Milton Keynes LCU IAG Meeting

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday 3rd February 2026

TIME: 6pm-7.30pm

LOCATION: Milton Keynes Police Station

Initials	Position
AK	IAG Chair
EB	LCU Commander, TVP
GB	Staff Officer, TVP
NS	CADO, TVP
RG	TVP, Guest speaker
KM	IAG Member
LP	IAG Member
AH	IAG Member
RRK	IAG Member
TG	IAG Member
PW	IAG Member
AA	IAG Member
SB	IAG Member
TLJ	IAG Member
DH	IAG Member
SH	IAG Member
AKe	Admin Support, TVP (Minutes)
Apologies	
NR	IAG Member
EY	IAG Member
HC	IAG Member

1. **Welcome and short briefing** **AK**
   The Chair welcomed all those present and thanked the hosts for hosting.
   Introductions were made and apologies given.

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

3. **AOB-Community Engagement** **All**
   PW reminded everyone that it is Chinese New Year on 17th February 2026.
   NS: Event at Broughton Pavilion at which there will be TVP representation.
   SB reported that they were still security conscious at the Synagogue whilst services and events were being conducted. Everyone has been trained around suspicions and what to look for, however, the surrounding community have been very supportive.
   AH reported that there had been some progress around the dumping of electric cycles on footpaths. Now the cycles are 'geo-fenced' there is less abandonment on footpaths as bikes have to be returned to designated zones. The Wolverton Community Police Forum on 30th January was positive. Also – Work on the new additions at MKUH continues and waiting lists have reduced. Reference was made to the recent arrest of a suspect for the Murder of 2007. It has brought back memories but there is no community tension at present.

TG thanked those present who had donated to the GoFundMe campaign to help those less fortunate at Christmas.
LP said that Age UK are conducting forums with the elderly regarding the function of Age UK and how it can meet the needs and concerns of the service users.
SB added that potholes and uneven pavements were a concern.
KM added that SOP and the Mosque were preparing for Ramadan and reassured AK that there would be security in place.
DH made those present aware that JF had recently been awarded a Commendation for her work, including the Crime roadshows which will happen again in 2026. The Community Safety Survey is happening again for 13 weeks although there will be a quiet period between 25th March – 9th May when preparations for elections will reduce activity. There will be EVAs (Environmental Visual Audit) at MK Bowl, Monkston Park, Stony Stratford and Newport Pagnell soon. Bite Back Loan Shark weeks will be running in June/July and October 2026.
RRK gave thanks to the North Neighbourhood Policing Team for the 'Have Your Say' events. There will be a North East Rural Community Forum on 25th Feb.
TLJ advised that Ghanaian Independence Celebrations will be taking place soon on 7th March, as will an event for International Women's Day on 21st March. TLJ will contact NS with dates.
AH made everyone aware of a Health Provision Day at Lovat Fields on 25th Feb between 1.30-3.30pm.
AH asked if there will be a Police presence at Mosques during Ramadan and, yes there will be.

4. **Guest Speaker** – Insp RG gave a talk about Stop and Search. During this talk, RG presented an overview of the Stop and Search procedure as well as the Scrutiny process. RG shared some statistics regarding the demographics of the MK area and proportion of those stopped according to age, gender and ethnicity balanced alongside the national averages. Those present had the opportunity to ask questions.

   A discussion was had around the national increase in hate crime and AH reported that there was a new program at MKUH to deal with the abuse staff there suffer. It was noted that there has been an increase in the hate abuse Police are having to regularly put up with.

5. **LCU Commander's Update** **LCU Commander**

EB reported on changes in the Leadership Team at MK. National Police Reform, in the media recently, will be a drawn out process with changes expected by 2034. The number of Police forces will be reduced. It is possible that TVP will merge with Hampshire as we already work together across some functions but not known. There will be a National Police Service encompassing several national teams including Counter Terrorism, Forensics and the National Crime Agency. Police & Crime Commissioners are going and Regional Mayors will be introduced but these may not align with Police force boundaries.
Recruitment is progressing, with Neighbourhood Officers always in demand but it is tough due to the expensive area in which we live and work. NS assured that recruitment and retention of ethnic minority officers has improved, particularly among the Special Constabulary.
The Government will create a National Performance Framework and will set response time standards as part of that. Urban areas will have a Grade 1 target of 15 mins attendance whilst it will remain at 20 mins for rural communities with 100% target, potentially.
AH asked if Council boundary changes would affect neighbourhood policing and EB advised that TVP are still waiting for guidance from government on the size of neighbourhoods.

Chair's Summary **IAG Chair**

AK said there had been an uptick in online fraud over Christmas and with Valentine's Day approaching, advised those present to take extra care when shopping online. DH added that Trading Standards in MK are very active and work well with the Council. LP told everyone about the Digital Support Service Age UK offer the elderly alongside scam awareness training. They will help everyone. RRK had noticed there had been an increase in TV Alert messages highlighting Action Fraud.

The meeting closed at 19.25hrs

6. **Next Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 24th March 2026**
   Location: Age UK, Peartree Centre, Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes

7. **More Meeting dates for 2026 :**
   5th May
   30th June 8th September
   20th October 8th December

EVENTS CALENDAR

17th Feb – Chinese New Year
18/19th Feb (depending on moon sighting) – start of Ramadan
25th Feb – North East Community Forum
25th Feb – 1.30-3.30pm – Health Provision Day at Lovat Fields Retirement community
21st March – International Women's Day