

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 21 July 2022
Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 at 6.00 pm

Chaired by: Kim Howell
Minutes taken by: Zina Serageldin

1	Welcome, apologies and introductions	Action
	<p>The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking those present for attending this first in person meeting in two years.</p> <p>He introduced the speakers Chief Inspector Elise Gellatley – Neighbourhoods, Central West BCU, Inspector Tom Sincock and Detective Inspector Ama Uppal – Central West BCU.</p>	
2	Borough Crime Report & Police Issues	
	<p>Copy of slides</p> <p>Chief Inspector Elise Gellatley (EG) and Tom Sincock (TS) provided an overview crime in the borough highlighting specific offences.</p> <p>The statistics for total notifiable offences were outlined showing an overall increase. The correlated to increase footfall following the easing or lockdown restrictions.</p> <p>Noticeable offences discussed include:</p> <p>Robbery – Defined as theft without force or threat. Measures being adopted include disruption using stop and search</p> <p>Knife crime – A decrease in knife crime was reported. Figures were not available but a correlation between knife crime relating to drugs.</p> <p>Anti-Social Behaviour -</p> <p>Questions raised and responded to were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question from Collette – what she should do when out and being threatened when there are no police stations nearby. <p>CM commented that the reduction in police stations was due to a period of austerity though the number of stations shouldn't have an impact on the number of police officers in the area as they will spread out across the borough once they have paraded.</p> <p>Technology helps officers see where crimes are taking place and see where other officers are.</p>	

	<p>The closure of stations has not changed how police respond to crimes and they still rely on intelligence from the community to map where crimes are occurring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question from Collette – is there a correlation between drug offences committed by young people and when they are at school. <p>CM confirmed that she was unaware of any difference in drug offences between term time and school holidays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment from Duncan Jeffery – the closure of the police station on Kenway Road has made a difference with criminals no longer dispersed. <p>The Chair commented that the closure of stations was due to budgets and that they would all want to see more police officers on foot. Cllr Sarah Addenbrooke agreed that more police officers are required on the streets to help deter crime.</p>	
3	Burglary	
	<p>Copy of slides</p> <p>Detective Inspector Ama Uppal – Central West BCU (AU) provided an overview of investigations into burglary sharing statistics for the previous 12 months.</p> <p>AU outlined the methods or prevention to tackle burglary and went through the lines of enquiry for burglary investigations.</p> <p>Opportunistic burglary is often as a means to obtain financial means to buy drugs</p> <p>Rates reflect a decrease in offences overall and an increase in positive outcomes of charges made.</p> <p>Questions raised and responded were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Burglary sub contractors I like that do you have a spare this intimidating and violent give that or work will not be done is that classed as burglary • Are you aware it is happening where can I report it is it classes as residential burglary 	
4	Emergency Response	
	<p>Chief Inspector Toby Noar was unable to attend the meeting. This item will be revisited at another meeting.</p>	
5	Report from the Chair	
	<p>Report</p> <p>There was insufficient time for this item to be discussed at the meeting.</p> <p>Please send any questions you have regarding the report to info@kcsc.org.uk and your questions can be passed to the board.</p>	
6	Close	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.</p>	

