

**Birmingham East NPU**

**IAG Minutes – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

[REDACTED] - opened the meeting

**Attendees:**

[REDACTED] Aftab Chughtai

[REDACTED] Roger Leek

[REDACTED]  
- Chief Supt Bell

**Apologies:** [REDACTED]

**Current Matters**

**Chief Supt Bell update:**

KB updated regarding the police response to the school protests and sought IAG views regarding this response. He advised the protests started at Parkfield School in relation to the 'No Outsiders' programme and updated there had been discussions between the school and parents and that no further protests were planned.

Regarding Anderton School, he stated parents were protesting re the interpretation and teaching of the programme because they did not feel they were age appropriate. All but one of the protests were policed by the local neighbourhood team who facilitated lawful protest. He reported in general the protests had been lawful, [REDACTED]. There had been no overt violence and arrests, but there were 28 reports [REDACTED]

KB explained the police role regarding lawful protests and updated re the injunction which has been renewed awaiting the full trial at the end of July. The protest last Friday was cancelled (probably due to inset day and weather). A meeting has taken place with Heads and BCC to explain the policing of protests.

RL stated this was not a police issue but an education issue. This is the same for every school and it a reflection on differences in delivery.

[REDACTED] It is the language being used that is concerning. Others have come together to support. We have been raising awareness with parents concerned at the mosque re age appropriateness. The guidance re the programme allows for flexibility and parental involvement, [REDACTED], hence why [REDACTED] came and spoke on their behalf. He stated that national educationalists are producing guidance for parents and how to engage, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Parkfield have put delivery on hold to discuss and find a common ground.

[REDACTED] stated it was his view that the police are being sucked into this unnecessarily and the Local Authority needs to have more ownership and leadership. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Somebody needs to get people round the table to talk.

[REDACTED] stated Sky has kept the issue live and keep asking for quotes, re interest after all the Trojan Horse coverage.





[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Heads should speak to muslim schools to see how they approach it.

[REDACTED] - asked if there was a head teachers forum where this can be discussed.

[REDACTED] stated it is a BCC school so interpretation and delivery of curriculum can be different.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Vice chair handed back to chair and congratulated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **Update**

[REDACTED] updated re Pan Birmingham IAGs last week. [REDACTED] attended and spoke against racism and domestic extremism. CTU attended to talk about Prevent.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he was surprised by the presentation as the brief was to share profiles. He will feed back to [REDACTED] to see how they can build on trust and confidence.

**Chair**

[REDACTED] KB

[REDACTED] stated Op Champion would have been resolved much earlier if this was the case.

[REDACTED]

IAG's need to write to the cabinet office to ensure action.



**Chair** – Asked **KB** what the additional funding means for WMP – in particular Neighbourhood Policing and asked for **KB** to fight for BE NPU share of resources.

**[REDACTED]** update:

**[REDACTED]** updated re Active Citizens. The Connect and build meeting is attended by all Inspectors where they discuss response to communities. She updated re Junior PCSO's, Police Cadets, Street Watch, NHW, Special Constabulary. The aim is to build on Active Citizenship over the next 12 months. She stated that they had struggled to recruit specials, but is working on this.

**Chair** stated in 25 years of IAG work, he had never been approached re this specials, nor had other members.

**[REDACTED]** suggested promotional videos.

**[REDACTED]** explained about WMNow and aspiration of 150,000 signups across the force. 15,000 so far on BE

**[REDACTED]** raised concern that at local police meetings on BE South Yardley only PCSO's attend. **[REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED]** will look into this and report back.

**Chair** stated WMNow messaging needs other messages other than about crimes and the need to not just focus on new sign ups, but how to retain those we already have.

**[REDACTED]** In addition a directory for IAG members to be able to contact and arrange community engagement.

**[REDACTED]** stated she would look into this.

**[REDACTED]**. They want to integrate and be told about community engagement and events as they have not been to any.

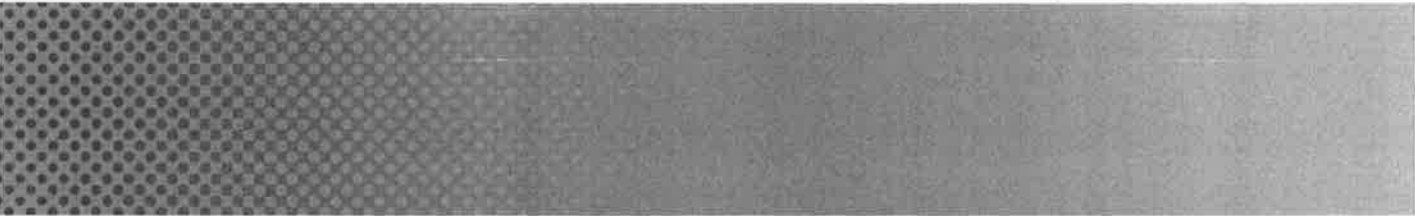
**[REDACTED]** - Neighbourhood Watch Presentation and Introduction of the West Midlands Force Area Association that **[REDACTED]** chairs – Please see presentation material handed out on the day. **[REDACTED]** is keen to maintain strong links with IAGs and work together. His details will be shared when the minutes are distributed.

Constituency Updates:

**[REDACTED]** – Hall Green:

**[REDACTED]** stated he has been working hard with competing demands. Anderton Park School as previously discussed is ongoing. **[REDACTED]**. There will be 2 specific focused days with constituencies working together. These action days will be followed by connect and build activity and communications.





[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that they put out lots of messaging before due to Eid being on a working day, asking for consideration regarding noise etc.

[REDACTED] - **Yardley:**

[REDACTED] Robbery and Car jackings have reduced following work with Force CID, [REDACTED] conducting knife arches in schools. [REDACTED] SR sought IAG support and will continue conversations with [REDACTED] after the meeting.

[REDACTED] stated he attended a recent youth knife crime event with the neighbourhood team, and that it was a great event for community and the police.

[REDACTED] asked how police are being protected against knife crime and guns.

[REDACTED] informed that they are protected, but ultimately that is their job. Safety is maximised through training, resources and experience. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There is also a wider roll out of body cameras and tasers to officers across the force. .

[REDACTED] - **Hodge Hill:**

[REDACTED] introduced himself as the new Inspector for Hodge Hill. [REDACTED] He has identified the need to work on engagement – including through Junior PCSOs, Cadets, Street Watch and WMNow sign ups.

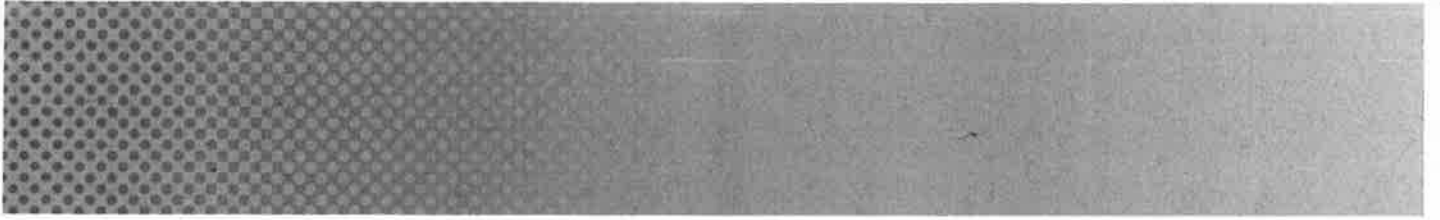
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**AOB**

**Next Meeting Date:**

**12<sup>th</sup> August 2019**





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