

DYFED POWYS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Monday, 27 March 2017

PRESENT: A Lloyd-Jones (Chair);

Carmarthenshire County Council Members:-

Councillors W.J.W. Evans and P.E.M Jones

Ceredigion County Council Members

Councillors J.D. Rowland Jones and T.H. Lewis;

Pembrokeshire County Council Members

Councillors S. Yelland;

Powys County Council Members

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

Independent Members

Mrs. H.M. Thomas;

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

Mr. D. Llywelyn - Police and Crime Commissioner;

Mrs. C. Morgans - Chief of Staff;

Ms. J. Woods -Chief Finance Officer;

Ms. S. Richards - Governance Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer;

In attendance from Dyfed Powys Police:-

Chief Constable Mike Collins; J. Rees; L. Davies;

Officers also in attendance: -

Carmarthenshire County Council:-

Mr. R. Edgecombe - Acting Legal Services Manager;

Ms. L. Morris - Senior Press Officer;

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

Chamber, Spilman Street, Carmarthen 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND PERSONAL MATTERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W.G. Hopkins [Carmarthenshire County Council] and R. Summons [Pembrokeshire County Council] and Professor I. Roffe.

The Panel stood in silent tribute to PC Keith Palmer and the other victims of the recent attack in Westminster, London.

The Chair referred to the fact that this was the last meeting of the Panel prior to the forthcoming elections and he thanked those members who had decided not to stand for re-election for their contribution to the Panel's work and wished them well.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. MINUTES

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel held on the 21st February 2017 be signed as a correct record subject to it being noted that Councillor S. Yelland had been present as the sole representative of Pembrokeshire County Council and not Councillor R. Summons who had tendered his apology.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Further to Minute 6, Association of Police and Crime Panels, the Panel was informed that the steering group which had been established was still working to develop the proposals further and it was hoped that the outcome would be known soon.

With reference to Minute 8, Police & Crime Panels Annual Conference, the Acting Legal Services Manager confirmed that he had received preferred scrutiny topics from some members of the Panel.

With regard to Minute 9, Policing Vision 2025, the Acting Legal Services Manager stated that a response to the Policing Vision had been sent on behalf of the Panel and other Police and Crime Panels in Wales had been provided with a copy.

The Acting Legal Services Manager advised, with regard to Minute 10, Changes to Panel Arrangements, that a letter seeking approval for the removal of the restriction contained within paragraph 7.3 of the arrangements in relation to members expenses had been sent to the Home Office and a response was awaited.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

Further to Minute 7 of the last meeting the Police and Crime Commissioner [PCC] presented his Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 and outlined to the Panel his proposals for partnership working and ensuring that the Plan was implemented by Dyfed-Powys Police Force. He spoke of his wishes to engage regularly with elected representatives and strengthen that relationship. The Plan, he added, would be launched at key events and roadshows which were being organised in collaboration with the Police. The Chief Constable outlined how the Force would deliver the priorities set out in the PCC's Plan. This included a decision to return to a four-county command model, returning individual policing Commanders to each county and proposals to professionalize the role of PCSOs and providing an extra level of visibility and engagement at a hospitals.

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

- Members welcomed the PCC's engagement with the public and elected representatives in formulating the Plan;
- The PCC, in response to a question, referred to the ongoing refurbishment of Burry Port Police Station adding that over the next 3 years it was proposed to spend c. £15m on buildings;
- The Chief Constable commented that he had no plans to issue PCSOs with extra powers adding that their roles were specifically related to crime

- prevention and public engagement;
- The PCC agreed to refer to the Panel in his Plan as one of its supporting pillars;
- The PCC assured the Panel that, subject to procurement rules and economic viability, he would always endeavour to support the local economy in the awarding of contracts;
- The PCC confirmed that he was looking to reinvest in CCTV;
- The Chief Constable referred to safeguarding initiatives in place to handle incidents involving individuals with mental health issues.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to note the Commissioner's proposals for implementing the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.

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 19th January 2017 to 21st March, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, that the report be received.

7. MEDIA UPDATE

The Panel received a report detailing media activity undertaken on its behalf since the last meeting with a view to increasing its profile and effectiveness. In particular Members were advised that the new website was due to be launched and their comments would be welcomed. It was anticipated that the newly designed site, using new branding, would be more user-friendly. More functions were being added, including a news section on which press releases could be published.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Members comments on the new website be forwarded to the Acting Legal Services Manager.

8. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel considered a draft Forward Work Programme which took into account both statutory requirements placed upon the Commissioner and Panel, and the proposed timetable for the implementation of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. The Programme would be subject to review.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Forward Work Programme be endorsed.

9. HOME OFFICE GRANT FOR PANEL ACTIVITIES

The Acting Legal Services Manager submitted a report advising that the host authority would be submitting a total claim of £48,158.13 to the Home Office in respect of work carried out on behalf of the Panel for 2016/17. The Panel was reminded that the maximum amount that could have been claimed was £71,895.00. The report provided a breakdown of the claim. Members noted that the underspend could not be rolled over to the following year.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to note the grant for the 2016/2017 financial year.

CHAIR

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