

Decisions made by the Commissioner (including those made at Policing Board) 7th November 2017 – 16th January 2018

Title & Summary	Date
<p>Donation to Kidwelly Community Hub</p> <p>The Commissioner approved a donation of £100 to Kidwelly Community Hub following on from the PCC's visit. The PCC decided to fund the project via the Police Property Fund budget.</p>	Nov 7
<p>Women's Pathfinder IOM Cymru Business Case 2018-22</p> <p>The Women's Pathfinder central team have been developing a business case during 2017/18 for the future progression of the Women's Pathfinder work. The latest iteration proposes the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys formally agrees a contribution within an annual funding envelope of between £133,658 and £153,037, equating to a total commitment over the 4 year business case of between £543,633 and £612,150.</p> <p>Having reviewed in detail the approach taken by Durham Constabulary, the Commissioner has committed to a pilot of the wider custody triage approach in Dyfed-Powys from April 2018 (see decision of 11th October 2017).</p> <p>The Commissioner does not commit to funding the continuation of the Women's Pathfinder business case but engages in continued dialogue with the IOM Cymru team to review progress against the programmes of work and ensure any future opportunities for alignment are maximised.</p>	Dec 4
<p>Sale of 11 Stokes Avenue, Haverfordwest to Pembrokeshire County Council</p> <p>The Commissioner approved the sale of a redundant police property leased since October 1998 to Pembrokeshire County Council. The area Superintendent and the current Assistant Chief Constable have confirmed that this property is surplus to requirements and the Estates Project Board formally agreed its disposal at their meeting on 7th June 2017.</p>	Nov 17

Pembrokeshire County Council has a requirement to purchase the property and convert it to Disability Living Accommodation. A commercial property consultant was tasked with carrying out a realistic valuation and a purchase price of £80,000 was agreed with Pembrokeshire County Council.

Quality Assurance Panel Expansion

Nov 21

The Commissioner approved the decision to expand the Quality Assurance Panel with a view to hosting more frequent meetings and the development of ad hoc exercises in the future to further support his scrutiny activity.

Capping of Police Staff Pay

Nov 21

The Commissioner decided that there should be no capping of a maximum Police staff pay and that any decisions in relation to grading should be based on the Police Staff Job Evaluation scheme. No records could be found of a capping decision which was believed to have been introduced by the previous Commissioner.

Multi-Functional Devices Contract

Dec 5

The Commissioner agreed to award the contract for the supply and maintenance of Multi-Functional Devices to Konica Minolta Ltd.

Trent System Support Contract

Dec 5

The Commissioner agreed to award the contract for the Trent System Support to Midland HR.

Extension of Forensic Medical Services Contract

Dec 12

The Commissioner suspended the initial joint tender exercise for forensic medical services that was carried out during the autumn of 2017. This was due to one of the bidders stating their intention to take legal action after North Wales chose to pull out of the process and to not award at the end of the tender exercise. The current provision for forensic medical services is due to cease on the 28th of February 2018, however, it is anticipated that a further four months will be needed to carry out a further tender exercise.

As such the Commissioner agreed to award an additional four month extension from the 1st of March 2018 to the current provider, CRG, at a total cost of £388, 945.44

Refurbishment of HQ Accommodation Block

Jan 12

A case was presented to the Commissioner in respect of the need for onsite provision of accommodation for staff attending training/conferences. Costing of a brand new building has been deemed to be outside current budgetary constraints and so the old Accommodation Block was identified as a source of fulfilling this need. This facility is in need of refurbishment and quotes obtained for this work estimate costs in the region of £99,000. It is estimated that the payback period for this investment will be 12 months.

Disposal of properties at Llanfair Caereinion, St Clears, Neyland and Felinfoel

Jan 12

The Commissioner agreed to a private treaty sale process for five listed properties with support from BP2 Chartered Surveyors and Carreg Law Solicitors. Each bid will be reviewed and assessed on its financial offer. All properties will be offered to Local Authorities prior to going to the open market. The sites listed are Llanfair Caereinion, Knighton, Felinfoel, St Clears and Neyland.

The Commissioner approved the sale to the highest scoring bid proposal sold via a Private Treaty. A private treaty sale involved the sale of tangible property between two parties that agree to terms before the sale completes. The proposed purchaser and financial values will be formally documented for approval by the Commissioner prior to the sale being offered or completed.

Public Service Bureau to transfer to the ownership of the Chief Constable

Jan 12

The Commissioner agreed to the transfer of the Public Service Bureau to the sole responsibility of the Chief Constable with effect from 1st April 2018.

The rationale for this is borne out of the impending changes to police complaint handling as a result of the Policing and Crime Act 2017. It is proposed the decision will ensure that complainant's journey begins with a service recovery team housed within the PSD. Natural escalation of complaints can also be dealt with by the Department, enabling police to rectify in the first instance public concern and dissatisfaction. Responsibility and remit is clearly defined. The Commissioner will be able to discharge a fully independent approach to appeals when received. Additionally, he can develop a robust scrutiny and performance management arrangement. It is suggested that such a model should provide complainants with the best possible service.