prejudice

Hate crime:

- The vast majority of hate crime are connected to violent or disorderly acts
- The greatest rise has occurred where violence has been threatened or no injury occurred

JE shows a slide with outcomes and satisfaction data where it shows:

- Local performance is already meeting the Force average in prosecutions
- Feedback receives the lowest level of victim satisfaction
- Treatment and Ease of Contact score highly in victim satisfaction scores
- Local processes have been revised to improve both victim updates and outcomes

EB: there is very bespoke Neighbourhood engagement plan and neighbourhood is a key point. There are morning meetings where the crime is discussed and looked at how to help the individuals.

7. Other Crime Updates

LPA Commander

- VAWG training for night club licensees

VAWG training for nightclub licensees – the force is looking to ensure safety of women and girls. Within the merger, C&SB is looking to replicate any good initiatives that Wycombe has in place – there is a church in town centre offering shelter or Street Angels project assisting with nightlife management. There are 2 main centres of night time economy – Revolutions in Beaconsfield and The Winkers at Chalfont St. Peter

There was a question in regards to drink spiking or injecting spiking. – Wycombe has been training license establishment to be on a look out and have their attention on this. JE is not aware of any spiking incidents in his area, RP confirmed there hasn't been any incidents in the C&SB area but the force is aware of the potential. The 2 night clubs have been approached and training will be arranged and will be looking to provide online training in the future.

- Horse Watch

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RV has introduced himself as an Insp for Neighbourhood Team and worked for TVP for the last 19 years. Horse riding is popular at C&SB and TVP is looking together with a local volunteer to train horse riders to watch and report anything suspicious. There is a lot of information available on TVP alert website and also on C&SB Forum Website for the horse watch and rural crime. There are meetings held by the Community Forum looking into the Policing Issues Panel.

- GRT Engagement

GRT (Gipsy Romany and Travellers) Engagement: there are a few travellers' sides in C&SB. There haven't been a lot of engagement recently but recently each side had a police officer appointed to build trust and relationships with the side owners. All sides in C&SB welcome police presence.

IAG would like to welcome a member from GRT community to join the board.

"Have your say" has been adopted by the police to engage with small communities.

Question: is there a difference between the communities that police goes to talk to and the communities that invade parks and refuse to move on?

JE: There is a difference – the first one is more engaging, less disruptive and negative aspect of the communities

RP explained that there are families living on sides and being victims on crimes. Some of them feel confident to call Police for help.

- Rural Crime

Rural crime has been taken very seriously and there will be a new Rural Crime Task Force in place soon. The rural crime is a big national program and the crime groups are well organised, some from abroad. The National Farmer Union works together with the Police and offer incentives. Over the last year Police has done a lot of work in regards to security, Day of action – basic sight security, put more signs around, "Hear my voice" events, dog thefts prevention and many more.

8. Members Feedback / Issues to raise:

All

Question: Is Neighbourhood policing really working – is there a manpower issue or anything else as people don't really see officers walking around. How does the Police get their information?

RV: Resourcing is an issue but there are officers covering the area. There are 22 very experienced and capable PCSOs and they do a lot of the engagement. There are occasional walks around the town centre by PCs. There is some significant work done the last 7 months – data will be released to the council. There is a slight different way of policing nowadays and maybe the communities don't see as many officers as they are used to.

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Question: A concern after the merger is that more resources will be drawn to Wycombe.

RV: Neighbourhoods Team, the areas and the demands and expectations are different. The officers from the North have been working targeting on burglaries and speeding as well.

JE explained the change of the times and the social media helps a lot by showing where and what police have done. Police officers are still out and about and there is a new modern tool coming soon called "50 minute touch downs".

EB: there are daily meetings and fortnight tasking meetings and resources concentrating in the high crime areas. There are also different Operations for Police to support vulnerable people and victims. With the future merger the resources will go where they are needed most and the relevant numbers of resources will be seen.

9. AOB

IAG Chair

10. Agenda items requested for next meeting:

All

Domestic assault

LGBTQ hate crime reports

11. Next Meeting Dates:

Thursday 3rd March 2022