Milton Keynes LCU IAG Meeting

Minutes

DATE: Wednesday 26th February 2025

TIME: 6pm-7.15pm

LOCATION: Age UK, Peartree Centre, Chadds Lane, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes

Initials	**Position**
AK	IAG Chair
EB	LCU Commander, TVP
GB	Staff Officer, TVP
NS	CADO, TVP
AA	IAG Member
KM	IAG Member
JH	IAG Member
ZM	IAG Member
TR	IAG Member
PS	IAG Member
HS	IAG Member
NR	IAG Member
IM	IAG Member
SB	IAG Member
LP	IAG Member
HC	Guest
TG	IAG Member
CR	Police Officer, TVP
DSW	Guest
JV	Guest
AKe	Admin Support, TVP (Minutes)
Apologies	
RRK	IAG Member
DH	IAG Member
NA	IAG Member
AKh	IAG Member
SB	IAG Member
JS	IAG Member
JW	IAG Member

1. **Welcome, Apologies & Introductions:** **IAG Chair**
   AK thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were noted.

2. **Previous minutes were ratified** **All**
   The IAG Minutes are published on the TVP Website and can be viewed here: Milton Keynes Independent Advisory Group | Thames Valley Police

3. **IAG Chairs Report** **All**
   AK spoke about the effect of knife crime on families, as seen in recent interviews with the parents of the Southport victims. This serves to remind us there are always human stories behind each tragedy.
   LP asked how best to dispose of kitchen knives. Advice was given regarding the location of a knife amnesty bin in the foyer at MK Police station.

4. LCU Commander's Update

EB explained that IAGs elsewhere in the force had undergone changes, for example, Berkshire has gone from 5 to 2 IAGs since the implementation of the Force Review and everyone has had to step down and re-apply. MK isn't changing so significantly, but there are things that will change and there is a need to speak about that today as part of due process. There will be in-person elections for the position of Chair on 2nd April, (the next meeting). The deadline for submission of expressions of interest is the end of February. On 2nd April, copies of those expressions will be shared and a secret ballot will take place. Those who have put themselves forward will be asked to leave the room, those remaining will vote. TVP staff are unable to vote.

***NB: If you are unable to make the 2nd April meeting you can still take part in the election. Please let AKe know that you will be absent, then on the morning of 3rd April (after the vote at the meeting) AKe will share the expressions of interest with you by email. You may then send your vote to AKe (and ONLY AKe) by 1600hrs on 3rd April, who will include your vote in the count.**

GB then gave a short presentation about Facial Recognition Software and shared some recent successes. Also known as 'RFR' (Retrospective Facial Recognition) it forms part of the Police National Database. It is not live monitoring of people in situations, but rather, facial images uploaded from sources such as Custody photos, CCTV or social media, that are used for intelligence purposes.

5. AOB **All**

ZM reminded everyone that Ramadan is due to start at the end of the week.

TR said this holy month is a time of both reflection and looking forward.

PS made reference to the war in DRC and said people living locally had lost relatives.

LP shared that since Age UK had been reviewing services, the Independent Living service had now closed. Staff were still able to signpost service users to other providers.

LP/DSW attended an EDI group at MKCC looking at ways to reach communities not accessing the services they need. The representatives present were asked to consider those in their communities who may benefit from contact to assist those most in need with getting the required help.

NR stated that preventative community outreach work is valuable, but it can be hard to forge links with those who could benefit most from the services available.

TG advised that the SDA Pastor had moved on but that a new Pastor was in place. We were reminded of the 'Food Cycle' project where hot food is prepared for those in need, homeless etc. It takes place at 7pm on a Thursday in the Church. EB asked if the PCSOs ever visit and no, TG said they do not – but would be welcome. TG will confirm it is in order for them to attend. Each Saturday night there is a 'Love in Action' pop-up shop too.

KM said the SOP were preparing for Ramadan. NS confirmed Neighbourhood patrols were in place for Mosques during this holy time.

TR reiterated that everything was in order at Wolverton Mosque in 2024 and no issues at present.

JV, the Comms and Engagement Manager for Q:Alliance spoke of a peaceful protest in support of the trans community that had taken place, with notable support from TVP. Regarding individuals who can help assist in linking vulnerable members of communities with the services they need, the name of a contact was put forward who works in Adult Services, MKCC and is part of the EDI/engagement arm of MKCC.

JH confirmed that Q:Alliance had a new space and once ready, would be sharing details of that.

HC said there are many Hong Kongers in MK after the breakdown of systems in China meant c. 200,000 HK citizens came over to the UK. Isolation and weak integration can be issues. If there are any events to help access to local services, please share.

TG asked if IAG members were allowed to protest and EB reassured those present that yes, it was a right for everyone – but be careful not to stray into criminality.

EB, (on behalf of RRK) said the rural community was pleased to have a nominated Inspector for Rural crime on each area. MK has Insp LB. It's worth remembering that 60% of the MK area is rural.

The meeting closed at 1906 hrs

6. Next Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 **All**

Location: Reform Synagogue, Hainault Ave, Giffard Park, Milton Keynes