

Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board Minutes

Tuesday 3rd March 2020 - 7.00pm

Committee Room 2

Tayo Prince- Chair	The Tabernacle	
Gary Connors	London Borough of Lewisham	
James Mitchell- Vice Chair	Independent Customer Visitor	
Royston John	NCBI	
Trinity Ashon	SLCS	
Chief Inspector Mick Chattenton	Lewisham Police	
Inspector Benn Pollard	Lewisham Police	

 $21\ members$ of the public were also in attendance.

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1.	Chair's Welcome: Tayo Prince	
	Tayo welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
	She then gave an update on the recent work the SNB has undertaken to get the Ward Panels working together,	
	specifically speaking about the meeting of Ward Panel Chairs and others on 25th February.	
2.	Apologies & Note of Absence	Information
	Funmi Ademilua, Joe Burchell, Susan Hailes and Mervyn Kaye gave their apologies.	
3.	Minutes of last meeting - January 2020	-
	The minutes were agreed with no issues.	
4.	Police Use Of Live Facial Recognition Technology	_
	The police gave a presentation, and then took questions from the floor.	
	The following report from the Information Commissioner's Office provided some background information on this subject:	

https://ico.org.uk/media/about-the-ico/documents/26 16185/live-frt-law-enforcement-report-20191031.pdf

Inspector Pollard presented information about the use of Live Facial Recognition Technology within the Met Police.

The presentation looked at when and where the technology would likely be used, and tackled some of the myths and rumours surrounding the use of the technology.

Inspector Pollard referenced an independent survey relating to the level of support for the technology. Royston asked for a link to this.

Royston also asked about the issue highlighted in the media, relating to black people being identified. Chief Inspector Chattenton and Inspector Pollard both said that the previous tests of the software have indicated that there will be no issues with this.

One member of the public spoke about the larger roll out on this technology, and how this might happen. Inspector Pollard said that the current roll out has been limited due to concerns from the ICO at this stage.

Residents and others are able to find out more about this technology by visiting

https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/facial-recognition/live-facial-recognition

5. **Police Update**

Inspector Pollard then provided a local policing update, and mentioned about the joint enforcement work taking place with trading standards.

He then spoke about the Ward Panel Chairs meeting held on 25th February and about Project X (which will be launched at the end of March and will focus on antisocial behaviour).

Inspector Pollard said that if anyone would like to get involved with their local ward panel, there was a leaflet available for people to take away from the meeting.

He mentioned the work being carried out during Sceptre Week, and the work being done around Project Servator and Makepeace. Members of the public were then invited to ask questions on this.

6. **AOB**

There was a wider discussion about local issues and members of the public raised a number of individual cases with the police and representatives from Lewisham Council.

Tayo said that while the applications for the next round of MOPAC funding are open, and the forms have been circulated, interested organisations should get in touch with the board if they have any questions about the application process or if they need support with their application.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th June: AGM

(Please note: due to the lockdown, the Board took the decision to delay the AGM)

Future dates for public meetings were outlined as follows:

- 22nd September 2020
- 1st December 2020
- 2nd March 2021

(Please note: due to the social distancing rules, we will be holding public meetings online until further notice.

Details of how to 'attend' these online meetings will be sent to the Lewisham SNB email distribution list, which you can sign up to at https://tinyurl.com/LSNBoard)