

# DYFED-POWYS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016

**PRESENT:** A. Edwards (Chair);

**Carmarthenshire County Council Members:-**

Councillors W.G. Hopkins and P.E.M. Jones;

**Ceredigion County Council Members**

A Lloyd-Jones and J.D. Rowland Jones;

**Pembrokeshire County Council Members**

Councillors R. Summons, T. Wilcox and S. Yelland;

**Powys County Council Members**

Councillors D.O. Evans, G. Jones and P. Medicott;

**Independent Member**

Professor I. Roffe;

**In attendance from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner:-**

Mr. D. Llywelyn – Police and Crime Commissioner;

Mrs. C. Morgans – Chief of Staff;

Officers also in attendance: -

**Carmarthenshire County Council:-**

Mr. R. Edgecombe – Acting Legal Services Manager;

Ms. D. Williams – Assistant Media and Marketing Manager;

Mr. M.S. Davies – Democratic Services Officer.

(Council Chamber, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells 12.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.)

## 1. APOLOGIES AND OTHER MATTERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W.J.W. Evans and T.H. Lewis.

The Chair referred to the fact that this was his last meeting and thanked members and officers for their support.

Members paid tribute to the leadership shown by Mr. Edwards in his capacity as Chair. The Police and Crime Commissioner wished to be associated with these sentiments.

The Panel stood in silent tribute to the memory of all those who had lost their lives or had suffered as a consequence of the Aberfan disaster on this day in 1966.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations of personal interest.

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## 3. MINUTES

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the meeting of the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 be signed as a correct record.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

## 5. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

The Police and Crime Commissioner [PCC] circulated a report detailing the process undertaken to inform his Police and Crime Plan which he was required to produce under Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The report detailed, for the Panel's consideration, the key themes for policing and crime. The Plan would cover the period 2017-21. The Commissioner also circulated a proposed timetable for the continued development, consultation process and publication of the Plan. The Panel was informed that the new Chief Constable would be taking up his post on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 following which arrangements for appointing a Deputy Chief Constable would be progressed.

The following questions/issues were raised on the report:-

- The Chair welcomed the PCC's efforts to secure a cross-party consensus to ensure the Police Authority service was adequately funded;
- The PCC agreed to circulate a paper which had been prepared regarding crime recording methodology;
- It was acknowledged that there was a need for a good communications strategy which emphasised the message that the nature of policing was changing with increased cyber-crime committed on-line which could not be addressed by officers on the streets;
- Members welcomed the PCC's invitation to submit their views on the Plan prior to approval of the final draft in January 2017 which would then be published in the new financial year;
- The PCC stated that he would be holding a summit on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at which members of the Panel would be able to discuss issues such as the setting of the Council Tax precept and the winter spending review.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

## 6. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSIONER

The Panel received, for information, a report detailing the decisions made by the Police and Crime Commissioner for the period 14<sup>th</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be received.

## 7. COMPLAINTS AND CONDUCT MATTERS

The Panel received a report which stated that no complaints and conduct matters had been recorded against the Police and Crime Commissioner since the last meeting. However, following the Panel's previous consideration of a complaint made by a Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn against the Commissioner the outcome, in

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accordance with the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012, had been reported to both parties each of which had agreed to its publication. The Panel was therefore invited to consider whether or not it was in the public interest to publish the report.

**RESOLVED that the abovementioned report, detailing the outcome of the complaint in question, be published on the Panel's new website.**

## **8. INCREASING THE MEDIA PRESENCE OF THE PANEL**

The Assistant Media and Marketing Manager apprised the Panel of the activities/initiatives which had been undertaken since its last meeting to promote its media presence. These included the issue of press releases and a revamp of the Panel's website which had not yet gone live but members would be provided with a link so that they could submit their views.

**NOTED.**

## **9. HOME OFFICE GRANT FOR PANEL ACTIVITIES**

Further to minute 8 of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016 it was reported that the amount of the claim submitted by the host authority for work carried out during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was £16,070.01, broken down as follows;

1. Members expenses £ 2,985.11
2. Translation costs £ 188.25
3. Panel Support costs £12,896.65.

The maximum grant for the 2016/17 financial year was £71,895.00 and the host Authority could submit a further claim in respect of the costs incurred from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

The Panel was advised that there was clearly an opportunity, with the grant available, for consideration to be given to the establishment of task and finish groups, in addition to the quarterly Panel meetings, to consider specific issues if deemed appropriate.

**RESOLVED**

**9.1 to note the report;**

**9.2 that clarification be sought and circulated on the issue of members expenses and their entitlement to half or full day expenses.**

## **10. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS – ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

**RESOLVED that the Acting Legal Services Manager be granted consent to name the Panel as a participant in research he was undertaking on the basis that it might be of benefit to the Panel in its future deliberations.**

**SIGNED:** .....

**DATE:** .....