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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision** | |
| PCCG-2025-002 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session |
| Subject | Wales Safer Communities Network Funding for 2025/26. |
| Summary | The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to award funding to the Wales Safer Communities Network for the financial year 2025/26. |

**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. | The Wales Safer Communities Network was established in January 2021 following the recommendations of the Welsh Government’s [Working Together for Safer Communities Review 2017](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-03/working-together-for-safer-communities.pdf).  Their mission is to become the strategic voice for community safety in Wales, through working collaboratively with their members to champion and support community safety partnership working and influence the shaping and development of national policy and local practice.  Their core members are Policing in Wales and Local Government, with other key partners involved in community safety delivery in Wales, including [Welsh Government](https://gov.wales/), Fire & Rescue, Health, and Probation. The Network is currently hosted by the [Welsh Local Government Association](https://www.wlga.wales/home) (WLGA). They work closely with local Community Safety Partnerships.  The Network is overseen by the Wales Safer Communities Board, who provide joint governance between Local Government, Policing in Wales, and other partners. The Board aims to ensure effective shared leadership is provided to support local partnership working that promotes safe, strong, confident communities.  An annual contribution of £20,000 for the financial years 2022/23; 2023/24 and 2024/25 is outlined in my decision log PCCG 2022-053. |
| 3. | I have considered the requirements under the Act as well as the requirements of the Police, Crime and Justice Plan and agreed alongside other policing partners at Policing in Wales in December 2024 to make a contribution of £20,000 for the 2025/26 financial year to support the work of the Wales Safer Communities Network and for a review to be undertaken to understand its value on an all Wales basis. |

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| **Jane Mudd, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent** | |
| My decision is as I have recorded in this paper | |
| Signed | Date  07.05.2025 |

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