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Minutes of Meeting

Meeting: Policing Board
Venue: Police Headquarters
Date: 17th December 2013
Time: 10.00-11.10



Members:	Chief Constable Simon Prince (CC) T/ACC Pam Kelly (T/ACC) Mr Tim Burton, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (D/PCC) Mr Edwin Harries, Temporary Director of Finance (T/DoF)
Also present:	PS Clark Jones-John, Staff Officer to the Chief Constable (CJJ) Claire Godden, Policy Advisor, OPCC (CG) Claire Bryant, Office Manager, OPCC (CB) DS Kevin Williams (DS KW, item 4 only)
Apologies:	PCC Christopher Salmon (PCC) Mrs Carys Morgans, Chief of Staff (CM) T/DCC Carl Langley (T/DCC)

ACTION SUMMARY		
Action N°	Action Summary	Progress:
PB 110	CC to feedback any comments on draft Commissioning Framework letters by the end of the week	Completed
PB 111	T/DoF to confirm expenditure position at a future meeting	In progress – due January 2014
PB 112	PCC to meet Treasury Management Advisors during their visit in January	In progress

Apologies were noted from the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Temporary Deputy Chief Constable and the Chief of Staff.

The meeting entered into exempt session under the provisions set out within paragraph 18, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The meeting re-entered public session.

Current local collaboration activity and future opportunities

The CC had met with South Wales and Gwent CCs to discuss models of collaboration. Agreement had been reached that they would work together but would not look to merge or change boundaries. The group are currently exploring a number of opportunities for collaboration including firearms licensing, central ticket office and collision investigation. The CC stated that All-Wales collaboration governance arrangements would be discussed at the next All-Wales Policing Group.

The CC stated that DPP were currently full members of joint firearms, Tarian, Regional Organised Crime Unit and WECTU. Some concern was expressed over collaboration progress with Local Authorities due to their current financial positions. The D/PCC thought that DPP needed to become as optimally efficient as possible before exploring other opportunities for collaboration. It emerged that the internal auditors suggested that opportunities to enter into existing collaboration agreements between South Wales and Gwent should be explored by Dyfed-Powys. The CC provided background on why the Joint Legal Service was established, and explained that there was no strategic HR collaboration apart from financial contributions in existence. The collaboration between Gwent and South Wales regarding police dogs and kennelling was not deemed appropriate for DPP mainly due to the locations of the facilities.

The D/PCC asked if the pilot weekend of the mental health triage service had proved successful. The T/ACC stated that initial feedback was positive and a full debrief would follow the pilot period.

The T/ACC requested to be consulted when the PCC would be establishing his victims commissioning intentions in order that the feedback from the HMIC domestic abuse review could be addressed.

Action: T/ACC to be consulted when establishing victims commissioning intentions.

The D/PCC stated that the OPCC had received funding for victims services and restorative justice, and there was a requirement to inform the Ministry of Justice of how funding would be allocated. It was proposed that a review of the services offered by Victim Support would be conducted. Initial thoughts were that the referral call centre would remain with all other services being commissioned locally.

Clarification was sought on the costs of Victim Support in providing consultation support to the Force.

Action: T/ACC to clarify whether £6,240 was the annual cost of Victim Support providing user satisfaction surveying services to the Force.

The D/PCC stated that the new Director of Commissioning will focus on victim support services, and that the OPCC website would in time be rejuvenated to become more victim focussed. It was confirmed that the LCJB would be hosted at DPP HQ in the future.

Collaboration with Carmarthenshire Council regarding IT services was discussed. It was confirmed that DPP and Carmarthenshire CC has a joint Head of IT, and that some support desk services were also funded jointly.

Action: T/DoF to provide OPCC with detail of IT arrangements with Carmarthenshire CC.

Performance report focussing on crime and ASB

The D/PCC stated that the executive summary should include ASB headline data. It was reported that ASB had significantly reduced across the Force, and peaks were being scrutinised. It was clarified that the paper identified some localised crime issues and that the data presented was for the year to date.

Violent crime, including domestic abuse was currently being closely monitored. Some increase in domestic abuse had been reported in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire, however it was identified that few were repeat cases. Two violent crime working groups had been established to investigate current trends.

Levels of sexual offences recorded had increased significantly in Pembrokeshire, which was attributed to better recording processes of the Central Referral Unit. It was highlighted that 38.4% of sexual offence reports were linked to historic abuse cases which was viewed positively. These crimes would be analysed to identify possible connections between cases.

Clarification was sought regarding the outcome rates for Pembrokeshire being significantly higher than other areas. It was identified that this was largely due to repeat offenders, where a number of crimes were attached to one individual and therefore were resolved simultaneously. A slight increase in repeat domestic violence offences was noted in Carmarthenshire. This would be scrutinised at Force tasking monthly meetings. General theft in Pembrokeshire had increased, which was attributed primarily to shoplifting. The "Steal and Be Banned" campaign had been launched as a deterrent. Carmarthenshire was currently experiencing a two month spike in general thefts.

The D/PCC queried how CSPs were informed of trends and how they were helping to address issues. It was reported that crime trend updates were provided to CSPs and that in the main crime prevention campaigns were supported by them. It was identified that CSPs and DPP should work together to better forecast in order to pre-empt trends. CG discussed volunteers the Commissioner had met who support preventative work in their communities, who could provide additional support.

Clarification was sought regarding the Force Strategic Assessment. The questionnaire would be completed at the end of January, with the report following at the end of March.

Action: Force Strategic Assessment report to be submitted to Policing Board following review by the CC.

Update report on reviews supporting the delivery of Priority 1 – custody and digital interviewing.

It was confirmed that the document was not restricted, as originally marked, and had been amended accordingly. The D/PCC stated that he was fully supportive of the benefits digital interviewing brought as it provides the opportunity to reduce wastage, enhance evidence quality to be used in court, and is more victim-focussed by allowing interviews to be conducted in the homes of victims. It was confirmed that a budget had been allocated to the storage, maintenance and on-going costs of the digital interviewing.

The custody report was noted and it was agreed that the results of the College of Policing review would be submitted to a future Policing Board.

Action: Results of College of Policing custody review to be submitted to a future Policing Board.

HMIC / other inspections action plan

Critical recommendations regarding custody had been identified and were being progressed. It was agreed that there was a need to dissect and understand each of the recommendations from the range of inspections and clarify which were relevant to Dyfed-Powys and actioned. The D/PCC stated that a document presenting this information would improve the opportunity to scrutinise effectively at Board meetings.

T/ACC stated that the HMIC Domestic Abuse Inspection had just been completed.

Action: Inspection recommendations to be documented with actions, rationale and progress and for this to be presented to a future Policing Board.

Action: HMIC Domestic Abuse inspection findings to be shared with the OPCC when available.

Clarification was requested regarding progress around the MASH. It was reported that LSBs and other agencies had received a presentation on the benefits its approach could bring.

Action: For the T/ACC to provide a future Policing Board with an update on progress made to date in establishing a MASH within Dyfed-Powys.

The D/PCC queried when the Stop and Search recording system would be going live. The T/ACC confirmed that it was now live.

The Board was informed that a review of police and crime incident recording was part of a review conducted by the T/DCC, and that the Public Administration Select Committee was working on the subject. It emerged that the DPP Data Quality Assurance Board was currently investigating and the report would not be available for some time.

It was agreed that the presentation of key issues and the impact to DPP through more concise papers would support better scrutiny at meetings.

Any Other Business

It was identified that some forces offer Penalty Notices for Disorder to be offered to a perpetrator with an education option attached to it. It was queried if DPP should consider the application of such an approach. The T/ACC reported that the Force is currently scoping this opportunity and a report would be presented to a future Board meeting.

Action: Review of PNDs to be presented to future Policing Board.

The T/DoF provided an update on the Incentivisation Fund, stating that an announcement was expected week commencing 6th January 2014.

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Action N°	Action Summary	To be progressed by:
PPB 24	T/ACC to be consulted when establishing victims commissioning intentions.	OPCC
PPB 25	T/ACC to clarify whether £6,240 was the annual cost of Victim Support providing user satisfaction surveying services to the Force.	T/ACC
PPB 26	T/DoF to provide OPCC with detail of IT arrangements with Carmarthenshire CC.	T/DoF
PPB 27	Force Strategic Assessment report to be submitted to Policing Board following review by the CC.	T/ACC
PPB 28	Results of College of Policing custody review to be submitted to a future Policing Board.	T/ACC
PPB 29	Inspection recommendations to be documented with	T/ACC

	actions, rationale and progress and for this to be presented to a future Policing Board.	
PPB 30	HMIC Domestic Abuse inspection findings to be shared with the OPCC when available.	T/ACC
PPB 31	For the T/ACC to provide a future Policing Board with an update on progress made to date in establishing a MASH within Dyfed-Powys.	T/ACC
PPB 32	Review of PNDs to be presented to future Policing Board	T/ACC