

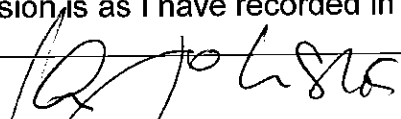
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2013-051	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Funding Provision – OWL Project 2013 / 2014
Summary	The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to provide support funding to the Online Watch Link (OWL) for the financial year 2013 /14.

DECISION

1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 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. OWL is an advanced solution for police, their partner agencies & communities to maximise the potential of Neighbourhood Watch, School Watch, Business Watch and dozens of other schemes.

Currently providing a service to over 20,000 in the Gwent area alone, OWL provides the latest messages and crime alerts along with management tools for starting and maintaining neighbourhood style watch schemes.
3. The annual licencing fee and the service support requirement to maintain the OWL scheme is £30,863.70 which has previously been met via Police funding.
4. Considering the requirements under the Act, the current service provision landscape in Gwent and the progress made to date in producing a comprehensive grant commissioning framework, I have decided to support the OWL scheme for the financial period 2013 / 14, by allocating the cost of the licence fee and service support of £30,863.70.

In future years, the scheme will be required to identify and access funding from other sources but will be able to apply to my Commissioning fund.
5. The OWL Scheme administrators will need to provide me with such information to reassure me that the funding allocated is being used effectively to provide a service that meets my Policing Priorities for Gwent as stipulated in my Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 17.

Ian Johnston QPM, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent	
My decision is as I have recorded in this paper	
Signed 	Date 28 March 2013

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Background papers	