

<u>Members:</u>	Mr Dafydd Llywelyn, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Chief Constable Simon Prince QPM (CC) Mrs Jayne Woods, Chief Finance Officer, OPCC (CFO) Mr Edwin Harries, Director of Finance (DoF)
<u>Also Present:</u>	Insp. Mark McSweeney, Staff Officer (MMS) Dr Helen Morgan-Howard, Corporate Governance Project (HM-H) Mrs Claire Bryant, Office Manager, OPCC (CB)
<u>Apologies:</u>	Mrs Carys Morgans, Chief of Staff, OPCC (CM)

DECISIONS ARISING FROM MEETING 26/05/16		
Decision N°	Decision Summary	To be progressed by
PB T2 01	The PCC approves the award of a framework agreement for undertaking traffic counts and speed surveys	DoF

The PCC opened his first Policing Board, expressing his thanks to all of the staff who have gone over and above their duties to make him feel welcome. The PCC welcomes the open and honest dialogue with staff and hopes it will continue. The CC raised no objection to the PCC speaking directly to all staff should he wish.

Apologies were received from CM, with the PCC wishing her well during her recovery.

The CC had asked HM-H to attend in her new role working on the Corporate Governance Project. It was agreed that the CC and PCC would discuss the future structure of Policing Board meetings in due course.

Minutes of meeting held on 27th April and matters arising

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

The PCC raised Welshpool Town Council's request for a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The CC provided an overview of discussions to date. The PCC confirmed that he supported the CC's approach to support local officers to make the decision on the application for a PSPO. It was agreed that the Commissioner would engage with the Town Council to listen to their concerns.

The PCC was aware that the Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme (ESMCP) coverage was a concern across Wales, and requested that he be kept abreast of any information the Force had on the matter. The CC stated that Welsh Government were aware of the concerns. The CC suggested that a briefing be arranged for the PCC on the issue, as OPCC support would be required as the programme progresses.

Action: Michelle Williams from the Joint Emergency Services Group (JESG) to provide the PCC with a briefing on the ESMCP

The PCC stated he hoped to replace the previous PCC on the National Police Air Service (NPAS) Board to ensure DPP and its communities are represented. The PCC was aware of some issues with response rates within the first three months, acknowledging that these may be attributed to the 'bedding in' period. The PCC was also concerned that officers may be reluctant to make requests if they felt that they would not be met appropriately. It was agreed that the monitoring data would continue to be reviewed on a regular basis. The CC noted that the helicopter crew feel strongly that they are not receiving as many requests as they would expect. The CC stated that officers needed to be encouraged to submit requests when needed. A discussion ensued regarding the analysis of previous air support data in order to make comparisons and assist future planning. The CC agreed this would be useful, and also stated that sufficient data had been received in order to analyse the current cost per hour of NPAS. The DoF stated that the progress of the fixed wing aircraft procurement was unclear at the moment. The DoF agreed to provide the PCC with a background to the NPAS agreement.

Action: DoF and CFO to progress review of the NPAS costing model and previous air service data to be compared with current data

Action: DoF to provide PCC with background to NPAS agreement

Chief Constable's update

The CC provided an overview of key operational incidents which may be of public interest. Officers and the school responded well to a bomb threat to a school in Llanelli, which was part of a series of similar incidents across the UK. An incident at a wedding party in Llanelli had resulted in 4 officers being assaulted and 5 individuals being arrested. The officers had dealt with the incident well and all relevant welfare follow ups had been undertaken. Officers were working closely with local communities following a young person's suicide. Officers had intercepted a Romanian individual attempting to re-enter the country following deportation. Officers, in consultation with the Immigration Service, successfully returned the individual to the next available crossing back to Ireland. A male had been bailed under condition following his arrest for stalking an ex-partner. Special Constables (Aled Thomas and Saul Thomas) in Cross Hands successfully apprehended an individual after they had sped through a red light, forced the officers to take evasive action and then collided with another vehicle. A female who had been a

whistleblower in relation to care standards had been charged with 22 counts of fraud by using elderly victims' financial details. A discussion ensued regarding research into elderly victims of crime which the Force were undertaking in conjunction with Aberyswyth University.

The CC reported that 3 members of staff were currently suspended. HMIC had concluded their inspection visit, and a hot debrief was awaited, although early indications were positive.

Chief Finance Officer's update

The CFO stated that the draft agenda for the next Joint Audit Committee meeting would be circulated tomorrow, and that the meeting would focus particularly on risk and HMIC. The DoF stated that the accounts closure and draft position was on track, but figures were still being finalised.

Updates

Go Safe

The PCC noted the report received prior to the meeting, which the DoF explained was a framework agreement for the whole of Wales, managed by GoSafe. The PCC queried how community concern sites were identified. It was clarified that this was done by GoSafe, in partnership with DPP. The CC suggested a briefing on GoSafe be arranged for PCC.

Action: Briefing on GoSafe to be scheduled for PCC

The PCC queried how surplus funds from the driver retraining courses which had been provided to the roads policing department had been spent. The PCC stated that a plan for the expenditure of any future surplus would be required in order to spend the money wisely to make a difference to road safety. The CC clarified that speed enforcement was not about income generation, and that any surplus needed to be reinvested and agreed that a number of options merited further consideration.

Action: Report on how driver retraining surplus funds were spent to be provided to PCC, along with a plan for future expenditure

The CFO clarified that in line with the Corporate Governance Framework as the value was over £500,000, the proposal to award the framework required approval.

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Any Other Business

Estates

The PCC sought assurance from the CC that the estates compliance rate of 85% was an accurate position, and raised the matter of refurbishment of the HQ accommodation block. It was agreed that a decision on whether to proceed was required imminently. Individual views were exchanged, with the CFO stating that the full business case needed to be presented, with the refurbishment value for money compared with other accommodation options. The DoF confirmed that the current arrangements with an external hotel had been renegotiated, resulting in a reduced price per night.

Pool Cars

The PCC sought assurance that the Force were utilising the most economical cars possible. The DoF stated that a variety of vehicles was required to meet operational need, but the majority were purchased off the national framework. The DoF agreed to provide a breakdown of the fleet.

Action: DoF to provide PCC with a breakdown of the Force's vehicle fleet

The CC clarified that the BMW formerly allocated to the PCC's office was a surplus Chief Officer car which had not yet come to the end of its useful life when it was allocated.

Firearms licencing

The PCC sought assurance from the CC that improvements were being made. The CC stated that firearms licencing had historically been an area of concern. The CC saw the function as an interaction between administration, customer service and most importantly, public safety. If one element was delayed, it would have a negative impact on the other two functions, and the 5 year renewal cycle for licences causes fluctuation of workload pressure. The Assistant Chief Constable was managing the situation, and was aware that temporary cover would need to be brought in to manage the increase in workload anticipated as the cycle peak is imminent. The CC had discussed the matter with the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC), who had indicated that DPP was not currently one of their areas of concern. The CC stated that DPP had the most licence holders per head of population compared to other Forces across England and Wales.

Traffic Processing

The PCC raised that he was aware of delays in the processing of notices and an increase in cases going straight to court. The CC assured that the Continuous Improvement team were working with the section to make improvements. The CC suggested the PCC receive an update on performance from the Head of Criminal Justice. The DoF and CFO stated that significant improvements had been evidenced at the Business Support Unit

performance meetings, and whilst there were still some issues to overcome, these were being addressed.

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PB 2001	Michelle Williams from the Joint Emergency Services Group (JESG) to provide the PCC with a briefing on the ESMCP	MMS
PB 2002	DoF and CFO to progress review of the NPAS costing model and previous air service data to be compared with current data	DoF / CFO
PB 2003	DoF to provide PCC with background to NPAS agreement	DoF
PB 2004	Briefing on GoSafe to be scheduled for PCC	MMS
PB 2005	Report on how driver retraining surplus funds were spent to be provided to PCC, along with a plan for future expenditure	DoF
PB 2006	DoF to provide PCC with a breakdown of the Force's vehicle fleet	DoF