

Dyfed Powys Police Accountability Board

6 August 2019 Meeting.

UWTSD Lampeter.

Open Session

Event began with an open session for discussions with members of the public, with two members of Lampeter Town Council in attendance. The deputy mayor raised concerns about the potential change to the town and its traditional low-crime environment due to increasing drug use. Incomers with a drug use habit create a local supply route that can influence demand from other local people and local schools.

The deputy mayor also raised the issue of CCTV coverage in Lampeter town centre and that these had not been operational for some years. The Commissioner replied that he was pleased to announce today the roll out of CCTV to Lampeter with a plan that they are operational by Christmas 2019. There are intentions to install 4 camera sites in Lampeter. Since the last installation, the Information Commissioner has tightened the controls on the scope of video capture permissible in order to protect citizens' rights, so that public spaces like public parks are usually excluded.

The Chief Constable in replying to the drug question outlined the steps that police were taking to tackle drugs supply. This included identifying and prosecuting high level suppliers as well as disrupting 'county lines' activities. Policing approaches in Dyfed Powys make it a relatively unattractive area for suppliers, but complacency needed to be avoided.

The CC said the recent government announcement to expand police officers is likely to lead to about 145 extra officers in Dyfed Powys. Achieving the additional 20,000 nationally will be a huge task over the next 3 years, as there are also some 25,000 officers due to leave. The changing nature of policing requirements for the Force, would influence the nature and roles of extra officers.

HMIC was coming into the force again for a 3 day visit in August, with another inspection in spring 2020.

The DCC post was currently advertised and interviews are scheduled for September.

The meeting then followed the prepared agenda with the departure of the public.

Minutes of previous meeting

- Review of actions prompted by previous meeting.
- Progress on a complaint reported.
- HMIC reports appears as a rolling item on policing board.

Police accountability board terms of reference.

Key point is that the board will focus on performance.

Force performance report Q1

- PCC said that the overall context was for good performance on dip as a low crime area.
- It was important to achieve uniformity of service across the area as neighbourhood policing described as a patchwork quilt of provision by HMIC. PCC seeks uniformity of service provision.
- Detailed questioning by PCC of senior officers on performance reports produced by the Force.

Financial performance q1

- Performance appears on track.

Next Meeting. 5 November in Pembrokeshire.

Meeting was followed by a 30 min Facebook Live session, with the CC and PCC responding to live questions submitted to them and a live feed provided. This attracted some 40 attendees posing a range of questions.

Lloyd Edwards, Keith Evans and Ian Roffe.