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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision**  |
| PCCG-2023-002 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session |
| Subject | All Wales Policing Sport Strategy - KESS Students  |
| Summary | The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to award funding to the All Wales Policing Sport Strategy - KESS Students  |

**DECISION**

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| 1. | The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the ‘Act’) provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner for a police area makes crime and disorder grants and acts in co-operation with responsible authorities and makes arrangements with criminal justice agencies for the exercise of functions, so as to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the area. |
| 2. | At the Policing in Wales meeting held in March 2021, a scoping paper was received and endorsed by the Group. A copy of the paper is attached to this Decision Log. A summary of the approved recommendations is as follows: * Carry out an audit of what’s being invested across all Commissioners in Wales
* Interpret the latest Insight and its relevant value to communities in Wales
* Gather best practice across all Forces in conjunction with the National Board
* Align relevant agencies and sports providers with the Criminal Justice System in Wales
* Understand the baseline “readiness factors “of the youth justice and community sports sector in areas of referral pathways, contextual safeguarding and workforce needs
* Start to formulate strategy

In order to deliver the first five items listed above, a connection was made with the Welsh Institute of Physical Activity, Health & Sport (WIPAHS) which brings together all universities in Wales, together with Sport Wales to use the transformative power of physical activity to change the lives of people in Wales. The benefit of collaborating with WIPAHS was that we could benefit from the various research centres in our universities, for example Cardiff University’s Crime and Security Research Institute. There was a further connection with Street Games who had been appointed as lead advisers to the Police and Crime Commissioner National Sport, Positive Activity and Youth Crime Prevention Board. They in turn have used English universities, most notably Loughborough and Sheffield Hallam, to undertake research in this area. WIPAHS was successful in applying for two Masters students to undertake the work outlined above. This was achieved through the Knowledge Economy Skills Scholarship (KESS) programme, which is supported through European Social Funds and Welsh Government. The cost per student was £5,500, a total of £11,000, and a cost per Police and Crime Commissioner of £2,750.  |
| 3. | At the Policing in Wales meeting in June 2021 I agreed, alongside the other three Welsh Police and Crime Commissioners to contribute the requested £2,750 to support this work. The South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner has acted as the banker for this funding and payments in respect of this work are made to them. |

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| **Mr Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent** |
| My decision is as I have recorded in this paper |
| Signed | Date23/05/2023 |

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| **Background papers** |  |