

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2013-038	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Police and Crime Plan
Summary	To record the finalisation of the Police and Crime Plan 2013- 2107 and publish a report on the consultation findings

DECISION

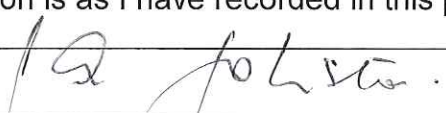
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1.	<p>The Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act) require as Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent I publish my Police and Crime Plan 2013-2107 by the end of the financial year in which I am elected. It is my intention to publish the plan on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner website by the 31st March 2013. I will also be producing the plan in other formats over the next few months.</p> <p>The plan will be available in Welsh.</p> <p>The copy of the link has been forwarded to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Panel.</p>
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2.	<p>The Police and Crime Panel considered the draft plan on 8th February and confirmed their agreement to its contents. I received a number of other specific consultation responses and have attached a copy of my response to those as an annex to this decision log. A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Police and Crime panel.</p>
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3.	<p>I have consulted with the Chief Constable on the final version of the plan as required by the Act.</p>
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4.	<p>I will keep the plan under review and as appropriate vary the plan after consultation with the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Panel.</p>
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Ian Johnston QPM, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent	
My decision is as I have recorded in this paper	
Signed 	Date 19.3.13.



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Background papers	Annex I Consultation responses

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent: Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 Consultation on Draft Plan

In 2012, we consulted on the draft police and crime priorities in preparation for producing the Police and Crime Plan for Gwent. The results of the consultation were used to further develop the priorities which were included in the draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017.

During January and February 2013, we undertook the final consultation on the draft Plan. We received a total of 32 responses from both organisations and individuals. All comments were considered and the majority have been included in the revised document. Where they have not been included this time, we have provided an overview of the comments (in bold) and our responses, for information.

There is deep concern that police officers, PCSOs and Special Constables lack basic skills to identify vulnerable people, particularly around mental health

- Through the Mental Health Strategic Group, Gwent Police continues to assess the training and awareness requirements of officers to continue to deliver their roles.

There could be more information on working with victims and staff to develop a victims' services plan

- A Victim Strategy is being developed and will incorporate all aspects of identifying and evaluating victims' needs along with a comprehensive implementation plan.

We would like to see the issue of road safety for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users, included

- The Police and Crime Plan is a high-level plan; Gwent Police will continue to carry out road safety initiatives which will be monitored by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) as appropriate.

We would like to see Traffic Wardens reinstated, as well as a police presence in the local town at night, to discourage Anti-Social Behaviour in our community

- Gwent Police made the decision to end the role of Traffic Warden and continues to develop Community Support Officers. The Force are now able to respond more effectively to Anti-Social Behaviour in communities whilst still addressing parking and road safety matters as they arise.

There has been no reference made to the Gwent Area Planning Board

- The Area Planning Board will be cross-referenced in the plan.

Attention also needs to be paid to the rights of victims of road crime as currently the Code for Victims and the National Victim Service exclude victims of road crime

- This is a matter of national policy and Gwent Police will continue to work in line with national guidance and identified best practice. The Force will continue to support victims and witnesses through all criminal justice proceedings and will reflect all concerns expressed by people experiencing those services.

There should be an increase in offenders being brought to justice and cases should be put to the local press to divert people from offending behaviour. Also, many people won't attend local PACT meetings to discuss crimes and incidents in our area, for fear of repercussions

- The decision of the local media to reflect the public activities of the court is a matter of editorial assessment. Neighbourhood Policing Teams seek every opportunity to highlight their activities and the positive outcomes from information supplied by local communities. The role of PACT is a specific action within the Police and Crime Plan.

The role of the police, in partnership with other responsible organisations, regarding Local Resilience and other duties under the Civil Contingencies Act, CONTEST and collaborative work such as Prevent, has not been referred to in the Plan

- Whilst no specific mention has been made, Gwent Police continues to discharge its duties through the Local Resilience Forum as a responsible authority and a Level 1 responder. This is also the case in respect of other national agendas such as CONTEST and the many elements of that strategy.

In relation to strategic partnerships in Gwent, the following could be considered for future inclusion: Gwent Adult Safeguarding Board; Gwent CONTEST Board; Gwent Stakeholder Group for Human Trafficking

- The product of these groups feeds the Strategic Needs Assessment from which our priorities are developed.