

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY, 2019

MEMBERS: Tim Fellows (Chair), Janet Marshall, Alok Agrawal, Carole Shuttle, Vicky Dungate, Tracey Anang, Leena Parkar and Youth Parliament Member

Officers: Julie Tailor (Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, Detective Chief Superintendent Treena Fleming (North Area BCU Commander), Superintendent Farooq Sheikh, Detective Chief Inspector Stuart Smillie, Inspector Imran Asghar

Also Attending: 3 members of the public

163. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

164. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Sheila Stacey, Harry Landsman and Pat Jackson.

165. CHAIRS FEEDBACK

The meetings that the Chair has participated in this period are: Safer and Stronger Communities Board, Safer Neighbourhood Board Chairs meeting in New Scotland Yard on two occasions and chaired the Hate Crime Case Management Panel twice.

The Chair and Susan O'Connell met with Havana, the new MOPAC representative for Enfield, and Julie Taylor and the Chair met with Galop regarding domestic abuse reporting and support in the LGBT Community.

The Chair gave a talk about SNB's to the EREC/LBE equalities meeting this month.

On Monday evening at the Safer Neighbourhood Board Chairs meeting we had a presentation about the new way CAPE's (Ward Panels) will be working. This raised lots of concerns on the direction of the CAPE's going forward. There was lots of heated debate and an updated presentation will be sent through to the SNB Chairs, hopefully this can come to the next SNB meeting.

The Chair raised the issue of ward boundary changes and where were the extra 16 or 17 officers coming from? Tim was assured that the mayors promise would be honoured, and extra officers would be provided.

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Stop & Search group provided feedback, there is a meeting next Tuesday and this is going well. The computer issues have been resolved so footage can be viewed. The group receive reports and view footage and provide a critical friend approach.

The CCTV Monitoring Station Group has not visited for a while, but there are 6 trained volunteers who visit and make random inspections. Tim advised that he will need to step down from this group due to his other commitments. Sheila will send an email round to ask for another interested party. give some feedback today.

It was agreed to change the order of the agenda items 5 and 6 but for the minutes the order will remain unchanged.

166. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting 24 April 2019 were agreed.

167. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE ENFIELD SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSTITUTION

The proposed changes were noted and that this would need to be ratified at the AGM meeting in April 2020.

At this time the Constitution will also be looked at again as Safer Neighbourhood Board have now been in place for five years so this also needs updating and removing information that is no longer valid.

168. BRIEFING ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Julie Tailor, Domestic Violence Co-ordinator presented this report and highlighted the following:

- The report provided an overview of domestic violence and abuse and the work undertaken in this area.
- The report provided the government definition of domestic violence and abuse, controlling behaviour and coercive behaviour
- The domestic abuse statistics for Enfield showed that Domestic Abuse, Sexual Offences and Rape Offences had all decreased over the last 12 months, but Domestic Abuse Violence with Injury offences had increased.
- Ideally, we would like to see the number of domestic abuse incidents increase as this is viewed as an increase in awareness of services and an increase in the confidence to report and a decrease in violence with injury as would hope that early intervention work would reduce this figure.
- Multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) was covered in detail in the report explaining- who attends, what the purpose is; how often this is held in Enfield and the categories of referral.
- The role of independent domestic violence advocate (IDVA) is to address the safety of victims at high risk of harm and they normally

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work with victims from the point of crisis. The advice and support they offer was detailed in the report.

- The Protection orders that are available and are used dependent on the situation and the victims wishes were detailed in the report
- In Enfield there are 4 IDVA's at Edmonton Police Station, 1 is dedicated to Enfield residents; 2 IDVA's at North Middlesex Hospital in the A & E department; 1 IUDVA dedicated to the children centres; 2 new additional IDVA's will be based in the borough, location to be determined but this is likely to be at the police station; 1 new IDVA will be based in Chase Farm Hospital; 2 IDVA's at Highbury Court and Children's services are creating a Domestic Abuse team which will include 2 domestic abuse managers and 6-7 domestic abuse trained social workers.
- The Draft Domestic Abuse Bill was published in 21st January 2019, there was a further hearing on the 16 July and will need to be another hearing, the date for this is unknown at present. The key measures within this were detailed in the report.
- A link to the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy was provided in the report and some details of previous campaigns that had been run were provided.

Board members welcomed conversations on this subject and felt this was a step in the right direction. Violence against women and girls had been agreed as one of the priorities by the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Co-location at the police station was viewed as very helpful by the police.

Coercive control was discussed, whilst this is law it is currently very difficult to prove and there has only been one conviction.

Following a question on contact with GP's details were provided of the Iris Project who have 2 outreach workers who train GP's and provide support services. Many of Enfield's GP's are signed up to this.

Julie was thanked for her presentation.

169. NORTH AREA BOROUGH COMMANDER TREENA FLEMING

Treena Fleming, introduced herself she has now been in post 3 months and was previously working at Camden & Islington setting up the Safeguarding strand for the Met. She highlighted the following:

- Her vision and priorities are to:
 - Reduce ASB and repeat victimisation
 - Reduction of violence with injury; all residents should feel safe
 - Stop young people carrying knives
 - Reduction of burglary
- Prevention and enforcement are key, it is important to safeguard residents.

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- She would like to see an increase in sanction detections for all (Total Notifiable Offences) to help instil confidence that offenders will be punished, and justice prevails
- Fear and perception of crime needs to be addressed so that people are aware of the realistic picture and the actions that the police are taking to address issues.
- It is key that the police response is right first time whatever the offence is
- There is a positive arrest policy for domestic abuse even if the victim does not want to press charges. This allows pause for thought and assists with safeguarding the victim and ensuring that multi agency support can be provided.
- Enhance trust with communities and how this could be improved. Including enhancing trust with young people. This will be through ward panels, community meetings, Independent Advisory Group and the Youth Independent advisory Group
- Adopt a trauma informed approach always thinking about safeguarding
- Further promotion of Crime stoppers, this is totally anonymous and helps provide intelligence

Further comments and questions were raised:

- Further to concerns raised on burglary in Cockfosters, with regards to response officers not having enough time to investigate. Treena advised that NA BCU are 7 months into the new policing model so there will be challenges. It is important to get it right first time at the scene. Every police officer should see themselves as an investigator and we need to equip our officers with appropriate training/ experience to be a good investigator. If resourcing is an issue in a particular area/crime type, then the new model allows for there to be much better flex of local resources where appropriate.
- Shift patterns are currently being reviewed, this is in consultation at present and should better allow for resources to be in the right place at the right time around the patterns of crime
- In response to how the police work with other boroughs, Treena advised that there are only 12 BCU's across the Met. They meet every month exploring crime types, best practice working together for the best response. They are also working with Herts.

170. EXAMINATION OF CRIME STATISTICS

The report on crime statistics had been circulated in advance with agenda papers. The chair reminded board members to prepare questions.

Superintendent Sheikh provided more up to date information and highlighted:

- There has been an increase in total Notifiable Offences to 9%, this is above the Met average of 6.4%
- Reviewing which wards are suffering the most, what resilience is there to meet demand and the use of Pulse Patrols

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- Pulse Patrols will be used to blitz areas for 45 minutes talking to and engaging with residents, creating a police presence.
- Pulse patrols, where an increased number of officers are in an area for a period to patrol the area, actively engage with the public to gather any intelligence on issues and deter criminals from operating in the areas. This proactive style of policing which will involve looking at officer shift patterns
- This will involve change of hours, so this is in consultation at present and will conclude in approximately 2 months
- All unmarked police cars will be marked in future to improve visibility and to deter crime

Following a query that burglars often don't live in the borough, it was explained that they do tend to stick to same routine and areas and that the police do work with counterparts in other boroughs.

In response to a query on target establishment the Board was advised that 47 new officers will be coming through from now to December. With regards to DWO's, there was 1 vacancy in Winchmore Hill; the replacement will come through in September. There will be a further vacancy in Chase, this will go to local resources to allocate a replacement.

Planned and current operations

- There had been an extensive police operation in Ponders End resulting in 24 arrests and 93 Sanction Detections. This could be brought back in future to the Board as a case study. However, this is currently going through the legal process, so no further information can be given
- Following an increase in robberies in Enfield Town over 6-8 weeks, an operation involving extensive use of CCTV and working with McDonalds had resulted in 4 people being arrested and the number of robberies has now reduced to 2 a month.
- Roads Transport Police have undertaken well-advertised work on the issues on the A10 resulting in:
 - Speeding -147
 - Drink/Drug Driving- 5
 - No insurance-7
 - Stolen vehicles- 6
 - S59 notices- 9
 - Vehicle defect -36
- Prostitution in Fore street, the number of sex works has increased recently. This is believed to be a result of work undertaken in Redbridge which has displaced sex workers. An operation is due to start in August for 2 weeks involving enforcement and outreach workers to work with the sex workers.
- Burglary issue in Lower Edmonton and Upper Edmonton- officers to provide prevention advice to whole streets not just affected property
- Enfield have introduced meet on your street sessions with the Police, this is proving successful and more people are engaging this way

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- Operations on burglary taking place in highlands in a similar way to what had previously taken place in Cockfosters.
- Talked about Neighbourhood Watch and Streetwatch and how these should be increased and spread across the whole of Enfield.

I and S Calls

The I grade calls (response within 15 minutes) has been maintained at 83.3% which is the same as last year.

The S grade calls are at an average of 82.4% throughout the year.

The Chair and Susan O'Connell will meet with the police to discuss how future information is provided to the board.

171. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair advised that a number of bids had been received and were being reviewed they total £26,400. Enfield's allocation is £26,838, the deadline for the SNB funding application to be submitted to MOPAC is the 2nd August.

At the next meeting of the SNB details would be provided of what funding had been agreed.

172. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates of future meetings were noted.