

**Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea**

**RBKC Safer Neighbourhood Board Meeting**

**Reports from Executive Members**

**Report from Chair – Kim Howell**

**Meetings**

As a member of LCP2 (the London Community Police Partnership) which is a committee of SNB chairs, we have met with the new Commissioner Mark Rowley and most recently Commander Alison Heydari who is in charge of Neighbourhoods for the Met. The main topic of discussion has been the need to strengthen and prioritise neighbourhood policing. Commander Heydari also presented the details of the Met's new Transformation Plan.

The next K&C SNB public meeting will take place on Tuesday the 21st March 2023. The Transformation Plan will be presented and workshops relating to Ward Panels will be held.

**Project Funding**

For each the last two years, the K&C SNB has received £15,010 from MOPAC (the London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime) for community projects. For the budget year 2022/23, the following projects were delivered:

1. Creative Activities for Disadvantaged Youths focusing on young people from the World's End area. Delivered by the Chelsea Theatre.
2. Fraud & Scams Awareness for Older Residents, focusing on vulnerable and elderly residents to prevent them from becoming victims of crime. Delivered by the Kensington & Chelsea Over 50s Forum.
3. Youth Engagement & Diversion, focused on young people aged 14-25 years old primarily in North Kensington to provide targeted individual and group mentoring sessions on violence, vulnerability and exploitation. Sessions will also involve positive activities incorporating interests including music, boxing, football, arts and other local youth club activities. Delivered by the St Giles Trust.

The SNB Vice-Chair, Roger Baresel, has written a report on his visits to the above projects. This report is part of the SNB Exec reports published along with this Chair Report.

**Met Call Centre & Response Performance**

The SNB Chair is a member of the MetCC Steering Group and Community Forum, set up to challenge and support, and review performance, of the Police Call Centre and Emergency Response. The most recent findings (December 2022) indicate the following:

- Emergency response in Kensington & Chelsea is not meeting targets.
- For K&C, only 77% of emergency response attendance is within the 15-minute target. Response times are 91% within 22 minutes and 94% within 27 minutes
- However, average response time was just less than 12 minutes for our BCU (the Basic Command Unit consisting of K&C, Hammersmith & Fulham and Westminster).

## **SNB Chair Change**

Having been SNB Chair for more than six years, I feel it is time to hand over to someone else to take forward the good work that the SNB does. Along those lines, we will be taking applications for Chair over the next few weeks, and a new Chair is likely to be appointed by the Board at its next meeting.

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## **Report from Vice-Chair – Roger Baresel**

### **SNB Projects**

Members of the RBKC Safer Neighbourhood Board are aware of the responsibility of receiving public funds for redistribution to appropriate organisations within the Borough.

To that end, the Board follows the guidelines and required procedure for selection as supplied by MOPAC. At this point, the Board wants to put on record its appreciation of the recent work done to simplify the application process, which is helpful to people in organisations whose talents may lie more in practical matters of helping those in need, rather than in box ticking and identifying hypothetical objectives.

As a corollary of the Board's duty to safeguard public funds, this Board runs a programme of discreet observation of recipient organisations at work to ensure that funds are put to proper use and in accordance with the aims stated in the application. The Notes relating to those observations are as follows:

### **K&C Over 50's Forum 19 October 2022**

I attended a meeting at the Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre organised by the K&C over 50's Forum. About 50 women were in attendance and watched a presentation in which 2 men acted out a common roofing scam, where the charge for going up a ladder escalates from £10 to £5,500 as the scam artist alarms the householder with a tale of rotting joists. The audience reacted very well to this piece of theatre which was translated for some of them. The audience understood the story and offered their own experiences of similar scams.

This was followed by a less effective PowerPoint presentation by the police. The subjects covered included:

- Voluntary walkabouts with a police officer, although they failed to sign anybody up on the spot, instead telling them they could book it via the Internet.
- Spiked drinks
- Bogus utility inspectors
- WhatsApp Fraud
- Distraction theft
- Jewellery muggings

These are all important examples of current types of fraud but they would have benefited from a bit of play acting to set the scene. And the presentation could have been better, a point that I have subsequently raised with the police.

The whole event was very well received by the audience. The Forum is to be congratulated for getting such a good turnout and running it so smoothly.

### **Chelsea Theatre 31 October 2022**

I attended the rehearsal of a play at the Chelsea Theatre at World's End. This involved a very good diverse group of young people. The play was called 'Girls' and centred around a sexual assault on a teenage schoolgirl at an after school party. I believe that the play had been written by someone within or very close to the group. The young actors were clearly engaged by the material and interpreted it with great passion and commitment, despite the fact that they were still at the stage of using the typescripts of the text.

The Theatre hopes to stage the play in 2023, if financing is available.

### **St Giles Trust**

The third recipient of MOPAC funds from the SNB in 2022-23 is St Giles' Trust. They applied for funds for a specific outreach exercise with young people which was carried out in the Borough in the summer of 2022. Unfortunately no-one from the SNB was able to attend. We will be getting a video recording of the event.

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## **Report from Lucy Smith-Ryland - Stop & Search Report March 2023**

2023 was started with an in depth report on what Mark Rowley intended to do to increase confidence in the Met. Many of the things he suggested were strategies some of us had been pushing for, for a long time. Namely the importance and significance of PCSO's. I personally wrote an email imploring that our PCSO's stayed in their roles for more than 2 years, not just because it is vital for the Community and good relationships but better for the Met as a whole. A good PCSO can steer kids in the community in the right direction when they go wrong, therefore cutting down crime hopefully in the future. We look forward to seeing the drive on Community policing, with an enormous drive for a bigger intake

During the BCU change Borough Commanders were taken from our individual boroughs. We have a Superintendent now for each borough for Neighbourhoods. Kensington and Chelsea's starts at the end of this month. His name is Owen Renowden

Stop and Search continues to be at similar figures with the peak in K&C always being in August with Carnival. This years Carnival we monitored as usual, and one of our PCSO's got some youth IAG to watch the searches on screen. This was a success and one of the youth IAG's expressed an interest after the experience in being a Policewoman.

We have a very good Stop & Search group to which those interested are welcome. Our aim is not just to monitor figures but build good relations between the Community and the Met. Let people air their feelings and everyone learning from everybody else. One of our latest discussions has been how a member of the Police should address someone when commencing a Stop & Search. This needs to be done to cross the cultural divide.

We continue to watch bodyworn video. Our greatest tool to monitor Stop & Search. Once again this is a 2 way exercise. The Police learn and hope take on board our comments, congratulate or constructively criticise the individuals conducting the search.

The figures for Stop and search are as follows. Positive outcomes being important, which on the whole should be 20%.

Kensington and Chelsea	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22
Total volume	263	235	385	307	339	265	230
Stolen Property	12.9%	14.9%	13%	12.40%	10.60%	20.00%	12.60%
Drugs	57.8%	64.3%	64.70%	66.80%	66.10%	50.60%	67.80%
Weapons	19.4%	15.7%	13.80%	11.70%	10.90%	10.20%	11.30%
Positive outcome rate	26.9%	37.5%	30.50%	29.90%	25.60%	32.30%	38.20%
Ethnic appearance outcome rate	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22
White	96 stops at 25%	99 stops at 40.4%	166 stops at 33.7%	117 stops at 34.2%	155 stops at 24.5%	144 stops at 34.2%	96 stops at 36.5%
Black	90 stops at 26.7%	64 stops at 32.3%	119 stops at 33.6%	93 stops at 28%	86 stops at 32.6%	90 stops at 33.3%	64 stops at 34.4%
Asian	23 stops at 21.7%	25 stops at 32%	41 stops at 26.8%	25 stops at 28%	44 stops at 18.2%	18 stops at 38.9%	22 stops at 45.5%

Kensington and Chelsea	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	
Total volume	175	266	590	259	323	260	248	344
Stolen Property	14.90%	14.30%	7.50%	14.1%	12.1%	11.20%	15.30%	14%
Drugs	62.90%	57.10%	41.90%	60.8%	59.8%	54.20%	50.40%	60%
Weapons	12.60%	21.10%	34.20%	17.5%	12.7%	20.40%	25.40%	19%
Positive outcome rate	32.80%	37.20%	28.30%	37.0%	36.5%	22.60%	25.00%	27%
Ethnic appearance outcome rate	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23
White	69 stops at 42%	97 stops at 38.1%	151 stops at 31.1%	85 stops at 47.1%	114 stops at 40.4%	107 stops at 24.3%	83 Stops at 32.5%	100 stops at 31%
Black	52 stops at 30.8%	101 stops at 33.7%	326 stops at 26.7%	94 stops at 27.7%	120 stops at 30%	75 stops at 22.7%	92 Stops at 16.3%	119 stops at 26.1%
Asian	14 stops at 28.6%	14 stops at 28.6%	47 stops at 38.3%	29 stops at 34.5%	24 stops at 58.3%	24 stops at 25%	27 Stops at 25.9%	37 stops at 29.7%

## Report from Vassiliki Stavrou – ICV Summary

We continue to have a shortage of ICVs this is an issue across London.

Within Westminster we are averaging about 1 visit every 2-4 weeks.

There are issues with ICVs collecting security passes which is also having an effect on the number of visits that can be carried out.

Met detention are using a new custody record system called connect. There have been some initial issues but custody staff seem to be getting used to using it.

We have been asked by MOPAC to collect diversity information of detainees but we are awaiting clarity on how we obtain and record this information.

The ICVA conference is happening again this year we are waiting to see if we have been allocated tickets.

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