



# HILLINGDON

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## SNB (Safer Neighbourhood Board) Meeting 5 September 2023 Committee Room 3 – Civic Centre MINUTES

### 1) Present:

(JH) Jean Hillman, Chair  
(DC) Donna Cooper - Community Safety LBH  
(DL) Dave Ludlow - Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch  
(KM) Kevin Mephram - Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch  
(CH) Chris Head - Lay Member  
(DB) Dylan Brown – Hillingdon Youth Council  
(HL) Hoda Lacey – Lay Member  
(JMG) James McGahan – A/Inspector, Metropolitan Police  
(PS) Peter Smallwood – Councillor, LBH

### 2) Apologies:

(CB) Chris Beatty – Age UK  
(DL) Dan Lipinski (Insp) - Metropolitan Police  
(CS) Cllr Colleen Sullivan  
Mike Crane – BID Team

	Item	
3	<b>Minutes from the last meeting 29 November 2022:</b>  The minutes were agreed and noted, with no amendments.	
4	<b>Chair's Quarterly Report</b>  <b>Safer Hillingdon Partnership Board (SHP)</b>  I attended a meeting of the SHP Board on 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 at which Richard Webb was introduced as the new Director of Community Services, Safety and Enforcement. Due to the ongoing restructure of various roles within the Council, the membership of the SHP will be changing and is still under discussion. This will be confirmed at the next meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. Reports were received regarding Harm to Hope Strategy Planning, the Contextual Safeguarding Project in Hayes, Children and Safeguarding Partnership Board and	

	<p>Executive Leadership Board. The National Drug Strategy: Local Implementation Progress was discussed.</p> <p><b>London Communities Policing Partnership (LPC2)</b></p> <p>JH attended an LPC2 meeting online which was attended by the Deputy Commissioner, Dame Lynne Owens, who gave the Board an overall view of the New Met for London plan which is now being introduced to all boroughs over the next few weeks. Following Dame Lynne’s presentation, the Board then discussed the situation regarding MOPAC funding for the period May 2023 to end of April 2024. Some SNBs had received some funding but most were still waiting including Hillingdon although we are in communication with MOPAC and applications are bouncing between us as new requirements have been instigated for the new period and a new team have taken over since our old contact, Chris Benson, has retired. We were informed that a London Policing Board will also be formed as a further safeguarding measure in holding the Met to account. This will be Chaired by the Mayor.</p> <p><b>Met CC Forum</b></p> <p>JH attended online a meeting of the Met CC Forum at which the up-to-date Met figures were considered. Once again, response times caused some concern particularly in West Area and the figures for Hillingdon are still not acceptable. However, there was a small improvement, but response teams are still short of officers, especially trained drivers. Therefore, some Emergency Response vehicles remain parked when they could be on the roads. The Met is endeavouring to fill these positions and is hopeful that response times will improve. Hillingdon does suffer because it is in a tri-BCU together with two very busy boroughs, i.e., Ealing and Hounslow, and can take a long time to get from north to south.</p> <p>JH also took part in an online discussion regarding the role of the PCSO and it was agreed that they provide an essential service to their communities. Also, new powers are being introduced to slightly enlarge the role.</p> <p><b>London Assembly Police &amp; Crime Committee</b></p> <p>JH sat in on the above Committee by webcam. There had been a data breach within the Greater London Council which appeared to obtain access to a considerable amount of data relating to MOPAC and the Met. It was first reported in February 2023 but unfortunately had not been dealt with completely. However, the GLA is now safe and gave assurances that such a breach will not happen again. There was considerable discussion regarding local policing in London and how the New Met for London will operate.</p>
5	<p><b>MPS (Metropolitan Police Service) Quarterly Performance Report/Stop &amp; Search Update</b></p> <p>A/Inspector James McGahan provided the update to date figures  Total Notifiable Offences: very little change over the last 12 month - comparison across the whole of Hillingdon Borough.  14% reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour over this period  Theft of mobile phones has significantly dropped. Reasons for this are unclear but suggestions made this could be that the phones are not as easy to use once stolen due to updates in technology for owners to protect their property.  Knife crime and Pedal Cycles has risen.</p>

	<p>Ward breakdowns for the 12-month comparison show a general reduction. 3-month comparison – there has been a significant drop in Heathrow Villages Ward; this is believed to be because of less crime being reported by the immigration centre or people entering into the UK.</p> <p>Violence against Women and Girls There has been a reduction in this area overall and remains a priority in all wards across the borough.</p> <p>999 Call Performance - Remains steady for figures up until June 2023, this is a change from the 2022 figures when there was a lot of fluctuations at the same time of year.</p> <p>There were 120 vacancies on response teams across 3 the three boroughs, this figure has now been reduced to 80 therefore with the vacancy gap closing residents should see an increase in response times.</p> <p>It remains a priority to fill the outstanding vacancies.</p> <p>Stop &amp; Search – Majority of searches are for drugs. There is a 13% increase of positive outcomes (found an item on the person &amp; they have subsequently been charged/cautioned). Data shows persons stopped were males over 18.</p> <p>Update - Three murders in Hillingdon since the last SNB meeting:  1. Domestic Incident between family members. Perpetrators arrested &amp; charged.  2. Two people known to each other at an address. Suspects arrested &amp; charged.  3. Two persons known to each other at an HMO, multi occupancy address. Disagreement which escalated &amp; resulted in a fight. One suspect charged and awaiting court appearance.  Although there have been three separate incidents, there are no wider risks and isolated incidents.</p> <p>PCSO recruitment is still ongoing and will take time to fill all positions.</p> <p>There are currently vacant posts on a number of Safer Neighbourhood Teams and there has been a direction that these positions need to be filled as a priority. Officers from Wards shouldn't be abstracted to fill vacancies on response teams.  Safer Neighbourhood Wards should have minimum of 2 Police Officers and 1 PCSO.</p>	
6	<p><b>MOPAC Funding</b></p> <p>JH has signed and submitted the MOPAC agreement – approval for the projects and the money requested.  Purchase order has been requested – this will be sent to DC who will raise an invoice for the amount requested.</p> <p>Cut to the Chase – funded by SNB in 2022/2023 – the project did not go ahead for various reasons and MOPAC has requested the money be returned. £5000 was originally issued but £4245 is being returned to MOPAC as some of the money was used to purchase nail files for the Domestic Abuse Team.</p> <p>New funds have been secured for Cut to the Chase for 2023/2024.</p>	
7	<p><b>Membership</b></p>	

	<p>Applications have been collated by DC and given to JH. Some applicants are going to be contacted requesting further information. JH will share application replies with the other panel members.</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Ward Panels</b></p> <p>Feedback that there has not been much presence from police. There are still ward panels that do not have a chair or secretary.</p> <p>Concerns that residents are unaware of what a ward panel consists of, when they take place, how to apply to be on one etc. There needs to be better advertisement for the meetings.</p> <p>Ward Priorities to be reviewed and made clearer. There should be a carryover linked between wards and police; however ward priorities of residents may differ to the priorities of police.</p> <p>Workshop arranged for all chairs to attend and discuss improvements etc.</p> <p>Question from a panel member on behalf of Councillor Sullivan – they are interviewing for ward panel members and has received an application from a resident who is currently in the process of becoming a MPS Special constable. Councillor feels this resident would be an asset to the ward panel but as per the instructions for ward panels this would not be suitable.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch/OWL</b></p> <p>Issues with the distribution of leaflets to promote OWL.</p> <p>Next meeting for the Steering Group will be in October 2023. Meeting agenda will include upcoming events, presentations, including Christmas fayre stalls etc.</p> <p>Membership for Neighbourhood Watch now at 17659 residents.</p> <p>1855 members of CCTV watch. Police are able to access residents' CCTV if necessary, access can be gained via OWL with police secure logins.</p> <p>Business Watch not as positive – Ickenham, Northwood and South Harefield are the only wards that have business watch members in double figures, all other wards have one or two members. A flyer to promote this has been created and is being shared and pushed with businesses.</p> <p>BCU – Next meeting is on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Ruislip Police Station. No representative from Ealing OWL.</p> <p>OWL Messaging – recently circulated the Cybercrime Survey to all members.</p> <p>Residents continue to feedback that they want to hear updates from OWL about burglaries and vehicle theft not just meetings with police and crime prevention.</p> <p>New Met for London Event - well delivered and organised.</p>	

	DL attended two Ward Panel Meetings in July 2023, gave 15-minute presentation. Would like to attend more and give the presentation to other residents. Ward Panels will need to book via OWL to attend.	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Hillingdon Youth Council</b></p> <p>DB reported that funding and support had been received from an outside external organisation relating to the Social Action project surrounding mental health.</p> <p>National Survey (Make your mark) from 2021 highlighted important issues surrounding mental health so this will be the focus. Knife crime was also highlighted as an ongoing topic.</p> <p>A conference on mental health is being organised and working collaboratively with other agencies and youth councils.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>No further update.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Councillor Report</b></p> <p>Article in Hillingdon News will be published. Facebook groups to share information about OWL. Local councillors and community leaders to encourage residents to sign up.</p>	
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Age UK</b></p> <p>CB was unable to attend. JH volunteers as a telephone befriender and said that they are always looking for more volunteers.</p>	
<b>14</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>E-Scooters – There is no clear guidance given to police. Officers attempt to stop perpetrators riding them however they are unable to pursue them.</p> <p>Discussions about cars with loud engines and exhausts – what powers police have to prevent the noise and disturbance to others.</p>	
<b>15</b>	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the Civic Centre in Committee Room 3 from 7pm to 9pm.	