

DECISION NO: PCCG-2013-060

OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

TITLE: Holding of the OPCC Strategy and Performance Board in Public

DATE: 19th April 2013

TIMING: Strategy and Performance Board



PURPOSE: For Decision

1.	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> That the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Strategy and Performance Board (SPB) be held in public every month from May 2013.
2.	<u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u> The SPB is the decision making forum for the Police and Crime Commissioner. It monitors force performance and holds the Chief Constable to account to ensure an efficient and effective police force on behalf of the public across the whole of Gwent. The SPB is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any matters relating to the effectiveness and efficiency of the policing service delivered in Gwent• The monitoring and management of delivery against the Police and Crime Plan• The assessment of the viability of, and decisions on entering into collaborative initiatives• The review of the delivery of operational policing through performance information• The review and monitoring of the management of the budget by the Chief Financial Officer (Chief Constable)• The overview of the distribution and level of staffing and resources for the delivery of policing services• The review and identification of community concerns about policing and implementation of plans to address those issues• The discussion of any issues arising from the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding, Scheme of Consent and other key policies and procedures• The provision of updates on on-going critical incidents and strategic threat and risks.
3.	<u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u> Currently the monthly meetings of the SPB are held privately, however the Commissioner has made clear his intention to hold these meetings in public from May 2013.

	<p>It is suggested that every month the SPB is held in public with dates published on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) website. The public will be welcome to attend and observe the meeting (but will not be able to participate). Any member of the public to cause disruption at a meeting will be asked to leave.</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to submit questions to the Commissioner to be answered at the meetings. All questions will need to be received by the OPCC at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Any questions received after this will not be considered at the meeting although we will endeavour to respond via email as soon as possible. If a response can not be provided at the meeting to a question submitted, an explanation for this will be provided and a response issued via email/letter as soon as possible. A time frame of no more than 30 minutes will be allocated at the beginning of the meeting for all submitted questions to be answered and recorded as part of the minutes.</p> <p>If a high volume of questions are submitted to the OPCC, then it will be for the Chief Executive and the Commissioner to determine which questions will be answered at the meeting. The remaining questions will be answered via email/letter as soon as possible.</p> <p>The responses to all questions submitted will be published on the OPCC website.</p> <p>The OPCC will utilise social media sites, issue a press statement and email contacts to request questions be submitted for the Commissioners consideration.</p> <p>When reports considered to be exempt from the public are on the agenda, the reason(s) why will be provided in accordance with the decision made by the Commissioner on the 30th March 2013 taking into consideration the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and the OPCC for Gwent's public interest test. The decision can be found at http://www.gwent.pcc.police.uk/about-us/decision-logs/2013/march/exemptions-for-public-meetings/</p> <p>All agendas will be published three working days before the meeting date as per the meeting terms of reference laid out in the Manual of Corporate Governance.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>NEXT STEPS</u></p> <p>Public facing meetings will be held in each of the five local authority areas in Gwent, these being: Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport, and Torfaen.</p> <p>It is intended to utilise council chambers where available in order to make the</p>

	meetings as accessible to the public as possible.
5.	<p><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>Holding the meetings outside of Police Headquarters may incur travel expenses, although it will be expected that pool cars will be utilised where possible.</p> <p>There may also be a cost in relation to hiring premises.</p>
6.	<p><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>There are no personnel considerations to be raised in relation to this report.</p>
7.	<p><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>There are no legal considerations to be raised in relation to this report.</p>
8.	<p><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>This project/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.</p> <p>Consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998 in preparing this report.</p>
9.	<p><u>RISK</u></p> <p>It is hoped that any potential risk to public confidence and the Commissioner's reputation would be mitigated by holding the Chief Constable to account in public and by having an open and transparent decision making process.</p>
10.	<p><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u></p> <p>This report is a public facing report.</p>
11.	<p><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></p> <p>Joanne Regan, Information Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.</p>
12.	<p><u>ANNEXES</u></p> <p>None.</p>

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Office of the Chief Constable	
This report has been provided to all members of the Chief Officer team for their information.	
Consultation:	Tick to confirm (if applicable)
Financial The Treasurer has been consulted on this proposal.	√
OPCC (insert name) The Chief Executive has reviewed the request and is satisfied that it is correct and consistent with the PCC's plans and priorities.	√
Legal The legal team have been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
Equalities The Equalities Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
Chief Executive/ Deputy Chief Executive: I have been consulted about the proposal and can confirm that financial, legal, equalities etc... advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate report to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.	
Signature: 	
Date: 15/04/13	
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. The above request has my approval.	
Signature: 	
Date: 19/04/13	