Safer Neighbourhood boards – Public minutes 09/09/2026

Stop and Search

The Community Monitoring Group met to review the latest stop and search data for July, which showed activity levels remaining stable and broadly consistent with previous months. Members examined a sample of stop and search records and were satisfied that appropriate procedures had been followed. The group also discussed plans to compare local data with neighbouring boroughs to help identify any emerging trends and support ongoing scrutiny. Discussions highlighted ongoing work to improve the quality of data recording, particularly around age information, and the police outlined the steps being taken to address this through system improvements and operational oversight. Members were also offered opportunities to further develop their understanding of policing through observation and engagement activities, helping to strengthen transparency and community confidence.

MPS Stop and Search update and Delivery Plan

The Community Monitoring Group received an update on local stop and search activity and ongoing work to strengthen public confidence, fairness and transparency. Recent performance data showed positive outcomes remaining strong, reflecting a continued focus on intelligence-led policing and targeted activity. Members discussed the implementation of the Stop and Search Charter, which was developed through community consultation and focuses on improving the quality of encounters, training, supervision, community involvement and public understanding. The group also heard about enhanced officer training, increased supervisory review of stop and search records, and ongoing engagement with schools, young people and community organisations. A constructive discussion took place around safeguarding, public confidence and ensuring that stop and search powers are used appropriately and proportionately, with police reaffirming their commitment to continuous improvement, effective scrutiny and positive engagement with local communities.

Report on South West Basic Command Unit

The group welcomed an update on neighbourhood policing priorities and ongoing efforts to strengthen police visibility and engagement across local communities. Policing activity continues to focus on key issues affecting residents, including violence against women and

girls, retail crime, serious violence, vehicle crime and sexual offences. Members heard that public confidence in local policing remains strong, supported by close partnership working between the police, councillors, community representatives and local organisations. Discussions also covered emerging crime trends and the importance of maintaining effective communication between communities and local policing teams. E-bikes were highlighted as a significant local concern, with ongoing work being undertaken to address issues relating to rider behaviour, parking, safety and illegally modified bikes. The meeting also recognised the valuable role of Ward Panels in ensuring residents can help identify and shape local policing priorities, supporting a collaborative approach to community safety across the borough.

Neighbourhood Policing Update

The group received an update on recent neighbourhood policing activity and partnership work aimed at reducing crime and improving community safety across the borough. Targeted operations to tackle vehicle crime and the misuse of e-bikes and e-scooters have resulted in arrests, the seizure of vehicles involved in offending, and the recovery of illegal substances. Work continues between the council, police and operators to address concerns around bike parking and rider behavior in public spaces. Members also heard that policing support for major events and community celebrations throughout the summer was delivered successfully, helping to keep crime levels low and ensure events remained safe and welcoming. Preparations are also underway for a range of upcoming seasonal and faith-related events, with a continued focus on community reassurance and engagement. The meeting highlighted ongoing efforts to locate wanted offenders, disrupt organised criminal activity and tackle anti-social behaviour, demonstrating a proactive approach to protecting local communities and reducing crime across the borough.

MOPAC SNB Projects

The group received an update on a range of community projects funded through the local community grants programme, which supports initiatives that help improve safety, wellbeing and opportunities for residents across the borough. Increased funding this year has enabled more projects to be supported, benefiting both young people and older residents. Projects include fraud prevention workshops and advice sessions for older people, sports and mentoring activities for young women and girls, practical employability and skills training for young adults, community outreach and support services for young people and families, and crime prevention initiatives aimed at reducing burglary, theft and

vehicle crime. Members welcomed the strong partnership approach across the projects, with local organisations, community groups and neighbourhood policing teams working together to build confidence, improve access to support services, promote positive opportunities and help residents feel safer in their communities.

AOB

Members discussed a number of community concerns raised by residents, including anti-social behaviour, transport related issues and vehicle-related gatherings in parts of the borough. Updates were provided on ongoing partnership work to address these concerns, with agencies continuing to engage with local businesses, partners and residents to identify appropriate solutions. The meeting also noted that retail crime has recently been adopted as a local policing priority, reflecting concerns raised by both officers and the community. Members welcomed the continued collaborative approach between partners to address issues affecting local neighbourhoods and improve the quality of life for residents.