

Decisions made by the Commissioner (including those made at Policing Board) 20th of October 2020 to 8th of February

Title & Summary	Date
<p>Independent Custody Visits Suspended</p> <p>As a result of the pandemic the Force made the decision to postpone all non-essential visits to Police sites from the 18th of March 2020. The OPCC commenced ICV telephone calls into custody on the 12th of August. ICVs have been making weekly calls into custody suits to speak directly with any detainees accepting their calls to check on their welfare and ensure they have been made aware of their rights and entitlements.</p> <p>The Commissioner approved a decision for Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) to undertake a mixed rota of calls and physical visits from the 5th of October onwards. It was agreed for the decision to be continuously reviewed, and would be dependent on local Covid-19 levels in each area. Indeed, due to Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, the decision was made to revert back to ICV calls only from the 21st of December to date.</p>	27 October
<p>Forensic Collision Investigation Network</p> <p>The Commissioner approved a decision to enter into a collaboration agreement pursuant to section 22A of the Police Act 1996 containing provision relating to the discharge of functions of members of a police force, the support by a policing body for another policing body and the support by a policing body for the police force which another policing body is responsible for maintaining.</p> <p>As part of the agreement, the Commissioner approved a decision that the Section 22A would underpin the formal establishment of the Forensic Collision Investigation Network which will be developed and piloted in partnership with police forces before being widely deployed across policing in a nationally consistent format.</p>	27 October
<p>Extension of IDVA contract</p> <p>The Commissioner approved the utilisation of the extension period for the jointly commissioned Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) service taking the end date to 31 March 2022. In October 2017 the Commissioner approved arrangements for the joint commissioning of IDVA services from 1 April 2018 onwards.</p>	10 November

The Commissioner has approved a decision to extend the contract to 31 March 2022, which was supported by members of the Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Executive Board in November 2020.

The contract currently costs £200,000 per annum which is match funded by the 4 local authorities of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys.

Extension of Goleudy Contract

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November

The Commissioner approved an additional period of 12 months for the Goleudy crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) contracts. The Commissioner brought the victim referral service in-house in April 2017, awarding the contract for the provision of the service to Dyfed-Powys Police for a period of 3 years with 2 options to extend for a further 12 months each.

The Commissioner first extended the period for the victim referral service in March 2020. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic however the new PCC term will now commence in May 2021. It is therefore required to extend the contract for the second time until 31 March 2022. The Commissioner also approved the first extension period for the ASB contract with Goleudy which is aligned to the victim satisfaction service to safeguard the continuity of the service. Both contract end dates will be revised to 31 March 2022.

Vehicle Recovery Services Contract

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December

The Commissioner in consultation with the Chief Constable approved that the contract for vehicle recovery services be awarded to FMG Support Limited, an established Incident Management specialist for over 30 years.

South Wales Police's existing contract is due for renewal on the 1st of April 2021 and the Force conducted a tender exercise for their vehicle recovery services. The contract was identified as a collaborative opportunity for the three Southern Forces in Wales with the aim of achieving an improved services and providing commercial benefits to all forces.

The value of the contract will receive contributions from Dyfed-Powys Police (£848,554.50), Gwent Police (879,230.96) and South Wales Police (£1,531,983.95).

Extension of victim satisfaction contract16
December

The Commissioner approved an additional period of 12 months for the victim satisfaction contract which will end on 31 March 2022. The Commissioner awarded a contract to Dyfed-Powys Police in April 2017 to undertake victim satisfaction surveys. The contract ran for a 3-year initial period with 2 options to extend for a further 12 months each.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the previous decision to call upon the first extension for the contract will no longer safeguard local services into the new PCC term from May 2021. The Commissioner has therefore approved to extend the contract until 31 March 2022. The annual value of the contract for service provision is £20,000.

Rental of Kidwelly site to the Pembrey and Burry Port Foodbank16
December

The Commissioner approved a decision to rent the Kidwelly site to The Pembrey and Burry Port Foodbank. Following the collapse of the sale of the old Kidwelly Police Station site to the Police Federation, interest was shown from various parties in acquiring the Kidwelly site. One such party was the Pembrey and Burry Port Foodbank.

The organisation sought premises to host its operation. The organisation sought to rent as opposed to buying the site. The property was currently empty, and this was an excellent opportunity to support a community project. An initial 6 month rental term is proposed followed by a rolling monthly contract which will be reviewed in accordance with organisational requirements.

Estates Capital Project Management Resources

5 January

The Commissioner approved the appointment of an additional project manager resource to support preparations for the Capital Plan for 2021/22.

Due to business requirements and issues relating to capacity within the Estates function it was concluded that as a short term measure it would be appropriate to engage with CBRE for Capital Project Management resources on a 2-day a week basis to specifically focus on preparation to inform the Capital Plan. This is in accordance with provisions of the contract with CBRE.

Blueprint Project investment

8 January

The Commissioner approved to contribute towards a research officer resource for the Female Offending Blueprint project. The project provides an opportunity to accelerate the reformation and transformation of services for women in the Criminal Justice System. The project is jointly arranged by the Ministry of Justice and the Welsh Government Female Offending Blueprint. The project focuses on creating sustainable community-based solutions to keeping women and communities safe and free from crime, based on an evidence-based approach.

A business case was submitted by the Female Offending Blueprint Project Senior Responsible Officer and was agreed by the Blueprint Programme Board in February 2020. The business case put forward a proposal for a shared investment by partners including Welsh Government, Her Majesty's Prisons and Probation Service, and the 4 Police and Crime Commissioners in Wales.

The Commissioner approved a contribution of £5000.

Customer Agreement Blue Light Commercial

13 January

The PCC approved a decision to sign up to an overarching customer agreement with Blue Light Commercial which sets out the principles and terms by which Police Forces and the company work together.

The Blue Light Commercial was created to oversee and undertake procurements on a national basis to secure financial and resource savings for Forces in England and Wales.

The Commissioner approved a decision to sign the agreement in all parts excepting those regarding arrangements for Fleet services, due to national concerns over Blue Light Commercial's future financing plans for fleet services.

Review into Estates operation

13 January

The Commissioner approved a decision to hire the services of Richard Davies and Evbex Consulting to support the review into the Estates operation. This is in response to a requirement to undertake a post implementation assessment of the Estates Review undertaken in 2017 to determine the effectiveness of the implementation of recommendations. Other elements of the review, which will include focussing on contract management, project management, governance arrangements and financial management will be led by members of the OPCC Executive team.

Animal Welfare Visits during Coronavirus pandemic

14 January

The Commissioner approved a decision to put animal welfare visits on hold during the Covid-19 restrictions. The decision will be continuously reviewed and dependent on local Covid-19 levels in each area.

Temporary Chief Constable appointment

20 January

The Commissioner decided to appoint Deputy Chief Constable Claire Parmenter as Temporary Chief Constable from 27th February 2021 for up to 12 months.

With Chief Constable Mark Collins indicating his intention to retire, it has been necessary to consider the future leadership of Dyfed-Powys Police and seek a way to provide stability and consistency within the organisation. With the close proximity of the elections in May 2021 advice has been sought from the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners and an experienced Independent Member for Chief Officer Appointments.

Both are in agreement that the importance of the relationship between the Commissioner and the Chief Constable is such that the critical decision of a substantive Chief Constable appointment should be for the elected Commissioner to progress after the May election.

Chief Constable Collins' official retirement date is 24 March however due to annual leave his last working day will be 26 February. As such it is proposed that DCC Claire Parmenter assumes the role of Temporary Chief Constable from 27 February.

Use of Zoom video conferencing

26 January

The Commissioner approved a proposal to use Zoom for public engagement meetings.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic all face to face public engagements have been suspended, with all meetings being scheduled virtually. The current virtual platform within the Force is Skype for Business with plans in place to introduce Microsoft Teams.

Neither platform can offer simultaneous translation facilities which is essential for the Office as a large percentage of the population is Welsh speaking. The Zoom platform offers simultaneous translation facilities and has developed to be a popular platform used by the public during the Pandemic.

The Zoom virtual platform has been restricted due to security concerns however the Office has permission from the Senior ICT Operational Manager to use the Platform for public engagement meetings, as long as the meetings will not contain sensitive data.

Stage 4 of Llanelli Custody Project

26 January

The Commissioner approved a proposal for the Carmarthenshire Custody Build Project (Dafen, Llanelli) to move onto Stage 4 of the development, and for the decision to be communicated to contractors Wilmott Dixon who have been contractually engaged to progress the project until the end of Stage 4.

2021/22 Police Precept Council Tax Leaflet

1 February

The Commissioner approved a decision for a local designer who has previously produced design work for the Commissioner, be asked to design the Commissioner's 2021/22 Police Precept leaflet.

The Commissioner will shortly publish the details of his 2021/22 Police Precept. The information will be available in a leaflet to be shared with residents across the Dyfed-Powys area. The Commissioner's Office approached a local designer, who has previously undertaken design work for the Commissioner, to request that they design the leaflet.

It has been confirmed that the spend level associated with this piece of work does not meet the threshold requiring quotation to be acquired from a number of organisations; just one quotation is required. This has been obtained from a local designer and is deemed cost effective for the work.

2021/22 Police Precept Council Tax Leaflet Printing

The Commissioner approved a decision to award the printing work for the Commissioner's 2021/22 Police Precept leaflet to Y Lolfa. The Commissioner will shortly publish the details of his 2021/22 Police Precept. The information will be available in a leaflet to be shared with residents across the Dyfed-Powys area.

Hard copies of the Police Precept leaflet will be posted to residents across Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys. In order to ensure the cost effective printing of the leaflet, the Commissioner's Office requested quotes from 3 different companies. It was decided to award the work to Y Lolfa.