**Meeting: Policing Board**

**Venue: Teams Meeting**

**Date: 04th July 2022**

**Time: 15:00 – 16:50**

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

**Outcomes for this meeting:**

1. To hold the Chief Constable to account
2. To focus on the monthly theme
3. To escalate matters to Policing Accountability Board and cascade to the Force Governance Arrangement.

**Administrative Matters**

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

The CFO requested that elements of the minutes from the previous meeting required re-wording. The PCC agreed and stated that following the amendments made the minutes are deemed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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| **Decision No** | **Summary** | **To be progressed by** |
| PB T3 36 | The PCC approved that a contract valuing over £100,000 be awarded to Social Media Platform Licenses |  |

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| **Action No** | **Summary** | **Update** |
| 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 | Meeting scheduled for early September. Earlier date to be found if possible |
| PB 147 | OPCC to consider process for scheduling Policing Board agenda items | In progress-  CEX to meet with Staff Officer to consider options prior to commencement of Business Manager in post |
| 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 (Autumn 2022). Additional briefing session to be provided for MSs | On Agenda |
| PB 157 | OPCC Head of Strategy and Policy and Supt Andrew Edwards to work on the Force’s response to the Police and Crime Plan | In progress |

The CEX advised the Board that she had met with the proposed new Police and Crime Panel, a considerable number of which would be new Panel member. Due to delays with the Home Secretary approval of the appointment of Panel members the Police and Crime Panel meeting scheduled on the 15th of July needs to be re-scheduled. The PCC suggested that the OPCC and Force host the Panel at Police headquarters (HQ) and provide a seminar with key individuals.

**Action: CEX to draft an agenda for the Police and Crime Panel’s seminar at Police Headquarters**

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

The CC provided an update on key aspects following the paper that has been provided and circulated with the agenda. The CC highlighted that following the Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services, Peel inspection, the Force were expecting improvements in the gradings of 5 areas.

The CC advised that the Force are anticipating an increase in demand between the months of April to September.

The CC provided an update regarding the Force organisational change programme. A Senior Responsible Officer, who is a staff member would be appointed to lead the programme. Clear communications will be critical during this project and there will be an area on the Force Intranet will be created with key information, including responses to frequently asked questions.

The CC provided a brief update on recent operational matters and continued to inform the PCC on his recent commitments which included his attendance at the Policing Partnership Board for Wales.

The PCC thanked the CC for his update. He questioned the CC regarding his recent meeting with Joyce Watson MS. The CC informed that the meeting regarding Violence against women and girls was positive and stated that Joyce Watson MS was reassured with all the briefing provided and will continue to work alongside the Force.

The PCC brought the CC’s attention public feedback relating to the long course weekend Wales event in Pembrokeshire and the traffic arrangements in place . The PCC questioned as to whether a de-brief of the event would take place and asked for the matter to be considered accordingly.

**Action: The CC to review the Force’s actions at the Long course weekend Wales regarding traffic arrangements and provide feedback to the PCC**

The PCC also sought clarification regarding the deployment of the School Liaison Officers during the summer term. The CC advised that it had been advocated that School Liaison Officers would work within the Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) during the summer period. The PCC thanked the CC and agreed that the deployment of school liaison officers would be beneficial in NPT’s as they could help work and liaise with young people.

* 1. Police and Crime Commissioner’s Update

The PCC advised the Board that he had hosted the closing ceremony of the Knife Angel in Aberystwyth. The Knife Angel had been well supported by the Force throughout the month, especially by the INTACT team.

The PCC highlighted that he chaired Policing in Wales for the last time and would now be handing over the chair to PCC Cuthbert in Gwent. The PCC had also attended the Police and Partnership Board for Wales. A discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of the Board, with concerns raised in relation to the limited progress being achieved. The PCC felt that a review of the Board and its attendees would be beneficial to ensure effective use of the opportunity.

1. **Focus:** Performance - Rape Review and Sexual Offending

A discussion endured regarding the Force Performance event which was held the previous week, focussing on the rape review and sexual offending. Papers were circulated prior to the meeting. The CC highlighted a number of areas in relation to Force performance, including consistency in information management. In regard to Force Performance upon the rape review and sexual offending the CC informed that conviction rates are high and that DPP is the best in Wales for early intervention. The CC continued to inform that Sexual Risk Orders are specifically being looked at. The CC stated that the Force’s performance will improve with the implementation of Operation Soteria in the next few months but emphasised that the Force should not await the implementation to provide a better service to victims.

The PCC asked as to how the CC is going to quantify improvement & success in Sexual Risk Orders? The CC responded by informing the PCC that all civil and criminal orders will feature within the monthly force performance reporting dashboard, and the data will be available at force level and can be filtered down to Local Policing Area and Inspector areas for scrutiny and challenge. The CC continued to inform that as part of Operation Soteria, the Force will automatically be identifying individuals who were reported for Rape and or other serious sexual offences and investigating past suspect behaviours, convictions, and risks at the point of report in addition to running a criminal investigation. The CC informed that if the Force is unable to progress with a CJ outcome via the investigation they will then consider offender management structures to manage the community risk posed by such individuals.. The CC stated that in addition to the performance reporting requirements and Operation Soteria work, he as tasked to ensure that briefings are provided holistically across the Force area in respect of Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), with a particular focus on the referrals into MAPPA category 3. The PCC proposed the question to the CC as to whether he can provide reassurance that he is seeking to address the current position where 51% victims reporting rape don’t want to pursue a Criminal Justice (CJ) outcome. The CC reassured the PCC by informing that response to rape and serious sexual assault, and the relentless pursuit of offenders is a priority for the Force. The CC informed that he had commissioned the Force Performance and Analytics Department to complete a dedicated programme of work specifically related to outcome rates of Rape offences. The work will focus on how does Dyfed Powys Police’s response to rape impact on criminal Justice Outcome Rates.

The PCC questioned as to whether the Force offer appropriate support to ensure that victims feel confident in reporting to the police even if they do not want to pursue a CJ outcome. The CC responded that this work would form part of the Force’s response via Operation Soteria and the commissioned Outcomes work.

The PCC asked, as to whether does the CC intend to develop cohort of rape survivor’s to participate in workshops to help steer policy, process, and improvement, listening to the survivor’s voice. He queried whether this could be a joint initiative. The CC responded to the PCC that a collaborative approach to this would be welcomed and the OPCC as an independent partner would be crucial.

**Action: Consideration to be given to the engagement of rape survivors**

The PCC questioned as to whether the CC is content with the Force’s approach to monitoring Victims Code of Practice (VCOP) compliance currently? The CC responded that the Force has not had a performance management structure around VCOP for some time, which needs to be addressed. The CC has been reassured that processes are being put in place that will enhance performance management of VCOP and victim satisfaction. The CC informed that due to the IT systems that the Force currently uses, it is not possible to effectively performance manage compliance against the VCOP rights, but DPP is not alone in this. The CC also informed that the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) have also this month published the draft Victims Bill for pre-legislative scrutiny and a formal response to the ‘Delivering Justice for Victims’ public consultation which sets out a wider package of measures that will put victims at the heart of the justice system. Finally, the CC informed that the Force have commissioned the outsourcing of the Domestic Abuse and ASB surveys by August 2022 which will also include the provision of analytical and performance information for future governance meetings including Police Accountability Boards.

The PCC thanked the CC for his answers and stated that both the OPCC and the Force benefit from formal questions and answers. The CC agreed with the PCC.

Finally, the CC informed the PCC that detailed data demonstrating all of the Force’s performance is due to be published next week.

1. **Matters for Discussion**
   1. Nyxoid pilot evaluation? (identified via Force Threats Group 25/1/22 - pilot evaluation being undertaken from May)

The CC informed that the Nyxoid pilot has been extended and stated that the pilot has been a success in saving multiple lives. The CC stated that in the future he hopes to permanently implement this within the Force. The PCC questioned the cost implication of the Nyxoid pilot on the Force. The CC responded by informing the PCC that the Welsh Health Board cover the cost and thus the pilot will only affect the Force due to officer resource in regard to the training needed. The CC continued to inform that further Welsh Government funding has been secured by the Health Board to cover the pilot. The CC stated that a copy of the pilot evaluation would be sent over for the PCC’s consideration.

**Action: CN to send the Nyxoid pilot evaluation over to the PCC**

* 1. Visit to Westminster to brief MPs (*Visit will not involve PCC’s Policy Advisors, opportunity to arise in the Autumn, 2022)*

A discussion ensued in relation to the detail of the input to MPs at Westminster and the key messages including the police funding formula review, modelling approach and the current position and concerns. The DoF produced the draft presentation that he and the CFO had been being working on. The CC informed that he was happy and confident with the presentation provided. The PCC thanked the DoF and CFO for their work.

1. **Matters for Decision**
   1. Contract for Social Media Platform Licences

The CC informed that the contract is for £100,000 for a total of 201 licences alongside Gwent Police Force. The DoF informed that the contract has been presented to the Chief officer Group and had been supported. The PCC agreed to approve the contract.

**Decision: The PCC, in consultation with the Chief Constable, approved that a contract valuing over £100,000 be awarded to Social Media Platform Licenses**

1. **Any Other Business**
   1. CBRE- Facilities Management Contract extension

The CEX informed the Facilities management contract extension decision was previously made at a Gold group meeting last year and that the contract has come to the board to be sighted. The PCC stated that diligence must be undertaken to ensure that is the same as to what was agreed.

**Action: CBRE- Facilities Management Contract extension to be reviewed by OPCC before signing off as a decision**

* 1. AOB

The CFO questioned as to when the full HR report would be provided to the OPCC. The CC informed that the report will be ready for the next PB meeting.

**Action: HR report to be discussed at the next Policing Board meeting**

The CC and PCC expressed they’re thanks to ACC Emma Ackland for her service to DPP and wished her all the best in her retirement.

1. **Review of all actions and decisions taken** (Chair)

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| **Action No** | **Summary** | **To be progressed by** |
| PB 161 | CEX to draft an agenda for the Police and Crime Panel’s seminar and visit of HQ | CEX |
| PB 162 | The CC to review the Forces traffic arrangements at the Long course weekend Wales and provide a de-brief to the PCC | CC |
| PB 163 | Consideration to be given to the engagement of rape survivors | CC |
| PB 164 | CN to send the Nyxoid pilot evaluation over to the PCC | CN |
| PB 165 | CBRE- Facilities Management Contract extension to be reviewed by OPCC before signing off | CEX |
| PB 167 | HR report to be discussed at the next Policing Board meeting | OPCC |