

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

**SOUTH WALES POLICE AND
CRIME PANEL MEETING**

TUESDAY, 27TH APRIL, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor R Young (Bridgend CBC) (Chair)

Councillors:

J Cowan (Cardiff Council), R Lewis (Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC), G Thomas (Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC), P Rees (Neath Port Talbot CBC), W Evans (City and County of Swansea) and B Gray (Vale of Glamorgan)

Co-optees:

I Fox (Independent Co-optee)
M Jehu (Vice-Chair)

Outside Bodies:

Lee Jones, Chief Executive, SWP
Hannah Jenkins-Jones, Strategic Lead for Scrutiny, Assurance and Equality, SWP

Officers:

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
60	Briefing Session	The Panel discussed the items that were to be considered at the meeting. The Chair advised Panel that due to purdah the Police Commissioner would not be in attendance and would be represented by Officers from South Wales Police.

61	Apologies for Absence	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christine Richards.</p> <p>Late apologies were received from Councillors Bernie Bowen-Thompson and Sherelle Jago due to unforeseen technical difficulties.</p>
62	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.
63	Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales Scrutiny Overview	<p>The Chair invited Lee Jones to present the information on the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales Scrutiny Overview to the Panel.</p> <p>Lee Jones and Hannah Jenkins-Jones presented details on the following topics:-</p> <p>(LJ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role, Responsibilities and Functions of the Commissioner • Strategic Planning – Police and Crime Plan • Governance Arrangements • Legal Compliance • Equality and Inclusion • Working with Partners • Commissioner’s Team • Chief Executive Responsibilities • Election Process <p>(HJJ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny and Assurance • The Deep Dive Scrutiny Process • Scrutiny and Accountability Board • Police Accountability and Legitimacy Group <p>The Chair thanked L Jones and H Jenkins-Jones for the detailed presentation.</p> <p>The Panel asked the following questions/raised topics for discussion:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given the Home Secretary’s intention to include targets for PCCs and the public’s apathy to PCP voting (15%), what is your view of the desirability, if the measures can be segmented for local councillors to have read outs from the performance of the PCC and whether this would strengthen the role of Panel, increase public interest and awareness if more relevant, segmented local information was made available? • Have you considered a representative or observer on your scrutiny and accountability board or the police accountability and legitimacy groups? • How effective/valued do those that have taken part in the engagement consultation feel? • Clarity sought on budget setting and engagement.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC Voice of the Public Presentation. • Request for an update on cultural change and wellbeing. <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Panel note the content of the report.</p>
64	Oversight of Complaints Report	<p>Simon Jones presented the Oversight of Complaints Report to Panel.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Panel note the content of the Report.</p>
65	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>No other business was deemed urgent by the Chair.</p>