

## ISOB – Community Update

**Meeting date:** 21 April 2026

**Chair:** Jason Sinclair

**Format:** Teams

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### Purpose of ISOB

The Independent Scrutiny & Oversight Board (ISOB) provides community-led challenge and assurance on areas affecting **trust, confidence, legitimacy, equality and policing fairness** across Thames Valley.

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### What We Discussed

- The transition from ISOB to the new **Independent Trust, Assurance & Confidence Board (ITAC)**, including its purpose, structure and areas of focus.
  - How ITAC will communicate its role and value more clearly to communities.
  - Updates on **community engagement and reassurance**, including responses to community tensions and hate crime.
  - Findings from the latest **Trust & Confidence Survey**, which will form a new baseline for future scrutiny.
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### What ISOB Challenged or Questioned

- How to ensure ITAC's work programme is **balanced across all key Trust & Confidence pillars**, rather than focusing too narrowly on one area.
  - How perceptions of policing identified in survey results compare with operational reality, and how to focus scrutiny where it will have most impact.
  - How community engagement and reassurance activity is responding to emerging risks, including youth disorder and online-driven incidents.
  - How ITAC can clearly define **success measures and impact**, so communities can see the difference that scrutiny makes.
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### Updates and Commitments from TVP / OPCC

- **OPCC will** update and publish revised Terms of Reference reflecting the new ITAC name and role.

- **OPCC will** develop a clear, short explainer to help members and communities understand ITAC's purpose and value.
  - **TVP will** continue to improve hate crime monitoring and community reassurance activity, supported by regular engagement through CADOs.
  - **ISOB/ITAC will** refine its forward work plan to align clearly to all Trust & Confidence pillars and agreed priorities.
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### **Key Messages for Our Communities**

1. **Oversight:** Independent scrutiny of policing continues, with a renewed focus on trust, confidence and fairness through the transition to ITAC.
2. **Impact:** Feedback from community representatives is shaping priorities, survey scrutiny and future work to improve trust and confidence across Thames Valley.
3. **Involvement:** Communities are encouraged to engage through local **Community & Diversity Officers (CADOs)**, Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs), and future ITAC activity.

### **How to Stay Involved**

- Speak to your local **CADO**
  - Join or observe your local **Independent Advisory Group (IAG)**
  - Follow OPCC updates and community events
  - Share feedback: *Scrutiny@thamesvalley.police.uk*
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### **Next ISOB Meeting**

**Date:** 23 July 2026