

Milton Keynes LPA IAG Meeting



Minutes

DATE Wednesday 2nd February 2022

TIME: 18:00 hrs

LOCATION: MS Teams

Init	Position and Area
AK/1	IAG Chair
AS	IAG Member
JH	TVP Community & Diversity Officer
NS	TVP Community & Diversity Officer
NR	IAG Member
HS	IAG Member
RG	TVP Inspector
NA	IAG Member
JS	MKC SaferMK
AK/2	IAG Member
SB	IAG Member
TG	IAG Member
KM	IAG Member
AA	IAG Member
MT	TVP LPA Commander
RRK	IAG Member
EL	TVP Deputy Commander
TJ	IAG Member
LS	IAG Member
DJ	IAG Member
LH	IAG Member
ACP	IAG Member
LP	IAG Member
BJ	TVP
PK	IAG Member
PS	IAG Member
DL	TVP Admin Support Officer
Apologies	
TR	IAG Member
ZM	IAG Member

1. Welcome and Introductions:**IAG Chair**

AK/1 Welcomed everyone to the meeting. The list of apologies / attendees is above.

2. Previous notes/actions:**All**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. There were no amendments and there were no outstanding actions.

3. Chairs Report:**IAG Chair**

AK/1 said the IAG meetings from now on would follow the TVP corporate IAG agenda.

AK/1 reported that RS has retired and JH will provide support in developing the IAG topics.

AK/1 said that TVP confidentiality agreements must be signed in order to view body worn video.

AK/1 said that the next IAG on 2nd March is going to be at Age Concern, this meeting will be in person.

AK/1 said that the IAG is still looking for a replacement representative from the Polish community.

4. LPA Commanders Updates:**LPA Commander**

MT provided an overview of two murders, which both took place in Milton Keynes in the last few weeks.

MT said the first murder was at the Atesh venue. The venue rented out the facility. There was a low-level incident resulting in a stabbing and one person died. Two people are currently on bail and the Atesh license has currently been suspended. The male who sadly died was from the Somali community. MT said that AA and AK/1 had helped the police and the community and he thanked the IAG for their support.

MT said the second murder was on the Lakes Estate and was drug related. The offender is 17 and was an individual that the police were focussing on as a priority individual for Milton Keynes Police area.

AK/1 stressed that positive partnership working is the key to success.

AK/1 asked for any suggestions of how to celebrate partnership work.

MT described the type of intervention work that is available to police officers to help divert youths away from crime and increase life opportunities. MT said that diversion is a multi-agency approach.

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5. Stop and Search Data and Discussion:

All

Deferred to the next meeting.

6. Hate Crime Case Studies and Discussion

All

Deferred to the next meeting.

7. Other Crime Updates

LPA Commander

Deferred to the next meeting.

8. Members Feedback / Issues to raise:

All

JS said that there has been a very good response to the annual community safety survey; she said that in the main people agreed with the priorities. The strategy will be signed off by SaferMK in March.

JS said there is a new survey in relation to serious violence; this is live until 7th March, JS encouraged the IAG to forward this to all communities to have their say in relation to how safe people feel in Milton Keynes and what the concerns are in relation to serious violence.

JS said there is a Violence Reduction Coordinator in post. He is keen to speak to people about the community safety survey to gain insightful feedback. If there are any focus groups running, or if anyone wants to set up a focus group where people can talk about their fears or their experiences of serious violence in the community, this is something that the Violence Reduction Coordinator will do.

Action: AK/1 asked JS to invite the Violence Reduction Coordinator to attend the next IAG.

9. AOB

IAG Chair

AC said that members of the disabled community have published a new magazine called 'Diversity Divas' it will be published monthly, if anyone would like to contribute anything or has any information that they would like promoted they would be happy to do that.

AC is a hate crime champion and she is based at the centre for integrated living every Tuesday if anyone from the disabled community wants to discuss anything that they are worried about which may, or may not be a hate crime, she is happy to give them advice.

AC said that she spearheaded a white ribbon campaign and Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council are now accredited. The white ribbon campaign aims to get men and boys to be accountable for ending violence against women and girls. The first action plan is about education, the champions are women and the ambassadors are men. The men are going to spearhead the campaign.

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TJ spoke about a 15 year old who was missing from the community, she said that the parents were very happy with the way the police have worked with them. TS said that the community and especially the church are concerned about County Lines and gang culture and how young boys in the Ghanaian community are being groomed. TS said that the parents do not want to acknowledge the issue because of the shame or labelling from the community.

JH suggested that holding a focus group with the violence reduction coordinator would be a good start. AK/1 said that it would be useful to update the IAG at the next meeting; it could become part of a case study to see what learning opportunities come out of the meeting. MT agreed and suggested that it would be useful for Neighbourhood officers to be included in the focus group.

RRK said that the PCSOs in the rural area are doing a good job engaging with the rural community and he asked if any good practice could be applied to the urban areas. MT said that sharing good practice is important, as is learning from good feedback; he said that we might be able to apply what is working in the rural community in the more challenging areas that we want to reach.

NR said that she is working closely with AA in relation to knife crime & PTSD. She said that mental health is an undertone for many of the case studies. NR offered her support to help with mental health.

AK/1 said that he was working closely with TL and will be supporting a programme of engagement around mental health with her community. AK/1 also encouraged other members to contact him to be part of their communities and work with them to help reduce the stigma attached with mental health, educate and talk about our local Mental Health Services.

NA said that the Equality Council do not currently have an office and therefore they have not been able to respond to emails or receive phone calls, as soon as they are provided with a new location NA will notify the IAG.

TG reported that their Church have a new Pastor; the details will be shared with the Chair of the IAG.

PK said it is LGBT history month and the Progress flag will be flying in certain places. PK said that his own organisation is not very diverse and he asked how he could appeal to the diverse network in Milton Keynes. AK/1 said that he would be happy to assist.

SB said that she is a volunteer for the YOT working as an appropriate adult in Custody.

LS said the college have concerns in relation to County Lines. She said that cooperation with partners in MK through the MASH and TVP are good. LS said that the college try to keep young men in education, but sometimes it is extremely difficult; we know that they become increasingly vulnerable when they are not in education. There is no alternative provision. The impact on the families and parents of young people who are caught up in County Lines is huge. LS said the college are grateful to the partnerships across MK for their help and the college will continue to do everything they can.

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10. Agenda items requested for next meeting: **All**

LP said she is pleased to welcome the IAG to the Peartree Centre on 2nd March. She was also pleased to welcome the PCC Matthew Barber last Friday when he visited. The PCC spoke about scams, which was particularly relevant because one of the members was subject to a distraction theft in a car park whilst unloading their shopping.

11. Next Meeting Dates:

2nd March 2023

12. Topic of the IAG – Body Worn Process

Two body worn footage clips were shown to the IAG members who had signed the confidentiality agreement prior to the meeting.

The first clip involved the stop check of a young man, searched for drugs. The feedback from the IAG was very positive, they felt that the officers treated the individual with respect and had explained the law clearly, making sure the male knew why he had been stop checked.

The second clip involved a young girl searched for weapons. The IAG said that the female appeared scared and nervous and did not want to show her face, she wore a headscarf. The female was handcuffed; some members felt that the officers were kind to her given the circumstances; others said they felt quite awkward and nervous for her and found it invasive and not as comfortable and reassuring as the previous footage. It was noted that perhaps being a female, the clothing and cultural differences made it a more difficult situation for all concerned. RG confirmed that the officers have a de-briefing process in the event of a difficult or challenging stop & search.

The IAG were requested to reflect on their involvement in the process. RG said that officers are not getting very much feedback around how they conduct stop and search and therefore this process is invaluable, by inviting members of the community to comment on the process offers a very different perspective.

AK/2 felt that the second clip of stop & search of the female where there were other males present was culturally inappropriate because the officers should have taken the female to somewhere more private, even though a female did the search. HS said she felt that cultural issues had not been considered.

RG said that he would ensure that the feedback is given to the officers involved.

AK/1 Said that he wanted to commend RG on his presentation.

MT thanked RG for the presentation; he said it was a helpful exercise for the IAG and the scrutiny panel.



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Meeting Closed.