

Minutes Coffee with a Cop 27/09/18

Attendees:

Graham Smith	Hippodrome
Robert Bowker	Lillywites
Lukasz Arrychowski	Dover Street Market
Helen Harper	MPS
Ah Adeh	Heart of London
Ana Szerwo	Hoist Kredit
Chris Denvers	Horizons Casino
Lee Jarvis	Empire Casino
Rebecca Calandro	Criterion Thearter
Emma Bentley	Criterion Thearter
Adrian Bodonea	Simit Sarayi
Jelili Adisa	Criterion hospitality
Lucy Waddell	Body Worlds London
Eva Guardiz	Mcdonalds
Dimitri Hamard	Mcdonalds
Colin Bennett	LSA
Ed Thornhill	Heart of London

Ma'am Harper speech about BCU change - The structure in place, what will be in place and encouragement for you all to report any crime to us and our new online ASB reporting website, linked below:

<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Response teams will be getting bigger and will be taking over the night time economy of the WEST END. They will be educated about how best to manage such a unique environment as LEICESTER SQUARE and how it has been policed the last few years.

Licensing and Street police need to start conversing more, both have different ideas on what venue and security teams should be doing and what they are expected to do. Lack of communication is resulting in mixed messages from

A big problem is continuity, constantly moving teams and hard to know who the officers are before they move again months or years later. As was covered, when we are able to release the names and numbers of officers that will be in place come February we shall. These officers will be in place for at least a year.

Security + officers on the square such as business engagement team a possibility? Businesses feel like they're getting treated less fairly than Oxford Street ones.

Over 140 more officers have been recruited to METCC to reduce load on 999 and 101 hopefully this will make a noticeable difference to the duration of your calls to us.

There have been multiple action days for each ward in the west end area and there will be more in the future. As discussed these days will be plain clothes operations aiming to disrupt crime and ASB in the area. There are various successes already apparent from these ops, during the meeting 3 arrests were made as have others over the last few days.

As mentioned new CCTV has been put in place on CHARING CROSS ROAD opposite the HIPPODROME viewing down CRANBOURNE STREET.

Dedicated ward officers will be given a phone number to disseminate to all of you, in order to allow you to chat with them should you need advice or police assistance. This should not replace 999 in case of emergencies!

Obviously a major issue for you all was the lack of a police presence regularly now.

Thank you all for you attendance see you at the next one!