EALING SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD (ESNB)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd July 2014 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: **REPRESENTING**
Martin Mallam   (Chair of ESNB - NW Neighbourhood Watch)
Idris Ali   (Police Independent Advisory)
Jeanine Andre   (Lay Member)
Paul Black   (BSL Interpreter – Alan Murray)
Umra Butt   (Youth Parliament)
Chris Carrington   (Acton Cluster)
Richard Chilton   (Lay Member – ECPCG)
Arwel Davies   (Lay Member)
Neil Fretwell   (Lay Member)
Liz Gaffney   (Victim Support)
John Gallagher   (Community Member)
James Guest   (Central Ealing
William Hardman   (Ealing Chamber)
Ravi Kurrup   (Lay Member)
Ashvanya Madhani   (Youth Parliament)
Alan Murray   (Lay Member)
Nev Nolan   (Chief Superintendent – Metropolitan Police Service)
Colin Wingrove   (Superintendent, Ealing – Metropolitan Police Service)

Also Present
Laurie Lyle   (Democratic Services Officer, LBE)
Jess Murray   (Service Manager, Safer Communities, LBE)
Mark Wiltshire   (Head of Regulatory Services, LBE)

1.   Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dheer, and from J. Sanghera and L Stodmiller.

2.   Welcome and Introductions
(Agenda Item 1)

The Chair welcomed all those in attendance, and he requested that all those present formally introduce themselves, stating which organisation they are representing, if any.

Following introductions, the Chair invited nominations for the Vice-Chair of the ESNB.

In the absence of any nominations from the floor, the Chair said that he would like to propose that Richard Chilton, be appointed Vice-Chair of the ESNB.

The ESNB unanimously agreed the Chair's proposal.

In response to a question from one of the Lay Members concerning the current composition of the 'ESNB.' The Chair advised that a number of local organisations had been invited to express an interest in having Members on the Board.

The Chair added that this notwithstanding, membership of the Board was not exclusive, and as far as he was aware, membership of the Board had been open to anyone in the borough, to put themselves forward to apply.

Resolved: That Richard Chilton, (Lay Member – ECPCG), be voted Vice-Chair of the ESNB for the 2014/2015 municipal year.

3.   **Review of the ESNB Terms of Reference**
(Agenda Item 2)

The Chair invited Members to review the terms of reference of the 'ESNB.'

The Chair said that it was important that the terms of reference of the Board is agreed as soon as possible, in order that the ESNB can commence their application for funding from 'MOPAC,' (The Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime).

William Hardman (Ealing Chamber), requested that the current draft terms of reference be amended by adding the words "strategic overview," to the list of specific functions on page 2.

Chris Carrington (Acton Cluster), said that he thought it was important that a definition of the aims and purposes of the ESNB, is included in the terms of reference.

Ravi Kurrup said that it would like to see the terms of reference of the Board incorporate as one of its specific functions, a review of the core functions of the Police.

James Guest said he was disappointed that the draft terms of reference had not been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. He said that he would like to see the numbers 1-10 retained in its present format, however the table on pages 3-4 of the document should be re-sequenced.

James Guest said that he would also like to see the Chair in conjunction with the relevant officers, insert further information as and where required in the 'Complaints' and the 'Stop and Search,' sections of the document.

The Chair proposed and it was unanimously agreed, that the Chair be given delegated authority to sign off the terms of reference for the ESNB, taking into account the aforementioned comments raised by Members.

Resolved: That the Chair be given delegated authority to sign off the terms of reference for the ESNB, taking into account comments raised by Members.

4. **Nomination of the Single Point of Contact to Communicate with MOPAC and other key partners**
(Agenda Item 3)

The Chair said that in all likelihood it would prove more practical if he be nominated as the single point of contact to communicate with MOPAC, and other key partners.

The Chair's suggestion was unanimously agreed by the Board.

Resolved: That the Chair be nominated as the single point of contact to communicate with MOPAC, and other key partners.

5. **Review of MOPAC Data Pack**
(Agenda Item 4)

Nev Nolan, Chief Superintendent, Ealing, Metropolitan Police Service, submitted a report which provided a rolling overview and update of recorded crime data in the borough, in comparison to data collected during the corresponding 12 month period in the previous year.

He advised that the MOPAC Police and Crime Plan 2013-2016, sets a target to reduce key neighbourhood crimes by 20 per cent. He advised that the key neighbourhood or 'MOPAC 7' crime types are: violence with injury, robbery, burglary, theft from person, theft/taking of motor vehicle, theft from motor vehicle and vandalism (criminal damage).

He said that these seven crime types have been selected by MOPAC as they are: high volume, have a sizeable impact on Londoners, and are clearly understood by the public. He said that these crime types are victim-based offences, and make up approximately half of all total notifiable offences.

He said that over the last 12 month comparable period there have been significant reductions in each of the following areas: burglary (20%), criminal damage (29.1%), robbery (48.5%), theft from persons (23%), theft from cars (29.9%), theft (36.1%) and violence with injury (4.5%).

He said that overall there had been 4,200 less victims of crime during the same 12 month period, and that much of this reduction could be attributed to the improved joint working arrangements of the Police, and its key partners.

Jeanine Andre said that whilst she welcomed the reduction in crime, she was most concerned to see that complaints made against the Police in the borough, appear to be on the increase.

In response, Nev Nolan said that although there had been a definite increase in complaints made against the Police, the rise in complaints also has a positive element to it, in that it shows that members of the public feel far more confident in coming forward and making their complaints, which hitherto has not always been the case.

He said that currently, 85% of all complaints made against the Police, once investigated, have resulted in no case to answer. He said that he was confident that the current procedures for dealing with complaints against the Police, was much improved and was open and fully transparent.

He added in response to a further question from Jeanine Andre, that complaints against the Police are initially dealt with by the Inspector on duty at the time of the complaint, and usually a local solution is sought, often by an apology.

However, if the complaint is of a more serious nature, then the complaint is referred to the 'Central Complaints Department,' where a further, more detailed investigation is undertaken.

Ravi Kurrup said that in future he would like to see crime statistics compiled on a ward by ward basis, and include crime hotspots in the borough.

Nev Nolan gave an undertaking to look at incorporating this suggestion in future submissions of the borough's crime statistics.

James Guest said that in order for crime information to be more meaningful, such information should be produced pertaining to the four clusters in the borough, and this information should be collated on a ward by ward basis.

In response to a question by Liz Gaffney, concerning public confidence in the Police, Nev Nolan advised that over 400 local people had been spoken to, and these people had been selected at random, independent of the Police, using a technique known as "quality of feedback."

Richard Chilton (Lay Member – ECPCG), said that the information provided in the report had omitted details concerning internet crime' and 'fraud.'

In response to a question from Alan Murray, Nev Nolan advised that the term used in the report 'Actionable Initiatives,' relates to categories such as 'overbearing conduct' and 'failures of duty.' He said that the response to these actionable initiatives, include looking at the training needs of the Police officers concerned.

In response to a further question from Alan Murray, Nev Nolan advised that currently Police officers are given awareness training on how to deal with people with mental health issues and autism. He said that he would look into whether such training could be extended to cover areas such as deafness and other disabilities.

James Guest said it would prove helpful if the Police could provide a breakdown at the next meeting of where their current and future policing priorities are being targeted.

With no further questions or comments forthcoming, the Chair thanked Nev Nolan for attending the meeting, and for presenting the item and responding to questions from Members.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

6.   Identification of the Priorities and Work Programme for the ESNB
(Agenda Item 5)

The Chair advised that approximately £5,200 per borough of the 'Safer Neighbourhood Fund' is to be ring-fenced to support the administration and management of the Boards.

He said that in addition, Safer Neighbourhood Boards have been invited to submit proposals to MOPAC to use the remainder of the fund to support those projects selected by the Board, which it considers will make the biggest impact on crime prevention and community engagement, and which reflects local priorities.

The Chair said that it was therefore important that the Board determines as soon as it is practicable, which projects it wishes to see funded from the allocated funds.

The Chair said that he thought that the best way to progress this matter is to establish a small sub-group of ESNB Members, who could be tasked with deciding which items or projects should be funded.

Mark Wiltshire advised that bids were required to be submitted by 10th March, 2015. He added that all allocated funds in connection with these bids must be spent before the 31st May, 2015.

He said that he would be happy, if the Board wish, to suggest items of potentially deliverable targets. He said that early suggestions might include; 'business crime reduction' 'youth engagement' 'policing, and the experiences of the youth in Ealing,' and a "ESNB" website.

Liz Gaffney, said that it was important that the Board utilises any funds available to it. She added that she would speak to some of her colleagues in 'Victim Support,' to garner further ideas, and see what other boroughs are doing in respect of their priorities.

James Guest said that he thought it likely that the Ward Panels would also put forward a number of items for consideration.

Umra Butt, Youth Parliament, suggested that in order to improve youth engagement with the Police, that Police workshops be set up in local schools.

Colin Wingrove advised that at present every school in the borough has a 'Safer Schools Officer,' and to date this initiative appears to have been very well received by all concerned.

He added that the Police would welcome any such bid, and would be happy to participate in it.

At this point, the Chair formally invited Members to express an interest in becoming a Member of the Sub-Group for the purpose of agreeing bids for submission to MOPAC.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Sub-Group be comprised of the following Members;

- Jeanine Andre
- Richard Chilton
- Arwel Davies
- Liz Gaffney
- James Guest
- Alan Murray

Colin Wingrove said that if required, the Police would be happy to provide a Member on the Sub-Group.

The Chair said that he would be happy for the Police to provide a Member on the Sub-Group, subject to costs.

The Chair also proposed that Richard Chilton be requested to organise the first date for a meeting of the Sub-Group.

Resolved: (i) That a sub-Group of the following ESNB Members be established for the purposes of agreeing projects, and submitting bids to MOPAC:

- Jeanine Andre
- Richard Chilton
- Arwel Davies
- Liz Gaffney
- James Guest
- Alan Murray

(ii) That Richard Chilton be requested to organise a first date for a meeting of the Sub-Group.

7. **Any Other Business**
   (Agenda Item 6)

   (i) Representatives on Outside Bodies;

Richard Chilton said that it was in the interest of the ESNB, that the Board seeks to appoint representatives on relevant outside bodies, as soon as it is practicable.

He said that such bodies include the; 'Met CC Community Forum;' 'LCP2,' 'LCP2 Commissioners Meeting.'

The Chair said that he would be happy to attend the 'LCP2" Commissioners meeting, the Chair also requested that Board Members give consideration to becoming representatives on the aforementioned outside bodies, and advise the Chair and Vice-Chair accordingly.

(ii) Community Opportunities

Nev Nolan said that the Police periodically receive documents detailing community opportunities in the borough. He said that he thought that these documents could prove of benefit to interested Board Members. He said that he would be happy to circulate future documents to all Members of the Board, via e-mail.

(ii) Future Meetings of the ESNB

The Chair requested that the relevant officers look into bringing forward the scheduled date of the public meeting of the ESNB, from June 2015, to March 2015.

The Chair requested that the ESNB's public meeting take place in the Liz Cantell Room in the Town Hall, and that the meeting is advertised in 'Around Ealing magazine.'

The Chair also requested that the relevant officers provide base costings for each meeting of the Board, and provide information regarding how best to publicise the work of the ESNB.

8. **Date of Next meeting**

Resolved: That the next scheduled meeting of the ESNB takes place on Tuesday, 18th November, 2014

Chair: Martin Mallam.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.