

Olea Grove (formerly High View Oast) Stakeholder Meeting
Tuesday 4th August 2026, 10am
MS Teams Meeting

Agencies and Services in Attendees
KCC, UAS Children's Service
Church Representative
Kent Police

Kent County Council (KCC) - Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UAS Children)

Introduction
Introductions made and agenda shared.
Overview
A KCC representative reported that 342 children had been supported at Olea Grove over the last year, with 328 moving on the NTS. They noted that the children feel welcomed by the community and have been playing in the park, where other boys have occasionally joined in. The home has also been making the most of the warmer weather, including trips to the beach for crabbing. The garden project is also progressing well. Vegetables have been picked, and the children have asked for them to be included in meals. The children have been very engaged in the project. The children thoroughly enjoyed the World Cup and held a small semi-final and final celebration within the home. Since the last meeting, there has been one pop-up protest at the home. A small number of people attended and took photographs. The children were not aware of the protest at the time but were informed afterwards. No other concerns or issues were reported. A Kent Police representative referred to the auditors and advised that no offences had been committed. They added that protests are continuing in Dover over the summer months and that police will continue to monitor these events. A Church representative asked for clarification on the meaning of "auditor". A Kent Police representative provided this clarification. A KCC representative advised that the home continues to run its ISP programme, which is helping the children settle into life in the UK. They asked stakeholders whether they could contribute anything to support this. A Kent Police representative said they would try to arrange for local Beat officers to visit the home. A KCC representative explained that they had raised an issue with an officer regarding a local shop. They asked stakeholders to keep the home in mind for activities the children could take part in, noting that the home is currently going out in smaller groups due to community tensions. A Kent Police representative advised they would look into the issue with the local shop and asked whether an incident had occurred or if the smaller group outings were a precautionary measure. A KCC representative confirmed that this was a precaution to avoid drawing attention to the children and staff while pop-up protests are taking place. A Church representative advised that the warm space is available on Thursdays and that the children would be

welcome to attend. They also suggested arranging sessions at the home. They added that it is always lovely to see the children at church and that they are welcome to stay for tea, coffee and biscuits after the service.

A KCC representative said they would pass this on and then brought the meeting to a close.

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None raised.