

## Safer Neighbourhood Board – Executive Group Meeting

# MINUTES

**Date:** 15 June 2017

**Time:** 17:00 -18:00

**Venue:** Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club – Boardroom

**In attendance:**

**Chair:** Stephen Thompson                      Chair of Safer Neighbourhood Board

Matthew Cole                                      Divisional Director – Public Health  
Rita Giles MBE                                    Dagenham Neighbourhood  
Tim Barfoot                                        Inspector  
Sean Wilson                                        Borough Commander/Temporary  
   Chief Superintendent  
Katherine Gilcreest                            Antisocial Behaviour Manager

Angela Stephens                                Support Officer (Notes)

**Apologies:** Councillor Butt                      Cabinet Member for Crime & Enforcement

**1. Introduction**

The introductions and apologies were noted.

**2. Discussion on frequency of SNB & Public Open Meetings**

The chair advised the group that some other boroughs are no longer holding Safer Neighbourhood open public meetings, let alone 4 meetings a year.

It has become evident that holding both the board & open meeting on the same day is no longer working. Therefore, The Chair is proposing that the meetings are to be scheduled as following:

Safer Neighbourhood Board – 4 times a year (next meeting in Nov 17)

Safer Neighbourhood Open – Twice a year (end of Sept & end of March)

The open meetings are to be schedule on a separate day to the Board meetings, and will be held in Barking and in Dagenham on alternative 6 months. This will allow a different group of people to attend from both sides of the borough, and will give the Board more opportunity to advance the open meetings by better promotion / advertising.

Rita Giles MBE requested that when promoting the 'new' open meetings for the council to be mindful of residents who do not have IT access.

All agreed this is a fair comment.

Rita suggested leafletting in flats, estates, notice boards within blocks of flats (where possible), and in libraries as a good way to capture more residents interest especially those with no IT access.

Other suggestions by the group for better promotion are:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Advert in local/borough newspaper
- On the council website

Matthew Cole would like to see more young people attending the open public meetings and suggested adding 'hot topics' such as knife crime on the agenda/ads to encourage attendance.

Sean Wilson raised his concerns that by holding the open meetings every six months in opposite areas of the borough, the board/neighbourhood police will not capture the 'current' issues per area and deal with them appropriately.

The Chair felt that the issues are across the borough and very relevant to residents in Barking and in Dagenham. However, in order to keep on top of current/ongoing issues, the chair requested that ward panel meetings should be promoted more consistently and to encourage residents to attend these in between SNB Open Public Meetings.

### **3. Forward Plan/Summary of Actions**

**It was agreed by all members of the group that:**

**The next Board meeting will be held in November 17 and, at least 2 weeks before the CSP meeting.**

**The next open meeting will be held at the end of September 17.**

### **4. Any Other Business**

No further business was discussed.