



- 1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies (5 mins) IAG Chair – RM**
- 2. Approval of previous Minutes and Actions ( 10 mins) IAG Chair – RM**

Minutes approved as a true record. All actions complete.

**Action:** EB to find out further information re the training seminar. SJ attended a meeting last week.

**Action:** SA to forward email re refugees in Amersham to SS/SB.

**Action:** Kings Church and WISE to update on their community projects.

**Action:** To look at third party reporting for hate crime.

Anything to add to the community watch magazine let SJ know.

- 3. Hate Crime Data Headlines (5 mins) NH Insp SB**

Rolling 12 months - 441 hate crimes this averages at about 2.57 per 1000 of population. Seen a big reduction since we last spoke.

Positive outcomes – average is 13% for Wycombe.

327 offences since April – increase of 27% from last year.

Encourage reporting of hate crime – people have more confidence in reporting. Number of offences reported across the Force is up.

Year to date positive outcomes: Force 12% / Wycombe 16% - good for victims of crime.

61 ongoing investigations on the LPA that are live.

Monitoring community tensions – worked closed with partners/wardens/BidCo for the Christmas lights switch on – relatively incident free. Good feedback across the board.

- 4. Intensive Engagement project update (10 mins) NH Insp SB**

Castlefield – long term engagement project. Had a further community meeting. Identified priorities for the community – speeding, drugs, anti-social behaviour, littering, and parking. Local people assisting. Plans in place to do a joint operation with DVLA to tackle illegally parked vehicles.

Community litter picks.

Positive action and engagement team meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November to encourage ethnic minorities to join the police.

A long running project.

RM attended – good, positive engagement and people attending from other areas who are obviously interested in the work going on.

KS – positive engagement from the police – more reporting of crime. More to do, but a start. A lot of concern about Red Kite – that they are getting positive feedback from this but actually not doing anything at all/lack of investment.

## **5. Stop and Search (30 mins)**

**C/Insp GS**

Wycombe have been asked to pilot a couple of processes to enable scrutiny to take place.

Peer reviews will take place. Inspectors and Sergeants reviewing BWV engagement on their peer groups/other teams.

BWV Community Scrutiny Panel. More in depth. Opens up to other members of the community, including younger members and parents of those who have been stop searched.

The IAG function is to have the independency that you bring to the forum, to promote transparency, to gain an accurate picture.

BWV from 3 officers with the highest numbers of stop and search given to the IAG Chair to pick 3 videos from to view today. 2 videos viewed at this meeting. Extensive discussion during the meeting with members over actions of the officers, level of professionalism, clarity of engagement and compliance of process (as per attached power point)

Every officer is encourage to turn on their camera at the start of every engagement.

Any feedback would be appreciated.

## **6. LPA Commanders Updates (20 mins)**

**Supt EB**

- **Crime updates**

Areas of performance the community ask us about.

Figures from April to 1<sup>st</sup> December

Serious Violence - Reduction of 19% - 14 offences.

Street Robbery - 7% decrease – not as much as we would like.

Burglary is down nationally – due to Covid.

Knife enabled crimes – 38 so far, a decrease from last year. Need to look at outcomes – out of 38 only 10 successful.

Most concerning area is Domestic Abuse (DA) – we are investing a lot of time, thought and effort to try and increase reporting from victims but also improved outcomes, not just judicial but other orders. Evidence says the quicker you can get to a report of DA, the better the engagement and outcome. Force priority is that at least 50% of DA incidents result in an arrest

Wycombe is above the Force target of 61%, however always room for improvement. An arrest of the suspect gives the victim the confidence in the police that we will take action and gives them the time and space, in a safe environment to consider their options.

Why do we lose the support of victims? Would welcome thoughts and feedback on how we can engage.

- **Significant operational activity**

Op Sceptre – 15<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November to tackle knife crime – nationwide initiative. To send a message to our communities to say how seriously we take knife crime.

17 knife sweeps – 61 knives seized in total – swords/razor blades/hunting knives etc.

Acted on intelligence provided by the community. As a result arrests were made.

Engagement – spent a lot of time in schools, visiting/presentations/risks involved/implications and damage knives can do.

Pop ups where there is a high footfall of people.

Carried out a number of diversionary sessions – to give support to divert people away from carrying knives.

Test purpose operations – send a young person into a location to attempt to buy a knife. Work closely with trading standards. 1 in 2 failed.

Op Holiday – increase in shoplifting at this time of year. Want people to feel safe when shopping and shops to feel supported. An area we can struggle with due to competing demands. Increased presence does help with reassurance.

Op Hustle – winter burglary campaign. Beginning to see an increase as people start to socialise and get out and about. Increased presence, NH teams doing reduction work: promoting security.

- **Violence Against Women & Girls**

Sentencing of Wayne Couzens in October – details that came out about him. Serving police officer who abused his position, may have shown prior behaviours like this. Quite rightly policing was put in the spotlight.

Taken a good look at processes. A Gold group – lead by senior officers set up. ACC plus a silver lead.

One area of concern; do we know where we are with rape investigations etc. Were we offering the best possible service? How do we support our victims and ensure the best possible outcome?

Not only what we are delivering to our communities but looking internally. We have a strong code of ethics but is everyone following this? Abuse of position training – clear messages – no one left in any doubt of what officers / staff should be doing.

Rape – Service Improvement Review. A governance team looks at every aspect of an investigation to understand areas of risk and where we are not performing. Engage in behaviour science. Various approaches.

We want people to feel that Wycombe is a safe place – generally out and about and on key nights (student nights, late licencing on Friday/Saturday) so people feel safe in the night time economy.

Op Vigilant – to focus on predatory individuals who we believe are in the area with a sole focus to target vulnerable women. Reassure you that there is a lot of work going on in Wycombe.

#### **7. Community project updates from:**

- **Kings Church youth activities (3 mins)** **AL**

Beginning of the year received money from the Commanders fund to put into a youth event we run on a Friday night – called Unite. An open door, free to attend for young people 7-13yrs. We run multiple different games and get them involved in team work. We want to see young people engage with other like-minded young people and keep them off the streets. People from church and disenfranchised children from local schools. Money received upgraded equipment (table tennis tables etc), arcade machines, crafts equipment, pool table. Last event we ran we had 65 young people, great but we want to improve on this. Going in to schools to ask who their challenging young people are. We have a serving officer who attends. 3 Thursdays in four currently – hoping to up to every Thursday.

- **Men's fitness activities (3 mins)** **WISE representative**

No attendance.

#### **8. Members Feedback / Issues to raise: (5 mins)** **All**

#### **9. AOB** **IAG Chair - RM**

**MY – Spiking situation:** EB - We have not had any confirmed cases; thought we had one but looks like it was an insect bite of some sort. Some in Oxford and Reading. Introduced a tight process. If willing to support we need a urine test. Concerns getting through metal

detectors –it could be like an insulin needle. A few cases where (not in our area) a young girl upset with her boyfriend said she'd been spiked; turned out not to have been. We must investigate every allegation.

MY - Do you find people report an incident saying they were spiked but then it is dismissed because they won't test? EB – they are not dismissed as they have to be recorded; however we struggle if victim will not engage.

**SJ – Neighbourhood Watch (NHW):** video from Insp SB and 10 ways to harden your house against burglary – sent out via TVAlerts. NHW has a standard presentation on Cons and Scams – if you would like they can give a presentation to groups.

**Bucks Council – hate crime:** There will be a forum to meet quarterly. Will send an email which summarises what will be involved and EB may want someone to attend. Perhaps need to look at communications – people not aware of IAG or that police go into schools.

**Resignation of member:**

AM unable to make meetings due to other commitments.

**Is Thursday still a good evening?** To look at meetings for next year:

**Meeting dates for 2022:**

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

16<sup>th</sup> June 2022

16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

8<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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

**All**

**Next Meeting Date**

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022