

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SAFER
NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, 7TH
APRIL, 2022**

MEMBERS: Tim Fellows (Chair), Janet Marshall (Vice-Chair), Glenn Breslin (Vice-Chair), David Cockle (CAPE Chair) and Alok Agrawal (SNB Secretary)

Officers: Inspector Scott Mason (MPS), Acting Inspector Farhan Asghar (MPS), Debbie Jacyna, (Outreach Recruitment Lead MPS), Stacey Gilmour, (Governance Officer)

Also Attending: 1 Member of the Public.

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lee David-Sanders (Deputy Leader Conservative Group & Crime Scrutiny Panel Chair), Vickie Pite (CAPE Chair), Rasheeda Ali-Sevaratnam (Independent Advisory Group (IAG)), Superintendent Chris Jones (MPS) and Chief Inspector Karl Curran (MPS). Inspector Scott Mason (MPS) was attending on behalf of Superintendent Chris Jones.

An apology for lateness was received from Janet Marshall (SNB Vice-Chair).

3. NOTES OF INFORMAL MEETING OF THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

AGREED the notes of the informal meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Board held on 13 January 2022.

4. 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 we have been testing out its new structure. It sadly isn't working as there is a real issue around information sharing. Tim advised that if this was not resolved, he would be resigning.

There has been a 0.5% decrease in race & religious hate crime, a 1.5% increase in homophobic hate crimes, a 33.3% decrease in transgender hate crime and a 57.7% decrease in disability hate crime in the twelve months ending February 2022. These are worrying trends as it probably means high levels of under reporting.

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Meeting Attendance

Tim advised that in the last quarter he had attended the following meetings:

- A meeting with the outgoing BCU Commander regarding the under reporting of hate crime.
- Four Gold Group meetings.
- A very heated PAN London meeting following the inquest into the four homophobic murders in East London organised by the MET, LGBT and IAG.
- Two additional meetings regarding the murders and the subsequent fall out.
- Attended Crime Scrutiny Panel twice.
- Met with the new BCU Faith Officer which had proved very productive.
- Attended the Safer & Stronger Communities Board meeting on the afternoon of 7 April 2022.
- LCP AGM Zoom meeting.

MOPAC Funding

The Purchase Order (PO) numbers for last year have just been released and it had been announced that there will be a similar level of funding for the coming year. Unfortunately, last year's funding had still not been received and Tim asked for an update on this as a matter of urgency.

Action: Stacey Gilmour, Governance Officer/ Clare Cade, Governance Manager

Stop & Search Monitoring Group

An update would be provided at the next meeting.

CCTV Monitoring Group

An update would be provided at the next meeting.

5. ENFIELD CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PERFORMANCE

RECEIVED the report of Andrea Clemons, Head of Community Safety.

NOTED that discussions on this report were covered under Item:6 of the agenda: Examination of Crime Statistics.

6. EXAMINATION OF CRIME STATISTICS

Inspector Scott Mason went through the report in the agenda pack. The following was highlighted:

- The information provided a flavour of the role profiles of the teams, some of the work the teams had been delivering and the key objectives for the coming year.
- Updates and information were provided on the following:
 - Community Tensions
 - BCU Performance Overview

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- Key Tasking's
- Portfolio Overview
- Planned Operations
- CAPE Meetings
- DWO Abstractions
- Good News Stories
- Full details for each of the above can be found in the agenda pack report.
- Acting Inspector Farhan Asghar updated members on the Portfolio Overview which included information on the following:
 - Safer Neighbourhoods
 - Safer Estates
 - Edmonton Green Town Centre Team
 - Operation Boxster
 - Project Taipan
 - Partnership & Prevention Hub
- Safer Neighbourhoods in Enfield is broken down into 21 wards, consisting of one Inspector, seven Sergeants, 52 PC's and 21 PCSO's. The officers work shifts between the hours of 0700-2300 7 days a week.
- Officers attend three monthly ward panel meetings to discuss current crime trends and listen to concerns of the local community and agree policing priorities for the coming months.
- There are daily high visibility patrols in hotspot areas to tackle issues such as burglary, robbery and violence against women and girls as well as conducting reassurance patrols after events that are likely to have an impact on the local communities.
- Another large part of Neighbourhood policing is dealing with long term issues within communities with a view to 'designing out crime' to stop it happening in the first place.
- Information was provided on the role profile of the Safer Estates Teams and their Key Objectives for 2022.
- Further information was also provided on the Edmonton Green Town Centre Team which had been established in February 2022 and was already proving to show some fantastic results.
- The primary focus of the Town Centre Team (TCT) is violence reduction with an emphasis on serious youth violence and violence against women and girls, while rebuilding trust and confidence. This will be achieved through high visibility policing in intelligence led hot spots and by working in partnership with local stakeholders including business owners and youth groups to understand root causes and work together to provide long term solutions to ongoing problems.
- Key Achievements for the past month of the Edmonton Green Town Centre Team were discussed and full details of these were included in the report.
- Using POP (Problem Orientating Policing) money the TCT had been able to fund the opening of a new youth centre at the Salvation Army Church, Fore Street, which will help divert some of the youth away from

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the street to a place of safety with positive influence. This centre is due to open next month.

- Members suggested ways to advertise this new centre which included promoting it through Social workers as well as the Pupil Referral Units (PRU's). Acting Inspector Farhan Asghar confirmed that they work closely with Enfield Council's Youth Services Team who had been instrumental in assisting with the complex issues of setting up a new youth centre.
- An update was provided on Operation Boxster which included the Key Objectives for 2022 as well as the Key Achievements.
- A structured outreach programme using partners from The Salvation Army, NHS, Streetlights UK and SHOC and CLASH continues to try to help and divert women involved in sex work. Their tireless work in the area is vital in trying to make the areas of Fore Street and the High Road a safer place for residents.
- To date 87 males have been arrested and dealt with for soliciting a woman for prostitution. These males have been diverted to an Awareness Course run by Streetlight UK. The course is a day long and costs the male £250 which is used by the charity to fund its outreach work. To date no males sent on the course have been seen to re-offend.
- Project Taipan is a dedicated Neighbourhood proactive tasking team who devise and utilise tactics to engage with the public whilst supporting the community and target crime and offenders. It works with partner agencies to deliver quality outcomes and are at the forefront of proactive policing. The team is made up of one Sergeant and seven Constables.
- Information was provided on the Partnership & Prevention Hub, its role profile, key areas of responsibility and Key Objectives for 2022.
- Discussions took place regarding planned operations which included Safeguarding Operations, Robbery/Violence Operations and Cross Cutting Operations.
- In response to a question regarding the property marking of Catalytic Converters the Chair said that although this is a great idea it would be useful to know the dates of when this takes place so they could be advertised. Inspector Mason acknowledged this point and agreed that better communication was important.
- IT was agreed that the CAPE Meetings were massively important. One or two wards did not currently have a Chair, but action was being taken to fill these vacancies as soon as possible.
- Overall, Dedicated Ward Officer (DWO) abstractions were manageable and comparable with other departments across the Met.
- Some good news stories were shared, and the Board thanked the police for all their hard work which had resulted in some positive and encouraging outcomes.

7. CHANGES TO WARD BOUNDARIES

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NOTED that conversations regarding changes to the Ward Boundaries from a Police perspective were still ongoing therefore any updates would be provided at a future meeting of the Board as and when they became available.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Debbie Jacyna, Outreach Recruitment Lead, Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) introduced herself and updated the Board as follows:

NOTED:

- (i) In November 2020 the Mayor of London announced an action plan to address some of the real concerns which had been raised within the communities of London.
- (ii) One of the key areas of focus was to increase the diversity of representation within the MPS, with a specific focus upon women and people from underrepresented groups.
- (iii) A brand-new approach was developed with the specific aim of building confidence in the Met as an employer of choice for more women and people from underrepresented groups. The strategy focuses on building confidence within our communities, informing people about the fantastic opportunities that exist in the Met, inspiring people to be the change they want to see; and supporting people who choose to make that important step by actively applying to be a police officer.
- (iv) The Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime (MOPAC) have been supportive in providing a dedicated fund, which will enable local businesses, charities and community led organisations to work in collaboration with the Met; to rebuild trust within our communities and progress towards increasing the number of people from underrepresented groups to consider a career within policing.
- (v) The Met has invested heavily in recruiting an additional fifty Police Officers to be part of twelve Outreach Teams, working across London, to engage with communities to build confidence, inform, inspire and support them when they act in applying to join the Met.
- (vi) In her role as an Outreach Recruitment Lead Debbie advised that she was responsible for coordinating the joint activity of the Basic Command Units (BCUs) resources to effectively engage with communities. Outreach workers make the initial contact with potential candidates, inform and inspire them, with the ultimate aim for them to submit a successful application form.
- (vii) The Outreach Teams actively look for opportunities to work with community groups to increase the number of people who look to apply in becoming an officer. Examples of outreach activity include building stronger community links, and this is done through identifying community leaders, key influencers and existing partner agency networks, e.g. Safer Neighbourhood Boards, Business Improvement Districts, Faith Forums, Schools, Colleges, Charities; and then in partnership organising discussion forums to raise awareness of the role of the Outreach Teams.

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- (viii) In conclusion Debbie encouraged members of the Board to contact her with details of any Community Groups who might be interested in receiving the prospectus and she would arrange for this to be sent to them. Alternatively, she would be happy to attend any Community Group meetings to further raise awareness of the Outreach funding and the support available.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTED that the dates of future meetings would be agreed at Annual Council on 25 May 2022.