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**Meeting: Policing Board**

**Venue: Teams Meeting**

**Date: 06th June 2022**

**Time: 10:00 – 10:58**

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| **Members:** | Dafydd Llywelyn, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)  Chief Constable Dr Richard Lewis (CC)  Carys Morgans, Chief of Staff, OPCC (CoS) |
| **Also Present:** | Chief Inspector Chris Neve, Staff Officer, DPP (CN)  Ellen Jones, Student Intern, OPCC (EJ) |
| **Apologies:** | Beverly Peatling, Chief Finance Officer, OPCC (CFO) |

**Administrative Matters**

1. **Apologies and Introductions** (Chair)
2. **Update on actions from previous meetings** (Chair)

With some noted alterations the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

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| **Action No.** | **Action Summary** | **Update** |
| PB 144 | CC to escalate Go Safe governance and finance matters to WCOG and matter to be revisited at a future meeting of the Policing Board | In progress -Meeting to be held on 07/06. Topic is also on agenda on Welsh COG and CC will raise on behalf of the Force. |
| PB 145 | CC to provide written rationale for not progressing the IT amendments to the victim needs assessment | Complete |
| PB 146 | Meeting to be arranged with the PCC, CC, DoC, operational lead for victims, Assistant CC, and Head of Criminal Justice to discuss the future commissioning of victims services | In progress with DoC |
| PB 147 | OPCC to consider process for scheduling Policing Board agenda items | In progress – OPCC restructure still underway |
| PB 148 | CC to seek reassurance regarding custody CCTV and affray risks | In Progress- Being led by Supt Clark John Jones with a Gold group set up |
| PB 149 | CFO and DoF to agree change and transformation budget process | Complete |
| PB 150 | PCC and CC to visit Westminster to brief MPs prior to summer recess. Visit to also involve PCC’s Policy Advisors for learning session. Additional briefing session to be provided for MSs | In progress - CN to link liaise with Ben Lake MP and Head of Police Liaison Paul Morris |

*Action PB 147- OPCC to consider process for scheduling Policing Board agenda items-* The CoS informed that the OPCC restructure is still underway with interviews taking place. The PCC thanked CN for his support and understanding during the offices restructure.

*Action PB 148- CC to seek reassurance regarding custody CCTV and affray risks-* The CC informed that he had been provided with an update on the current position and that an independent analysis had been carried out by an external company to assess the cost. The review outcome stated an estimate cost of £1 million to replace CCTV to meet the Home Office’s standards. He informed the PCC that a gold group has been set up to review this issue and that Superintendent for Specialist Operations and Chief Inspector for Custody were leading the group. The CC informed the PCC that discussions were ongoing regarding the associated funding. The PCC stated it was concerning that the matter had not been raised earlier through the Force’s governance structure, but was reassured the matter was being dealt with accordingly. The CoS welcomed a briefing with the Superintendent for Specialist Operations the Gold Group to ensure that the OPCC is better sighted.

**Action: CoS to meet with Superintendent for Specialist Operations to discuss custody CCTV and affray risks**

*Action PB 149 –CFO and DoF to agree change and transformation budget process-* The CFO provided an update in an email to the CC and PCC before the meeting as she was unable to attend*.* Chief Officer Group (COG) would consider proposals for utilisation of the Transformation Reserve, these would then be discussed at the weekly DoF & CFO meetings. This would then be reported to the PCC for approval, as part of the monthly financial monitoring to the Policing Board.

*Action PB 150 - PCC and CC to visit Westminster to brief MPs prior to summer recess*- The PCC informed the CC that he had met with Ben Lake MP who had agreed to sponsor a room within Westminster. CN informed that the CC was due to mention the visit in the Welsh COG meeting to ensure that all Welsh Chief Constables are also sighted. CN confirmed the necessary arrangements were being made in collaboration with EJ.

1. **Standing Items** 
   1. Chief Constable’s Update

The CC’s written update was circulated ahead of the meeting. The CC highlighted that the Force’s INTACT Early Intervention and Prevention Team had been recognised at the Mid and West Wales Safeguarding Awards, winning in the “Innovation and Creativity Leading to Improved Safeguarding Practices for Children and Adults” category. He also informed the PCC that the Force held its first stalking clinic on the 1st June which was hosted by Dr Laura Molloy. It was the intention that all officers would attend a clinic and that Seargent rank officers are to have enhanced training. The CC informed that the Force had seen significant improvement throughout the Forces response to stalking since the concerted effort upon domestic abuse.

The PCC suggested that the focus in the forthcoming Police Accountability Board (PAB) should be on the Force’s performance to specifically highlight the improvements. He considered this would support the planned seminar with the Police and Crime Panel Members.

**Action: Next PAB to focus on Forces performance and improvement data**

* 1. Police and Crime Commissioner’s Update

The PCC informed that the Knife Angel had arrived in Aberystwyth with the opening ceremony being well attended. He stated that the Angel’s presence was already having a positive impact and that planned activites are taking place throughout June.

The PCC informed that he due to attend a cross party group on substance misuse meeting in Cardiff where he will be a guest speaker. The CC invited the PCC to join him on a visit to West Midlands Police, who had made significant improvements in relation to substance misuse.The PCC thanked the CC and informed that he has previously been in contact with representatives from West Midlands to arrange a visit, but would be grateful to attend alongside the CC.

**Action: CC and PCC to visit West Midlands Police to discuss their substance misuse work**

The PCC continued that he was due to give evidence to Senedd’s Local Government and Housing Committee on 9th of June in relation to the provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers. He stated that Shelter Cymru were in regular contact with Police Liaison Unit regarding the topic and that CC Pam Kelly and CC Carl Folkes would also attending.

The CoS provided an update on the current OPCC office restructure. She also informed that the draft agenda for the Policing in Wales (PiW) virual meeting for the 23rd June 2022 had been circulated. The PCC suggested that the CC may wish to mention in the Welsh COG meeting that the decision had been made to hold the PiW meeting virtually.

**Action: CC to inform members of Welsh COG that the next PiW meeting would be held virtually**

* 1. Risk

A document was circulated with the agenda informing the CC and PCC on the Force’s current risks and issues. The PCC sought clarification on the issue relating to the use of the Police National Computer and whether this should be escalated to the risk register. The CC informed that he had asked for reassurance on the issue and an update could be provided to the PCC in due course. The PCC thanked the CC but stated that it was not required as he was happy with the CC’s explanation and further action.

A discussion ensued regarding the OPCC’s oversight of all risks and issues. It was acknowledged that the paper provided a high level summary and that Members would benefit from a risk focus at a future meeting. The CoS suggested this be scheduled for the Policing Board meeting immediately preceding the Joint Audit Committee’s annual risk focus.

**Action: Risk to feature as the focus for the Policing Board meeting preceding the Joint Audit Committee’s annual review of the Force risk analysis**

1. **Focus:** Performance - Forensic Services

The PCC stated that he was grateful to receive the recording of the Force Performance meeting where forensic services was the focus. A discussion ensured regarding the transforming forensics national picture and whether it was still up for debate.The CC responded that yes the transforming forensics national picture is still being debated and that digital Forensics was identified as an area for reviewing. The CC informed that digital forensics was the only area highlighted as a risk within the department. Members discussed resourcing and finance considerations. The PCC identified that the forfeiture fund could be used, as it had been previously, to support outsourcing costs. The CC stated that a number of requests had been agreed at the Force Performance meeting. He had also requested the department provide an investment requirement bid for the additional resources sought.

1. **Any Other Business**

The CoS informed the members that the Police and Crime Panel nominees had been announced. Once Panel Members had been allocated, the Force and OPCC could seek to arrange the agreed visit to Headquarters.

The CC informed that the scheduled of the Force performance meetings had been altered to allow for prompter consideration of on serious sexual violence and domestic abuse. This would therefore impact on when the End to End project would be considered.

1. **Review of all actions and decisions taken**

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| **Action No** | **Summary** | **To be progressed by** |
| PB 151 | CoS to meet with Superintendent for Specialist Operations to discuss custody CCTV and affray risks | CoS |
| PB 152 | Next PAB to focus on Forces performance and CC to provide improvement data | CB |
| PB 153 | CC and PCC to attend West Midlands Police Force regarding their work upon substance misuse | CN |
| PB 154 | CC to inform members of COG that the next PiW meeting will be held virtually | CC |
| PB 155 | Risk to feature as the focus for the Policing Board meeting preceding the Joint Audit Committee’s annual review of the Force risk analysis | CB |