



LCU IAG Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday 30th June 2026

TIME: 6pm-7.30pm

LOCATION: MK College, Chaffron Way Campus, Milton Keynes

Initials	Position
AK	IAG Chair
EB	LCU Commander, TVP
LB	Ch/Insp, TVP
AP	Ch/Insp, TVP
GB	Staff Officer, TVP
NS	CADO, TVP
AA	IAG Member
KM	IAG Member
NR	IAG Member
JH	IAG Member
RRK	IAG Member
PS	IAG Member
SP	IAG Member
JW	IAG Member
TG	IAG Member
PW	IAG Member
ZM	IAG Member
HS	IAG Member
DH	IAG Member
SH	IAG Member
SB	IAG Member
AKh	IAG Member
JS	IAG Member
TLJ	IAG Member
NSU	Guest, Sikh Community
AKe	Admin Support, TVP (Minutes)
Apologies	
LP	TVP

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

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

DH informed the meeting of two days of Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness roadshows occurring in Kingston Tesco 1st July, 2nd July, Shenley and 3rd July Netherfield. There will also be a Hate Crime event in Bletchley Library. Date TBC

RRK referred to ASB being discussed at the Rural Community Forum.

SB made everyone aware that the Synagogue AGM is to be held on 5th July. LT has stepped back as Co-Chair.

AKh spoke about an elderly lady in Bletchley who was racially abused in the street, with her abusers referencing the newly elected Reform Council. There had also been rumours of a stabbing outside the Agora but this was misinformation.

EB revealed that she had been at a meeting with the new Reform Councillors earlier that day. She had made them aware of an increase in racial abuse being carried out using Reform's name but has confidence that the Reform Party are not supportive of this behaviour.

SP: There was what looked like a targeted attack at a premises in Fishermead where a ground floor window was broken, this was reported.

ZM: There is a new Executive Committee at the Islamic Centre in Granby who will meet with NS CADO and a PC.

NR: There is an event on 4th July by 'Unheard Voices' where the Mental Health team will be key speakers. NR has spent the last few months working with Q:Alliance around LGBTQ+ mental health.

AK asked NR if prisoners get a mental health assessment upon release. It appears that for 16-25 yr olds, poor mental health has increased fivefold.

NR replied that yes, there is always a risk assessment prior to discharge. The Street triage team are undergoing a review and once that is done, they would like to visit the IAG Meeting. There is a tricky time between transition of 17yrs 9 months old and 18+ when service users can slip through the cracks. This is a national issue (as is staffing and resources), not just MK. Service use peaks at exam time.

TG asked about an incident where Police attended the Church on a day of worship looking for someone. Was this appropriate? Would they have attended a Mosque or Synagogue similarly? NS had advised that it would depend on why they were looking for a person.

EB confirmed that there isn't anywhere we wouldn't go and when TG asked if Police would arrest someone and remove them from Church, EB said it depended on the situation. Police had to consider what is safe and dignified within the time constraints.

HS thanked IAG Friends for their support during a difficult time. That support was why HS returned to the IAG.

EB asked if, since the war, has the Iranian Community experienced a difference in attitudes?

HS said that everyone is anxious and struggling to carry-on a routine life. Many University students have had some issues that the Community has assisted with.

AKH informed the meeting that an MK Councillor was terminally ill and asked for prayers.

4. LCU Commander's Update

EB

There is a film crew documenting Senior Leadership Team Policing issues in TVP over the next year. They would like to meet with the IAG members as MK has a community cohesion that other areas lack. AK believes that IAG members are a strong, confident collective. Members would not have to be shown on film if they didn't want to. The Chair will consider this. Early indication from members was positive.

EB referred to the 'two-tier policing' argument. In order to be operationally effective, TVP need the trust of every community and this can be nuanced and complex. If there is no trust, Police do not receive community intelligence, information and evidence, or safeguarding referrals. Is there a trust deficit in any of our communities that we need to manage? In MK, TVP is unapologetic about attending specific groups to build trust.

Southampton and the Kirpan debate: The event has lead to lots of concerns. EB's role as Gold Commander comes with a responsibility to authorise firearms deployments. There was a call from a male in Slough claiming to be Sikh to say 2 Sikh men were 'waving swords' in the street. Control Room, based on this information, deployed Armed Response Officers (ARV). The helicopter saw the 2 males but no swords. They had knives in scabbards, and ARV attended but did not need to use armed tactics. Everything was in order. 45 mins later a call came in about a Sikh male with a knife but the CCTV Operator knew the male and confirmed everything was in order. Were the callers malicious? A discussion then took place about the Kirpan, a Sikh knife. It's appearance, meaning and use were discussed with advice from JS and our guest NUS. The guidance Police have since the incident in Southampton where a knife was used was discussed, although NUS stressed that the Sikh community condemn the act and do not recognise the offender as Sikh. EB is concerned that the public will disproportionately react to the incident and Police need to be careful that we do not disproportionately act. NUS added that racist incidents have risen by 22% against Sikhs.

NR said that it is hard to tell the difference between a Sikh and a Muslim. JS asked - can you tell that someone has been baptised by just looking at them? No.

The Amritsanjar gives clear guidance at Baptism – NUS can provide a translation of this.

NR said that perhaps some radicalisation training would be useful.

EB informed the meeting that the Funeral for a PC was taking place on 2nd July and all who knew him are welcome.

RRK remarked that he was a super, dedicated Officer and wanted to thank Insp LB and EB for supporting the Neighbourhood team so well.

5. Chairs Report

AK

The meeting closed at 19.02hrs

6. Next Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 8th September 2026

Location: Kiln Farm Gurdwara, Tilers Court, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes

7. More Meeting dates for 2026:

20th October

8th December

EVENTS CALENDAR