



<b><u>Members:</u></b>	Mr Christopher Salmon, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Mr Tim Burton, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC) Deputy Chief Constable, Carl Langley (DCC) Jayne Woods, Chief Finance Officer (CFO) Ms Samantha Gainard, Director of Legal and Compliance (SG) Mr Adrian Williams, Director of Resources (DoR)
<b><u>Also Present:</u></b>	PS Christina Fraser, Staff Officer to the Chief Constable (CF) Mrs Carys Morgans, Chief of Staff, OPCC (CM) Mrs Sharon Richards, Performance Manager, OPCC (SR) Mrs Alison Perry, Director of Commissioning, OPCC (AP) Miss Jessica Williams, External Funding Manager (JW) Miss Anna James, Support Officer, OPCC (AJ) Miss Angharad Lewis, Office Manager, OPCC (AL)
<b><u>Apologies:</u></b>	Chief Constable Simon Prince (CC) Assistant Chief Constable Simon Powell (ACC) Mr Edwin Harries, Director of Finance (DoF)

ACTION SUMMARY		
Action N <sup>o</sup>	Action Summary	Progress:
<b>PAB 173</b>	<b>ACC to provide an update on the development of the Serious and Organised Crime Local Profile at the next PAB.</b>	<b>In Progress with Steve Matchett – Deferred to March PAB.</b>
<b>PAB 174</b>	<b>Force to provide CFO with an estimate of the year-end position in relation to spend on Police Staff and Officers.</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>PAB 175</b>	<b>AP to keep SC and AJ updated in relation to progress with the Rural Satellite Rape Crisis Centres.</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>PAB 176</b>	<b>SC and AJ to share information with AP in relation to the Force's relationship with Barnados with regards to CSE.</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>PAB 177</b>	<b>CF to confirm whether or not there are any cost</b>	<b>Completed</b>

	<b>implications of GoSafe providing their services in relation to the Community Speed Watch.</b>	
<b>PAB 178</b>	<b>ACC to enquire as to whether a proposal from Inspector Gary Davies is to be submitted for consideration.</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>PAB 179</b>	<b>Force to provide a considered response to the CCTV report prior to PCC's meetings with Local Authorities in January.</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>PAB 180</b>	<b>Force to advise PCC if they intend purchasing IBM i2 Suite of Products by the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014.</b>	<b>Completed</b>

### **Minutes of the Accountability Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the last Police Accountability Board were agreed as a true account of the meeting with some slight amendments being made to the content.

#### **OPCC Monitoring Performance Report**

SR provided the Board with an introduction to the Quarterly Monitoring Progress Report.

SR queried the increase in crimes reported in Pembrokeshire. CF confirmed that this rise was within the expected variation levels. SR also noted the level of sexual offences recorded against children and queried whether officers received specialist training to deal with the same. The DCC confirmed that officers who deal with such cases would attend a Nationally Accredited Specialist Child Abuse Investigators course.

The DPCC queried how many investigations had been conducted by the Force as a result of intelligence fed by the National Crime Agency nominated system. The DCC confirmed that they would retrieve the requested data.

**Action: The DCC to confirm the number of investigations led by the Force as a result of intelligence received from the National Crime Agency.**

SR further noted a decline in violence against the person offences recorded in Ceredigion since July 2014 and queried the reasons for such decline. The DCC advised that they had experienced an unusually high level of crime recorded in

July and August which had subsequently resulted in the decline thereafter. It was noted that the percentages were quite disproportionate given the low number of crimes recorded in Ceredigion.

As discussions ensued surrounding obscene publication offences which had been identified as a cause of an increase in miscellaneous crimes recorded by the Force. The PCC queried how many of those recorded crimes related to different age categories.

**Action: Force to provide SR with details of obscene publication offences committed by different age groups, and to clarify the distinction between teenage partners and adult offenders committing obscene publication offences.**

Discussions moved on to the seasonal campaigns in operation by the Force during the Christmas period. The Force provided an update in relation to the 'Street to Suite' campaign. It was noted that it had been very effective. The DPCC queried whether there was any case for having the campaign as standard practice. The DCC confirmed that this was not practical given the low numbers. It was however considered that such scheme could be utilised over busy periods such as Bank Holidays.

**Action: The Force to provide the PCC with a detailed report on the 'Street to Suite' initiative including the number of persons removed, cost of the scheme etc.**

The DCC provided an overview in relation to 'Follow that Van' where officers are expected to follow the Cash in Transit vans for a short period of time when they were free to do so. The PCC queried whether the Force area had ever experienced any ambushes. CF confirmed that the last ambush had taken place several years ago.

In relation to the Christmas Drink Drive campaign, the DCC confirmed that circa 8,000 breath tests had been carried out during the campaign, with 140 persons either testing positive or refusing or failing to provide a sample.

Discussions ensued surrounding progress being made by the Mental Health Triage. SR suggested that an update be provided at February's PAB in relation to the same. The PCC requested that this update included consideration as to whether two vans were sufficient for Dyfed and for a response from Powys Health Board to be sought with regards to the same.

**Action: The Force to provide an update in relation to progress made by the Mental Health Triage at the February PAB meeting.**

SR queried whether the Force's Domestic Abuse Action plan was reviewed on a regular basis. The DCC confirmed that all plans were reviewed on at least a quarterly basis to ensure that they were still relevant and that if so, progress is being made.

It was noted that 7 Domestic Violence Protection Orders had been granted between May and December 2014. SR queried the criteria for person suitability to issue such notice. SG confirmed that the person suitability requirement was that they must be at risk in their own home. It was confirmed that wide spread training had taken place amongst officers to recognise appropriate cases. SG was unable to comment as to whether the Orders were proactively being sought in all appropriate cases; however she noted that it was her understanding that they were being actively sought. SG noted two incidents whereby a Magistrates Clerk had been unwilling to acknowledge a breach of the Order. SG confirmed that this issue had now been addressed.

SR raised a discussion point surrounding Clare's Law and asked whether there had been any offences committed subsequent to a refusal by the Force to disclose information. The DCC confirmed that this had not been the case.

Further to the latest Out of Court Disposals panel meeting, SR noted that it had been identified that Victim Impact Statements were inconsistently being included in prosecution files. SR queried whether there was a standardised process for including the Victim Impact Statement. The DCC confirmed that prosecution files were now built via the digital portal and there were safeguards to ensure that the inclusion of the same is considered. It was expected that this would improve the situation.

Discussions moved on to the procurement of the call handling system. CF confirmed that the preferred company was no longer an option and therefore alternative options were being considered. The PCC raised concerns in relation to the speed of the introduction of the new system.

**Action: Force to provide the OPCC with an update in relation to progress being made on the introduction of a new call handling system by the end of the financial year.**

### **OPCC Accountability Report on Priority 6**

The CFO provided the Board with an introduction to the OPCC's Accountability Report based around the Commissioner's priority of Spending Wisely.

The CFO confirmed that the OPCC budget was on target for the end of the financial year. The underspend on Commissioning was expected to be at around £200,000.00 as a result of savings made by the OPCC on services.

The PCC confirmed that it had been agreed at the All Wales Policing Group meeting in January that a business case be prepared for the establishment of an Institute of College of Policing for Wales. The PCC also confirmed that there had been an agreement, subject to agreed terms of reference, to appoint consultants to look at operational collaborative opportunities.

It was noted that an additional £300,000.00 was expected from the driver retraining scheme. The PCC noted that the public's perception would need to be considered when deciding whether or not to ring-fence such funds for specific expenditure.

### **Force Accountability Report on Priority 6**

The DoR provided the Board with an introduction to the Force's Accountability Report which had been prepared by the DoF. It was confirmed that there had been a £2.8 million underspend in the first 9 months of the financial year with the final underspend for the year expected to be circa £4 million. Areas of underspend included a small underspend on Police Officers and PCSOs. It was noted that one

further intake was planned during 2014/2015 which was expected to reduce the underspend.

The DoR confirmed that over half the level of underspend was down to the reduction in Police Staff. It was explained that this had mostly been as a result of the early implementation of Public First. It was also noted that unbudgeted income had been received from the NATO summit.

With regards to Capital Spend it was noted that there was a significant level of underspend in Estates and IS&T budgets.

The PCC commended the work carried out by the Force to retain Police Officer numbers much closer to budget this year. He recognised that there were very valid reasons for this year's underspends.

The PCC voiced his concerns with the Force implementing the use of Body Worn Cameras and the potential implications, including damage to the relationship between Officers and the public. The DCC confirmed that the Force planned to review the same in April once guidance had been issued by the College of Policing.

The DoR further highlighted achievements made by Public First including reductions at management and supervisor levels. It had been anticipated that 33 staff members would be lost in the first 6 months of 2014/2015. In reality there had been a reduction of 118 staff.

### **Questions from the public**

Discussions ensued surrounding questions received from the public and the appropriate process for handling such queries. A total of four questions had been received by means of Twitter and Facebook. The PCC confirmed that they should be answered as if asked in a public meeting.

**Action: CF to provide answers to the questions from the public by 21<sup>st</sup> January for publication by the OPCC via social media.**

## **Update reports**

### **a) 2015-2016 Precept and Draft Budget Report**

The CFO informed the Board of the PCC's proposal to reduce the precept for 2015/2016 by 5%. It was confirmed that over recent years, reserves had built up substantially and a decrease in the precept was the only way in which those monies could be returned to the public. It was confirmed that this would not affect the monies received by the Force. The deficit would be funded from reserves.

The PCC assured the Board that whilst reducing the precept in the 2015/2016 financial year, there was potential to raise it again if necessary to meet the Force's running costs in future years.

It was confirmed that the PCC's proposal was yet to be approved by the Police and Crime Panel.

The DoR provided the Board with an introduction to the DoF's part of the report which highlighted that whilst it was considered that budget cuts planned for 2015/16 were achievable, the medium term financial plan was less certain.

### **b) Precept Consultation Findings Report**

The report was noted but not discussed.

### **c) Commissioner's Fund**

JW presented a report on the Commissioner's fund which focused on the first two rounds. 137 applications were submitted in round 1 and a further 50 in round 2. The third round, which had recently closed, had seen 76 applications submitted.

Discussions ensued surrounding the amount granted which is capped at £5,000.00. It was agreed by both the Force and the OPCC that £5,000.00 was an appropriate figure. The possibility of allocating a percentage of the funds to different counties was also discussed.

JW suggested that in order to support the Commissioner's Priorities, there was an option to open up the process to other Criminal Justice bodies. Discussions ensued as to the practicalities of doing so.

JW noted that very few applications had been received to date to support road safety. The PCC queried whether there was anything we could do to encourage officers. The DCC suggested that this would appeal to very localised projects only as the Welsh Government already investing £8 million per year on such activities. JW confirmed that applications would be accepted from schools. It was agreed that in the next round, it may be appropriate to specifically state that we would encourage funding for applications promoting road safety.

It was noted that evaluation forms from the Officers were not being returned to the OPCC. The DCC confirmed that he would support the OPCC in encouraging Officers to return the completed evaluation forms.

Discussions ensued as to whether the outcomes of the projects should be specified on the grant of funds. Given the low value of the grants, it was decided that such obligation would be too onerous.

**Action: JW to report to a later PAB meeting as soon as a review into the future funding of the Commissioner's fund has been carried out by the CFO.**

The PCC queried the fall in income for the Commissioner's fund. It was noted that officers were no longer funded through the Proceeds of Crime Act to actively seek funds. The DCC confirmed that the money was still being actively sought, however the Force no longer employed an individual for this sole reason.

The PCC suggested that it may be worth reviewing the position to see whether the posts could be funded from funds elsewhere.

**Action: Force to review the position on employing individuals to actively seek funds through the Proceeds of Crime Act.**



#### **d) Force Strategic Assessment**

The DPCC queried whether, considering the scale and complexity of crimes such as Cyber Crime, Economic Crime and Child Sexual Exploitation it was realistic for the Force to have a local response; or would it be more beneficial for such crimes to be dealt with at a national level. The DCC was concerned that if dealt with nationally, Dyfed-Powys may be overlooked with large urban areas being prioritised. The PCC queried the relationship between the local unit and the National Crime Agency. The DCC confirmed that regional tasking would consider the case at first and then if it was necessary it would be referred to be dealt with by the National Crime Agency.

The DPCC further raised a query surrounding whether Force capacity to provide Anti-Social Behaviour mediation services. SG confirmed that a member of her team was a trained mediator and was currently raising awareness of mediation within the Force. SG suggested that if there was an increase in demand for mediation then it may be necessary to outsource the same.

The DPCC queried whether the Force was progressing the implementation of International Standards Organisation accreditation. The DCC confirmed that it was not considered practical or sustainable to fully train and accredit all officers and therefore police officers in the future will no longer be able to undertake crime scene examinations.

#### **e) Questions from the Chief Officer Group Minutes**

The PCC questioned how the Force was intending to improve the recording of crime. The DCC confirmed that instructions had been sent out to Officers stating that wherever possible, crimes should be recorded within 24 hours. It was confirmed that compliance would be assessed further in February and April. An update provided accordingly.

CM also raised a query surrounding the intention to roll out drug testing in custody across the Force. The DPCC raised concerns that whilst it had originally been considered successful in Llanelli, testing had become less consistent. CS confirmed

that this was as a result of a loss of personnel and that this matter had now been addressed.

### **Any other Business**

CM summarised the meeting's actions.

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<b>PAB 181</b>	<b>The DCC to confirm the number of investigations led by the Force as a result of intelligence received from the National Crime Agency.</b>	<b>DCC, CF</b>
<b>PAB 183</b>	<b>Force to provide SR with details of obscene publication offences committed by different age groups, and to clarify the distinction between teenage partners and adult offenders committing obscene publication offences.</b>	<b>CF</b>
<b>PAB 183</b>	<b>The Force to provide the PCC with a detailed report on the 'Street to Suite' initiative including the number of persons removed, cost of the scheme etc.</b>	<b>CF</b>
<b>PAB 184</b>	<b>The Force to provide an update in relation to progress made by the Mental Health Triage at the February PAB meeting.</b>	<b>CF</b>
<b>PAB 185</b>	<b>Force to provide the OPCC with an update in relation to progress being made on the introduction of a new call handling system by the end of the financial year.</b>	<b>CF</b>
<b>PAB 186</b>	<b>CF to provide answers to the questions from the public by 21<sup>st</sup> January for publication by the OPCC via social media.</b>	<b>CF</b>
<b>PAB 187</b>	<b>JW to report to a later PAB meeting as soon as a review into the future funding of the Commissioner's fund has been carried out by the CFO.</b>	<b>JW</b>
<b>PAB 188</b>	<b>Force to review the position on employing individuals to actively seek funds through the Proceeds of Crime Act.</b>	<b>CF</b>