

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

**SOUTH WALES POLICE AND  
CRIME PANEL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Smith (Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC) (Chair)

**Councillors:**

B Bowen-Thomson (Cardiff Council), R Lewis (Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC), P Rees (Neath Port Talbot CBC), R Young (Bridgend CBC), J Charles (Vale of Glamorgan CBC) and E Kirchner (City and County of Swansea)

**Co-optees:**

M Jehu (Vice-Chair)

**Outside Bodies:**

Mr A Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner  
Mr M Jukes, Chief Constable  
Mr L Jones, Chief of Staff  
Mr U Hussain, Chief Finance Officer for South Wales Police  
Mr P Curran, Chief Finance Officer for the Office of the PCC  
Claire Biddlecombe, Police Federation

**Officers:**

S Jones (Senior Solicitor)  
M Hemmings (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
24	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Richards (Swansea), S Jago (Merthyr Tydfil), Mr Martyn Jones (Co-optee), Emma Wools (Deputy Commissioner), Steve Treharne (SWP).

25	Declarations of Interest	Councillor B Bowen-Thompson advised that the Charity she works for receives funding and therefore wished to declare an interest.
26	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	<p>Amendment on Page 3 of minutes to read Emma Wools not Emma Wills.</p> <p>Amendment on Page 4 of minutes to read Richard Lewis not Richard Davies.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:-</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be accepted as a true record subject to the amendments listed above.</p>
27	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019 - 2023 (Cover Report)	<p>The Chair welcomed Alun Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner and colleagues from the Commissioner's office to the Meeting.</p> <p>The Commissioner referred to the Police Precept Consultation 2019-2020 document and advised that the information was based on 1,619 responses and gave detail on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How received</li> <li>- Age</li> <li>- Gender</li> <li>- Sexual Orientation</li> <li>- Ethnicity</li> <li>- Religion or Belief</li> <li>- Disability</li> </ul> <p>Further information was provided on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geographical footprint</li> <li>• Survey Results (police precept awareness/policing priorities)</li> <li>• Police Precept Contributions</li> </ul> <p>Further information was then presented detailing by the Chief Constable, Mr Curran and Mr Hussain on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mid Term Financial Strategy</li> <li>- Financial background</li> <li>- Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019-23</li> <li>- Final Police Settlement 2019-20</li> <li>- Police Settlement 2019-20</li> <li>- Police Precept</li> <li>- Cumulative Impact of Central Government Decisions on Police Funding</li> <li>- Police Officer number 1979 – 2018</li> <li>- Public Perceptions of Policing 2018</li> <li>- Budget requirement</li> <li>- Medium Term Financial Projections</li> <li>- Unresolved Funding Inequalities</li> <li>- Precept History</li> <li>- Precept Increase</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quality of Service</li> <li>- Demand and Challenges</li> </ul> <p>The following questions and comments were raised by the Panel Members:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the geographical breakdown of respondents?</li> <li>• Clarity sought on (page 33) whether 2023 should read 2022?</li> <li>• RCT referred to as Rhondda and Merthyr Tydfil referred to as Merthyr, could this be amended in future reports?</li> </ul> <p>The Chair referred to a letter sent to Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP from Rt Hon Savid Javid MP, Home Secretary. Detailed discussion took place regarding the content of the letter.</p> <p>A panel member requested that this letter be circulated to members.</p> <p>Mr Michael and the Officers then left the Meeting to enable the Panel to consider the recommendation.</p> <p>Considerable debate then ensued on the recommendation as contained within the report with the Panel.</p> <p>Simon Jones reminded the Committee on the voting procedures.</p> <p>A vote was then taken on whether to Veto the recommendation of 10.3% and the number required to Veto was not reached. Therefore it was</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>There is an increase in the Precept to £126,490,672 which is £257.52 (for a Band D property) for 2019/20 and a 10.28% or £24.00 per annum increase with the caveat that there is no reduction in front line services.</p> <p>Mr Michael and the Officers re-entered the Meeting and were advised by the Chair of the decision of the Panel.</p>
28	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019 - 2023	To receive the Report.
29	South Wales Police & Crime Plan 2019 - 21 (Cover Report)	<p>Mr Alun Michael referred Panel to the South Wales Police &amp; Crime Plan 2010 – 21 Executive Summary and hoped the Panel found the document practical and useful.</p> <p>The following topics were raised and discussed by Panel:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing attitudes of Police</li> <li>• Operational Policing</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership Work</li> <li>• Brexit</li> <li>• Women's Pathfinder</li> <li>• ACEs</li> <li>• Recruitment of Police Officers</li> <li>• Mental Health/Control Room</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommended that:</b></p> <p>The Panel endorse and approve the amended Police and Crime Plan.</p>
30	South Wales Police & Crime Plan 2019 - 21	To receive the Report.
31	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.