

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

**SOUTH WALES POLICE AND  
CRIME PANEL MEETING**

TUESDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2019

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:**

B Bowen-Thomson (Cardiff Council), R Lewis (Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC), R Young (Bridgend CBC) and S Jago (MTCBC)

**Co-optees:**

M Jehu (Vice-Chair)  
M Jones

**Outside Bodies:**

A Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner  
Emma Wools, Deputy Commissioner  
Peter Curran, Chief Finance Officer for the Office of the PCC  
Paula Hardy, Strategic Policy Lead – Violence Against Women and Girls

**Officers:**

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
39	Briefing Session	Discussion took place regarding the items on the agenda.  Panel members expressed their sadness at the passing of Councillor Robert Smith who was a quiet, understated and well respected gentleman and wished to send their best wishes and condolences to Councillor Smith's family.

40	Apologies for Absence	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Rees, Christine Richards and Graham Thomas.</p> <p>Apologies for non-attendance were also received from Lee Jones, Chief of Staff (Commissioners Office) and Matt Jukes, Chief Constable.</p>
41	Declarations of Interest	Councillor B Bowen-Thompson declared an interest in the All Wales Criminal Justice Group and the charity that she works for receives funding from the Commissioner's office.
42	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	
42a	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 29 January 2019 of South Wales Police and Crime Panel	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 be accepted as a true record.</p>
42b	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 23 April 2019 of South Wales Police and Crime Panel	<p>Amendment on Page 10 (item 33) to read 'formal evidence given' rather than 'advice'.</p> <p>Amendment on Page 11 (item 35a) to read 'Martyn' not 'Martin'.</p> <p>Amendment on Page 12 (item 35c) to read 'Wools' not 'Wills'.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:-</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 be accepted as a true record subject to the amendments listed above.</p>
43	Appointment of Chair	<p>Councillor Rhys Lewis left the meeting at 10.40 a.m., the meeting was adjourned until his return at 10.45 a.m.</p> <p>Simon Jones explained the rules of appointment of Chair including advising that the Chair could only be drawn from Elected Members.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>Councillor Richard Young be appointed as Chair of the Panel.</p>
44	Appointment of Vice Chair	<p>Simon Jones explained the rules of appointment of Vice Chair.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>Mr Melvin Jehu, Co-opted Member be appointed as Vice Chair of the Panel.</p>
45	Presentation Update from the Commissioner	The Chair welcomed the Commissioner and his Team to the meeting.
46	Violence against	The Panel received a presentation from Paula Hardy,

	Women and Girls	<p>Strategic Policy Lead on The Joint Strategy of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable for South Wales to tackle Violence against Women and Girls, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence 2019 – 2024 with particular reference made to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Principles – constant learning, incremental improvements and listening to victims and survivors.</li> <li>▪ Clear direction for the future.</li> <li>▪ Longer term strategy 2019 – 2024.</li> <li>▪ Planning for the longer term - economic, environmental, collaboration, involving people in the decisions that affect them, integration and prevention.</li> <li>▪ Joint strategic priorities – enhanced collaboration, prevention and early intervention, safeguarding and perpetrators.</li> <li>▪ Four P's Framework (used for Serious and Organised Crime) – Prepare, Prevent, Protect and Pursue.</li> <li>▪ Focusing on the difference – what we do, how we do it, outcomes and aims.</li> </ul>
47	DRIVE project update following a presentation at the House of Lords in May on the work in South Wales	<p>The Panel received a presentation from Mr Alun Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner on DRIVE (an innovative approach to responding to high-harm perpetrators of domestic abuse, with particular reference made to the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Without this work we know that domestic abuse perpetrators will continue to enter new relationships, create more victims and expose children to harmful abusive behaviour. It is about ending abuse for the victims of today – but also the victims of tomorrow” – <i>Drive case manager</i></li> <li>• The aims of Drive – to reduce the number of repeat and new victims, the harm caused to victims and children, the number of serial perpetrators of domestic abuse and to intervene to protect families living with domestic abuse.</li> <li>• We need to stop asking “Why doesn’t she leave?” and start asking “Why doesn’t he stop?”</li> <li>• Pilot Sites/Replication Sites</li> <li>• Change of attitudes and what victims want as outcomes</li> </ul> <p>Questions/comments were raised by Panel with regard to the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five year strategy – longer term ambitions</li> <li>• Sustainable Development Framework</li> <li>• Long term prevention/training for front-line staff</li> </ul>

		<p>A request was made for the Panel to observe how front-line training was delivered. The Commissioner welcomed this idea.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Team for the positive impact that this work was having and commended the hard work being undertaken.</p>
48	<p>Criminal Justice Blueprints i. Women Offenders ii Youth Offending</p>	<p>The Commissioner provided background and historical information to the blueprints for female offending and youth justice.</p> <p>Emma Wools provided Panel with a presentation on Female Offending with particular reference to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress to date</li> <li>• Priority areas</li> <li>• Lessons learned from Women's Pathfinder</li> <li>• Women in Justice Programme</li> </ul> <p>A further presentation was received on Youth Offending with particular reference to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic aims of youth justice blueprint</li> <li>• Guiding principles for youth justice</li> <li>• Whole system approach</li> <li>• Where we are and next steps</li> <li>• Going forward – implementation</li> </ul> <p>The Panel thanked the Team for the presentations and work undertaken.</p>
49	<p>Serious Violent Crime Update</p>	<p>The Commissioner referred to the Tackling Violence – the South Wales Approach report.</p> <p>The Commissioner and the Panel discussed the content.</p>
50	<p>Performance and Demand</p>	<p>The Commissioner referred to the South Wales Police – Demand, Challenges and Performances report and made particular reference to the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges of missing persons and amount of calls received and responses.</li> <li>• Solidarity between Police, Welsh Government and Community</li> <li>• Knife crime</li> <li>• Domestic violence</li> <li>• Stop and Search</li> </ul> <p>The following matters were raised and discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divisional Commanders to attend each of the quarterly meetings (excluding Precept Meeting) for elected representatives to better understand and have a more informed approach of each area.</li> </ul> <p>- The Commissioner noted the request for</p>

		<p>Divisional Commanders to attend, but wished it noted that Panel hold the Commissioner to account not Divisional Commanders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity over 'outcomes that are positive' – does this mean arrests or locked up?</li> <li>• Useful seeing BCU split, but not all areas reported in the same way. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commissioner agreed that more detail could be provided if the questions were provided in advance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Operational Resources/what is being put in place</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked the Team for the information provided.</p>
51	Mid-Year Financial Assessment by the Treasurer	<p>Peter Curran, Chief Finance Officer summarised the Mid-Year Financial Assessment report and in particular made reference to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner's financial responsibilities</li> <li>• Implications of having two corporations sole</li> <li>• How the Commissioner's finances are managed</li> <li>• Main sources of financial information</li> <li>• Financial challenges</li> <li>• Commissioner's Team</li> <li>• Official statistics</li> <li>• Comparative analysis of costs of Commissioner's Teams</li> <li>• Commissioner's Budget 2019/20</li> <li>• Automated facial recognition</li> <li>• Swansea Help Point</li> <li>• Police Estate</li> <li>• Women's Pathfinder</li> </ul> <p>The Panel thanked the Commissioner's Team for the presentation.</p>
52	Oversight of Complaints	<p>Simon Jones detailed the report content.</p>
53	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>Discussion took place around the Rules of Procedure and the appointment of Chair needing to be an Elected Member.</p> <p>A member expressed a view that as the Commissioner is elected, the Chair should be an Elected Member.</p> <p>The Chair agreed that a report would be brought to a future meeting.</p> <p>No other business was deemed urgent by the Chair.</p>