

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 2021

MEMBERS: Tim Fellows (Chair), Glenn Breslin (Vice-Chair), Janet Marshall (Vice-Chair), Sheila Stacey (Treasurer), Carol Shuttle, Eddie Fraser, Dave Cockle, Irene Wilson and Maria Aciyan

Officers: Emine Arif (Modern Slavery Investigator), Superintendent Chris Jones (MPS), Sergeant Monika Malecka (MPS), Stacey Gilmour (Governance Officer)

Also Attending: Malcom Patten and Catherine Mears (Chingford Green Ward Panel) - Observing

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lee David-Sanders (Deputy Leader Conservative Group & Crime Scrutiny Panel Chair), Alok Agrawal (SNB Secretary), Vickie Pite (CAPE Chair), Adrian Bishop-Laggett (FERA), Dionne John (CAPE Chair), Leena Parker (PEP Member).

3. CHAIRS FEEDBACK

Hate Crime: The Hate Crime Forum Management Group continues to meet virtually. There have been several meetings on how to take forward the Case Management Panel (CMP) and it finally met last week testing out its new structure. There were a few teething issues, but I think they will be easily overcome. There has been a 24.2% increase in race & religious hate crime and a 7.3% increase in homophobic hate crimes and in the 12 months ending July. Transgender stayed unchanged and disability fell by 37.9%.

In that last quarter I have met with our new BCU Commander, attended two LCP² zoom meeting, the Safer & Stronger Communities Board, Crime Scrutiny Panel and attended training on modern day slavery.

The North Area Violence Reduction Group has met, and Janet is attending on our behalf.

Highway CAPE met and unfortunately our Chair announced that he was stepping down. I am in the process of organising the next meeting at which a new chair will be elected.

Yesterday I attended the Borough Commanders Commendation Ceremony at Forty Hall. It was a very good afternoon and good to see our local police being recognised for their good work. Superintendent Chris Jones had also attended

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the event and he commented that it had been a great opportunity for the Borough Commander to reward where Police Officers had gone over and above their call of duty. He added that he felt there was a need to expand even further on these types of event to recognise even more staff and officers for the invaluable work that they do. It had also been great to see Officers' families attending as they are often impacted too by what happens on the shift.

MOPAC funding. To everyone's complete amazement MOPAC announced there would be funding this year but announced it so late that there was little time to submit bids. We were able to get one bid in under the wire, which was successful, but to date no PO numbers have been released to be able to claim this year's money. As you can imagine the chairs from all SNB's are complaining about the situation.

On a sad note this will probably be the last meeting for our SNB Treasurer Sheila Stacey. Sheila has served on the Board and as a CAPE Chair for many years. Sheila's dedication and wisdom will be sorely missed.

Stop & Search Monitoring Group

Janet Marshall has now been elected as Chair of this group and Janet Evans as Vice-Chair. A new Police Inspector has also been linked to the group and there are lots of plans ahead.

CCTV Monitoring Group

Tim provided some background information on the role of the CCTV Monitoring Group and explained that the Council had wanted some independent scrutiny of the CCTV cameras therefore the SNB provide volunteers who visit the CCTV centre in groups of two to view the cameras and provide feedback. These visits had been put on the back burner during COVID but would now resume.

4. MODERN DAY SLAVERY

RECEIVED a presentation from Emine Arif, Modern Slavery Investigator.

NOTED:

- (i) The Modern Slavery team consists of a team manager and two investigators all of who work closely with a specialist police team in the borough.
- (ii) Their role is to tackle the criminal element of Modern Slavery and locational and business issues.
- (iii) The victim work is still held by the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH); this is the lead agency who the LBE Modern Slavery Team support.
- (iv) The team have links with LBE internal teams such as Enviro health, council tax, business rates, ASB and YOT teams to name but a few.
- (v) External links include the Police (local and central), other boroughs, HMRC, DWP, Enable and NHS colleagues.

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- (vi) Referrals to the team come from lots of departments including ones already named above as well as schools, colleges members of the public and councillors. There is a helpline which is manned during working hours and referrals are also received via email.
- (vii) Modern slavery is an umbrella term which includes human trafficking, slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour.
- (viii) This is the recruitment, movement, harbouring or receiving of children, men or women through the use of force, coercion, abuse or vulnerability, deception or other means for the purposes of exploitation.
- (ix) Different types of exploitation include sexual exploitation, forced labour, servitude, forced criminality/County Lines, financial exploitation, forced marriage, debt bondage and organ harvesting.
- (x) Further detailed information was provided on the different types of exploitation as what these entailed.
- (xi) The scale of modern slavery in the UK is significant. Modern slavery crimes are being committed across the country and there has been year on year increases in the number of victims identified.
- (xii) Met Police stats were provided. Unfortunately, however the actual figures will never really be known as this crime is often under reported with many potentially not even realising that they are victims of Modern Slavery.
- (xiii) Further information was provided on the top 10 nationalities reported as victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in the UK, with UK (34%-3560), Albanian (15%-1638) and Vietnamese (6%-653) nationals the most commonly reported potential victims.
- (xiv) With UK nationals, labour exploitation in adults and criminal exploitation in children is the most common. With regards to gender breakdown, males are used mostly for labour exploitation, females for sexual exploitation and children for criminal exploitation (county lines)
- (xv) In Enfield the picture is different from that of national level re types of reported cases. The biggest form of referred cases of human trafficking is for the purpose of sexual exploitation (71%) followed by domestic servitude (16%) and forced labour at 13%.
- (xvi) A case study was shown of a Modern Slavery raid that had taken place in Enfield at Tile Kiln Farm where concerns had been raised regarding possible labour exploitation and organised crime links. A year long joint Police and Modern Slavery Team investigation had taken place. Over 100 professionals were involved in the planned raid including Police, HMRC, Modern Slavery Team, Business Rates, Enviro Health, Food Hygiene, Immigration, London Fire Brigade, London Ambulance Service, National Crime Agency and the Salvation Army.
- (xvii) The Modern Slavery Team had supported Police with intelligence gathering prior to the raid and had supported coordination of a reception centre in preparation for the day of the raid. There had also been Multi-agency intelligence sharing.
- (xviii) A Police led raid had been executed in July 2020 as a result of which 11 potential victims had been identified as being potential victims of labour exploitation. £75,000 cash had been recovered from the premises, evidence was found of multi-million-pound crypto currency

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related illegal activity and three individuals had been arrested during the raid.

The Chair thanked Emine for her informative presentation and the following questions/comments were raised:

- The Chair commented that some arranged marriages are not by consent. Therefore, does work take place around forced marriages/domestic abuse?
Emine advised that her team work closely with the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator from within the Community Safety Team.
- Sheila Stacey referred to the Case Study on Tile Kiln Farm and felt that a year long investigation was a considerable time for the potential victims of Modern Slavery. Superintendent Chris Jones explained that prolonged surveillance had taken place to ensure there were no forearms/drugs at the premises and essentially this period was needed to ensure that there was enough intelligence in place to catch 'Mr Big'.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2021.

6. EXAMINATION OF CRIME STATISTICS

Superintendent Chris Jones went through the report in the agenda pack. The following was highlighted:

- The information provided a flavour of activities currently being undertaken by the Neighbourhood Teams
- Operation Boxster works predominately in Fore Street covering Enfield and Haringey targeting street sex workers and the crime associated on the periphery of this activity.
- There are currently 44 identified street sex workers on the North Area. 85 street cautions have been issued in the last six weeks and ten kerb crawlers have been processed in the last two weeks and nine subjects have been issued conditional cautions.
- Monthly diversion courses have been organised using Street Light Foundation UK, whereby offenders must attend a five-hour seminar on the dangers of using sex workers.
- Operation Boxster also covers the more criminal element of brothels. For example, whilst conducting a brothel visit one of the clients at the address was identified as wanted and arrested for a violent robbery in South London and breach of tag.
- This ongoing operation has seen some great work taking place and arrests have tripled.
- Recent figures presented to the Crime Scrutiny Panel showed a 30% reduction in reported Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) calls around the on-street sex workers which demonstrates visible and tangible results.

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- With regards to Safer Schools, Officers are back in schools and have been talking to students about how to stay safe online and deal with online bullying. A MET Cyber Champion has been recruited to go into schools to advise and educate students and parents around online safety.
- With the worsening crises around the world there has been a new influx of refugees from Afghanistan. Safer Schools Officer PC Ken Carroll has been working with You vs You to help identify vulnerable people and share with the how to stay safe in a foreign country.
- An update was provided on the work of the Safer Estate Teams which had resulted in some positive outcomes with arrests being made.
- Regularly weapon sweeps are ongoing in open spaces and weapons are often recovered.
- Some fantastic community events had taken place including community engagement days and youth engagement continued with the very successful Cadet Programme which had included a bumper summer of Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions trying to make up for the lost year of 2020.
- Between the 26th and 29th July Enfield and Haringey Cadets took part in a week of activity which had involved weapon sweeps, litter picking and conducting various surveys with the public.
- The top priority for the Safer Neighbourhood Ward teams remains to suppress violence. Neighbourhood Officers are out daily conducting weapon sweeps and robbery patrols to detect and deter crime.
- The teams continue to check open park spaces to ensure that young people feel safe when out and about. A lot of females have fed back that they don't feel safe in certain areas when out walking or jogging. Therefore, Superintendent Jones said that it is imperative that the SNTs are out and about, wearing Hi-Vis jackets so that they are visible and engaging with the local communities
- Three nights of action took place during July and August to disrupt the car meets in Enfield and again this had resulted in some positive outcomes with 12 vehicles being seized, 92 Section 59, anti-social driving warnings issued, and 5 arrests made. These nights of action were a direct neighbourhood led police response, in response to complaints from residents.
- A Catalytic Convertor Marking Event took place on the weekend of 14th and 15th August where officers from Upper Edmonton were assisted by the AA for the marking event at Ikea, Glover Drive. 32 vehicles were marked and lots of crime prevention advice given.
- Data was provided for a rolling 12 months from October 2020 on total crimes by ward, Enfield crime types, Monthly I & S calls and stop and search figures.

Following Superintendent's update, the following comments/questions were raised:

- With regards to confidence and satisfaction this is still quite low especially around the Eastern side of the Borough. Meetings continue

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to take place with Faith Community Leaders and CAPE Chairs to look at ways of addressing this issue. Better communication of what has been achieved is planned.

- Further information was provided on the marking of Catalytic Convertors and how this scheme works.
- CAPE Chairs raised various concerns with regards to the CAPE meetings. This included police non-attendance, not receiving regular updates and lack of information and organisation. Superintendent Jones re-iterated that it is his expectation that all SNT Sergeants attend their CAPE meetings. He advised that he meets with them regularly to ensure that they are up to date with knowledge and information and he briefs them every two weeks on performance and targets. Supt Jones also confirmed that there is a Ward Improvement Plan refreshing guidance and terms of reference to ensure consistency. All Sergeants have a Ward Improvement Plan which includes functioning CAPE's, Chairs and programmed meetings etc.
- Supt Jones encouraged the CAPE Chairs to update him regularly and contact him if there are any issues so that he can intervene early and address these. He added that in his twenty-four years of policing he has always maintained that if you get Neighbourhood Policing right, the rest follows.
- Discussions took place on abstractions from the Neighbourhood Ward Teams and the impact of this. This had been evident recently with officers being abstracted locally to police the Insulate Britain and other protests. This has a major impact on resources and response times.
- Information was provided regarding Target establishment around wards and it was confirmed that all wards now had the dedicated numbers of Officers in place with the exception of a shortage of 4/5 School Officers. There would always be a rotation of officers due to resignation, transition and promotion.
- Sergeant Monika Malecka (MPS) updated the Board on some exciting work taking place at Craig Park Youth Centre as a result a specialist pool of funding that had been received.

The Chair thanked Superintendent Jones and Sergeant Malecka for their informative updates.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Prior to lockdown guest speakers were invited to these meetings to upskill members. Some previous examples of speakers are on Youth Offending Service, CCTV Centre, Drugs team, Body worn Camera's and cybercrime. The chair sought suggestions for future topics and the following ideas were put forward:

- Integrated Offender Management
- Fire Brigade
- Counter Terrorism- local issues
- School Officers – work taking place in schools
- Enviro Crime

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- Frequent Flyers- small Police team working with Mental Health Teams with regards to a small number of people who regularly contact the emergency services (Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade) with what are usually mental health issues. This has a huge impact on these resources.

After further discussions it was agreed that Superintendent Chris Jones (MPS) would provide a brief update on Counter Terrorism – local issues at the next SNB meeting on Thursday 13 January 2022.

Action: Superintendent Chris Jones, (MPS)

It was also noted that the SNB membership list was somewhat out of date and therefore needed to be amended.

AGREED that Janet Marshall (SNB Vice-Chair) or Sheila Stacey (SNB Treasurer) would send an updated list to Stacey Gilmour (SNB Administrator) to make the necessary amendments.

Action: Janet/Sheila/Stacey

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTED the dates of future meetings as follows:

Thursday 13 January 2022

Thursday 7 April 2022