

**REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**TITLE: Police and Crime Commissioner Police and Partnerships Update**

**DATE: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**PURPOSE: For Noting**

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b> That the Police and Crime Panel considers and discusses the attached Policing and Partnerships update report.
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>INTRODUCTION &amp; BACKGROUND</u></b> The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 places a responsibility to work in partnership and co-operation with other partners. This is also a priority throughout the Police and Crime Plan. The attached paper highlights a number of reviews into partnership working in Wales that are currently underway. It provides a high-level overview of some of the key issues from the perspective of the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales.
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u></b> The South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner has made co-operation a key theme of his approach to his role. Along with the Chief Constable (and other non-devolved Criminal Justice Agencies), he invests significantly in attending and supporting the Public Services Boards established by the Well-being of Future Generations Act. The Police and Crime Commissioner has voluntarily committed to the principles of the Act as these closely align with his personal values of co-operation and early intervention. Tackling problems today whilst taking a longer-term, sustainable approach is something he has always championed.  Police and Crime Commissioners have a statutory duty to act as the voice of local people for the delivery of their police and criminal justice services. They must provide resources to the Chief Constable, including determining the amount people pay through their local council tax, and ensure the local police service is efficient and effective. They must produce a Police and Crime Plan setting the priorities for the police area and must bring together community safety partners (mainly devolved agencies) and wider criminal justice partners (mainly non-devolved agencies) to achieve a coherent and effective local criminal justice system.  The South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner views the Public Services Boards, along with Community Safety Partnerships, as the key mechanisms for working in partnership with others – supporting the work of other public bodies, engaging them in meeting his statutory duties, working together to

	reduce demand on public services and setting priorities in a co-operative way that aligns with the duties and priorities of Welsh Government and with both devolved and non-devolved agencies working in Wales
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>NEXT STEPS</u></b> The Police and Crime Panel are required to note and comment on the attached update.
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></b> There are financial implications to the delivery of the police and crime plan which are fully articulated within the Medium Term Financial Plan which has also been discussed at the panel, which includes reference to partnership working.
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u></b> The report makes reference to the work of the Commissioners team in relation to partnership working.
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></b> Partnership working is seen particularly in the light of: (i) any report or recommendations made by the police and crime panel; and (ii) any changes in the strategic policing requirement or police and crime plan (iii) statutory responsibilities of the Commissioner under the Police Reform and Social Responsibilities Act 2011.
<b>8.</b>	<b><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u></b> This proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.
<b>9.</b>	<b><u>RISK</u></b> A timely decision will minimise the risk to the compliance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
<b>10.</b>	<b><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u></b> Partnership working as highlighted in the report is also developed in conjunction with increased public engagement.
<b>11.</b>	<b><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></b> Lee Jones, Chief Executive to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales.
<b>12.</b>	<b><u>ANNEXES</u></b> The Annexe to this report is a copy of the partnership update report for noting.