

Safer Neighbourhood Board

MINUTES

Date: 23.01.2016

Time: 17:15 -19:15

Venue: Board Room, Dagenham and Redbridge FC

Chair: Steve Thompson

Chair of Stop and Search Group

Present:

Inspector Jon Reeves
Karen Proudfoot
Dan Neville
Rita Giles MBE
Diane Worbey
Jim Campe
Louise Choppy

Deputising for Borough Commander
Community Safety & OM
Whalebone Neighbourhood
Dagenham Neighbourhood
Neighbourhood Watch Vice Chair
Forum for the Elderly
Victim Support

Apologies:

Sean Wilson (Acting Borough Commander)
Cllr. Laila Butt (Cabinet Member for Crime and Enforcement) CI Martin Kirby(Chief Inspector, Partnerships) Mathew Cole (Divisional Director, Adult and Community Services)

Absent: None

Minutes: Anne-Marie Haxell

Minutes from the last meeting on 26.11.15

An amendment was made to the minutes. Keith Hutton is Chair of the IAG not the Stop and Search Community Monitoring Group.

Matters Arising (Actions)

Issues raised at the last meeting from Cheryl Deane that were to be raised at the CSP were discussed. KP said that there needed to be a broader discussion with Community Payback about realistic expectations. KP said she would discuss this and raise at CSP.

Action: KP to speak to Cheryl Deane and raise any outstanding issues at the CSP.

A discussion took place in regard to the role of the SNB in regard to Gold Group meetings. ST suggested a better option would be to hold community meetings after an event. KP said that there is already a Community Tension Monitoring Group and that this might be the right meeting for representation from the SNB, however thought needs to be put into what would be the best mechanism.

Action: KP to review and feedback to SNB

The CVS had offered to support Neighbourhood Watch by helping to identify potential members. DW who joined the meeting at a later point informed the meeting that the CVS hadn't been in contact and she wasn't sure how to make contact.

Policing Priorities

The meeting received and ratified the Inspector Sector reports.

ST raised the issue of Robbery asking why this wasn't a priority in any of the NPT areas when there had been a 23% increase. The Board discussed the issue and also raised the impact of robbery and the threat of violence used as a concerning factor.

Action: All areas will be asked to examine robbery figures in more detail and consider making it a priority.

Performance Summary

Inspector Jon Reeves updated the meeting and the Board reviewed the data pack.

Issues regarding public confidence were discussed. KP pointed out that the considerable work that had been carried out such as Open Days, visual presence and Met Trace had made a significant impact on the increase in confidence.

ASB figures had decreased although there was the usual spike in summer months. KP informed the meeting that the award winning processes that had been put in place to support victims had seen an improvement.

Crime figures overall had seen an increase. KP said that this needed to be discussed at the CSP to identify why this might be occurring.

Action: KP to raise increase of Crimes at CSP.

The board were concerned about the rise of Violence with Injury and felt that more analysis needed to be done and looked at robustly.

KP informed the meeting that under a proposed new structure there would be five statutory partners who would be supplying their own officers who would work in a team of analysts, supplying officers with data. The proposed restructure is likely to be approved on the 19th April by all partners.

KP reminded the meeting that VWI is reported on the number of victims not incidents. This means that there could be one incident with multiple victim.

KH asked that it be noted that the IAG had received excellent feedback on the Police in regard to the recent incident in Barking town centre.

A discussion took place in regard to education programmes for young people and involving young people in this approach to knife crime in the borough. The reduction in the number of Stop and Searches taking place in the borough was raised and the question asked if this had impacted on an increase in knife crime. ST said that he wasn't sure that there was any evidence to support the theory that this reduction was having an impact. The Home Office have stated that the two are not linked. ST informed the meeting that the Stop and Search Community Monitoring Group had said they would support more Stop and Searches in the borough and Section 60's.

KH said that knife crime involving gang members was being attributed to gang members coming in from other boroughs.

The Board were also concerned with the increase in the number of attacks involving corrosive liquid.

KP informed the meeting that of the 110 people on the Gangs Matrix in Barking and Dagenham only 25 are under 18 with the remainder falling into the 18-25year old category.

Inspector Reeves informed the meeting that Satisfaction figures continue to be positive. ST asked if there were any local concerns that Victim Support had identified through listening to victims. LC said that the biggest issue was the lack of feedback to victims in respect of their cases and on release dates. Inspector Reeves said that often the police don't know themselves if an offender has been released and that this had been raised with the Crown Prosecution Services.

Information on the Victim Liaison Service can be found here:

<http://content.met.police.uk/Article/Will-I-be-kept-informed-about-the-offender-after-the-court-case-has-finished/1400007066995/14000070669955>

IAG

The report was circulated before the meeting. No questions were raised.

Stop and Search Group

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Victim Support

LC informed the meeting about Victim Support latest restructure and said that as a result of this Victim Support would look very different. She said it felt very positive and would be able to give more information at the next meeting.

KP said the Youth Offending Service was developing more effective pathways for young victims to be involved through Restorative Justice. Restorative Justice was also being used in DV support.

Action: KP to bring information on Restorative Justice to the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch

DW gave an update on Neighbourhood Watch. She informed the meeting that numbers are increasing slowly. They are still waiting to find out if details can be given direct to the NHW from the MET Trace initiative.

AOB

Inspector Reeves informed the meeting that the family who had established the Shrine at the junction of Ballards Road and Church Street had met with the Council to discuss them taking down all the memorabilia. The family have agreed to do this and have planted a rose bush and will placing a bench in the park opposite.

Inspector Reeves informed the meeting that the family would be holding an all day event in Cross Keys, the evening event would be ticket only. The event would raise funds for the Air Ambulance. The anniversary is on Sunday, flowers that are laid will be removed once they have died. They are expecting a contingent of Motorcyclists.

RG thanked the Council and the Police for the work on this.

KP said that the Council had now written a draft memorial policy. ST said that this demonstrated the good work of the Safer Neighbourhood Board in being able to peculate upwards issues that were impacting at the ward level. This had also been the case regarding drugs and stop and search.

DW raised the issue of being able to have contact numbers for Inspectors. It was agreed that this had been discussed at a previous meeting and these would not be made available. DW was advised that if there were issues that she wanted to raise on behalf of residents this should be done through her SPOC for Neighbourhood Watch Sgt. James Browning. Inspector Jon Reeves said that he would speak to Sgt. Browning about this and said that all the members of the team, including Inspectors receive emails sent into SNT email addresses. This could be an option for making contact.

DW also asked if Longbridge Ward could be given a MOBEX phone.

Action: Inspector Reeves to raise with Sgt. Browning.

KP informed the meeting that the CVS were 2/3rds of their way through the LGBTQI work that had been done on behalf of the SNB. The final event will be held on the 31 March.

Action: KP to feedback at next meeting

Travellers have been reported to be back in the borough with 12 vans on the ASDA site on A13. There have been reports that they are attending a funeral. Inspector Reeves said information that the police had was that this was not necessarily true.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 16 June 2016
Committee Room 3, Barking Town Hall followed by the Open Meeting in the Council Chamber.