

3rd June 2026:

Community Safety Committee Meeting:

An emergency meeting was held to brief the members of the key issues falling out from the outcome of the trial which found Vickrum Digwa guilty of the murder of Henry Nowak.

There was unanimous condemnation of the violence and bringing of the whole community into disrepute.

It was agreed to attend the meeting of the community being held on 14th June 2026 to agree a collective way forward and to prevent a ban being advocated by some extremists.

6th June 2026:

A discussion took place with the Election Commission about supporting the most vulnerable in the community to register for voting. Follow up actions include:

- encouraging people to register to vote.

12th June and 22nd June 2026:



The Council provided statement / evidence to the Court of Justice in connection with a Sikh baby who was murdered by her mother in 2020 and jailed in 2026. The mother had converted to another faith and wished for baby to be buried in accordance with her new religious rites. The baby's paternal family reached out to the Council for support. The court ruled in favour of the paternal family and the baby is being cremated in accordance with Sikhi traditions.

The Council is grateful for the financial and other support provided by two young professionals - one Sikh and one Hindu. Without them providing funding this would not have been possible. We are also grateful to Guru Har Rai Gurdwara Sahib and Sahara Funerals for assisting with the cremation rites. The funeral takes place on 7th July 2026.

12th June 2026:

The Council met with IOPC to discuss concerns / issues about murder of Henry Nowak. They were connected with Sikh representatives in Southampton and another Sikh organisation.

[IOPC investigating conduct of two officers in Henry Nowak case](#)

The Independent Office for Police Conduct's (IOPC) ongoing investigation into the actions of

the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary (HIOWC) officers who dealt with Henry Nowak prior to his tragic death has entered a new phase.

Following the conclusion of the trial, which saw Vickrum Digwa convicted of Henry's murder, we have assessed the evidence we have obtained and considered representations from Henry's family, as we reviewed all aspects of the investigation.

We have now advised two HIOWC officers that they are under investigation for potential gross misconduct. The evidence indicates that both officers – who were the first to arrive at the scene late in the evening of 3rd December 2025 - may have potentially breached the professional behaviour standards of duties and responsibilities, use of force, and discreditable conduct.

These relate to potential failures by the officers to recognise that Henry needed urgent medical attention, to immediately act after he said he had been stabbed and he couldn't breathe, and the decision to arrest and handcuff Henry rather than provide immediate first aid.

There's also an indication one of the officers may have breached the standard relating to authority, respect and courtesy, for appearing to dismiss Henry saying he had been stabbed.

Henry's family has been told of our decision.

IOPC Director of Engagement Derrick Campbell said: "We continue to extend our deepest sympathies to Henry's family and friends.

"Our investigators met with Henry's family earlier this month where we were able to discuss our investigation with them in depth, now that criminal proceedings have concluded.

"We are obliged to constantly review the evidence obtained throughout our investigations and assess any indications of potential misconduct for officers involved. As a result, two officers will now face gross misconduct investigations.

"There is clear evidence that public confidence in the force may have been seriously harmed by this incident, and that is a factor we must consider when assessing the evidence.

"The serving of gross misconduct notices does not necessarily mean that disciplinary proceedings will follow. At the end of our investigation, we will decide whether any officers should face disciplinary proceedings."

We have expanded our independent investigation following recent discussions with Henry's family, who have made formal complaints about the force.

We continue to examine the actions of the officers at the scene, including the decision to arrest Henry and apply handcuffs along with the first aid provided, and the decisions and actions of HIOWC control room staff. This includes the handling of calls relating to the incident and information passed on to the attending officers and the ambulance service.

We are investigating whether the race or religion of either Henry or the Digwa family impacted on the actions and decision making of the officers, whether officers' decisions were influenced by assumptions or prejudice relating to community tensions at the time, and complaints made by Henry's family about differences in how Henry was treated by officers compared to how Vickrum and his family members were treated upon their arrests.

Mr Campbell said: "It is also an important part of our role to identify whether any changes are needed to national or force policies or procedures, to improve police practice."

At the end of our investigation, we will share our provisional decisions regarding disciplinary matters with the force and Henry's family for their views, which we will consider before making our final decisions. We will announce this once the parties involved have been notified.

14th June 2026:

The secretary General and several members of the General Assembly, Leadership Team and BOJ attended the Panthic Meeting regarding the current issue of Kirpan held at Gurdwara Guru Nanak Parkash, Coventry.

We welcomed the decisions taken and expressed our appreciation for the dedicated efforts of the organising team.

The resolutions were circulated to all members and are attached for ease of reference.

24th June 2026:**National Sikh Education Funding Proposal and Routes:**

The meeting centred on (Bhupinder Singh's) proposal for a UK wide Sikh Education Initiative, aiming to coordinate existing Sikh educational efforts, reduce fragmentation, and create a unified, accessible framework for Sikh learning across the community and wider society.

Participants agreed that the Sikh Education Initiative has strong potential but requires clear objectives, measurable outcomes, and a unified strategy to attract funding and deliver meaningful impact. A structured, collaborative approach supported by SSCUK leadership - will be essential to move from concept to implementation.