

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL PANEL HEDDLU A THROSEDD



North Wales Police and Crime Panel

Monday, 31 October 2016 at 2.15 pm
Council Chamber, Bodlondeb, Conwy

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest: Code of Local Government Conduct**
Members are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of their declared personal interests.
3. **Urgent matters**
Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.
4. **Presentation by the Chief Constable, North Wales Police**
5. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 10)
To approve and sign as a correct record minutes of the previous meeting.
6. **Announcements by the Chair**
7. **To consider reports by the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner:**
 - a) **Periodic Update by the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner**
(Pages 11 - 25)
 - b) **Update on the 2016/17 Budget (as at 31 July 2016)**
(Pages 26 - 34)

8. To consider reports by the Host Authority:

- a) Summary of Complaints Received (Pages 35 - 39)
- b) To consider the Forward Work Programme for the North Wales Police and Crime Panel (Pages 40 - 42)

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday, 12 December 2016 @ 2.00 pm

Membership of Panel

Cllr Brian Blakeley
Cllr Glenys Diskin
Cllr Philip C. Evans J.P.
Cllr David Griffiths
Cllr Julie Fallon (Chair)
Cllr William T. Hughes
Cllr Bernie McCann
Cllr Dilwyn Morgan
Cllr Neville Phillips OBE JP
Cllr Gethin Williams

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NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Monday, 27 June 2016 at 2.00 pm
Council Chamber, Bodlondeb, Conwy

Present: Councillor Julie Fallon (Conwy County Borough Council)

Councillors: Brian Blakeley (Denbighshire County Council),
Philip C. Evans J.P. (Conwy County Borough Council),
Bernie McCann (Wrexham County Borough Council),
Dilwyn Morgan (Gwynedd Council), and Neville Phillips
(Flintshire County Council)

Lay Member/Co-opted Member
Officers: Pat Astbury (Vice-Chair) and Tim Rhodes.

Dawn Hughes (Senior Committee Services Officer) and
Richard Jarvis (Solicitor)

Also in Attendance: Stephen Hughes (Chief Executive, Office of the Police and
Crime Commissioner), Kate Jackson (Chief Finance Officer,
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) and Arfon
Jones (North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

It was proposed and seconded that Pat Astbury (Independent Co-opted Member) be appointed as Chair of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) for 2016/17.

It was also proposed and seconded that Councillor Julie Fallon (Conwy) be appointed as Chair of the PCP for 2016/17.

A ballot was held and as Councillor Julie Fallon received the majority of the votes, she was appointed as Chair.

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Julie Fallon be appointed as Chair of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel for 2016/17.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

It was proposed and seconded that Pat Astbury (Independent Co-opted Member) be appointed as Vice-Chair of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel for 2016/17.

RESOLVED-

That Pat Astbury be appointed as Vice-Chair of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel for 2016/17.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Glenys Diskin (Flintshire), Councillor David Griffiths (Wrexham), Councillor Wil Hughes (Anglesey) and Councillor Gethin Williams (Gwynedd).

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Julie Fallon declared a personal interest, as her husband is a serving Police Officer in the North Wales Police.

5. **URGENT MATTERS**

None.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

The newly elected North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr. Arfon Jones was welcomed to the meeting.

7. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) held on 7 March 2016 were submitted for approval.

In relation to Minute 234 – Periodic Update by the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Executive (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) informed the PCP that the investigation into the dog incident on the A55 had now concluded and a report would be circulated to members of the PCP shortly.

The Chief Executive confirmed that all other actions from the meeting on 7 March 2016 had been addressed and the PCP informed accordingly.

RESOLVED-

That the minutes of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel held on 7 March 2016 be approved.

8. **QUESTIONS TO THE NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

In accordance with the procedure for Questions to the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, Pat Astbury (Independent Co-opted Member) had put the following questions to the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC):

1. How does the Commissioner intend to balance his commitment to all the public roles that he is undertaking?

Whereas I understand that elections are costly - if Mr Jones was to resign then that is an issue for the people of Wrexham only and not the rest of North Wales. Councils set aside monies for unexpected elections and they happen with regular occurrence. 12 months is 25% of the PCC's tenure and to be a possible part timer for a whole year gives me cause for concern. The expectations of local communities will be a full time PCC I'm sure.

2. Appointment of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner - if this role is not advertised then how does it fit in with Equal Opportunities and 'Openness' under the Nolan Principles?

(The PCC's response to the questions is attached as an appendix to these minutes.)

As per the procedure, the question and answer were 'taken as read'. However, the procedure allowed for Mrs. Astbury (Vice-Chair) to ask a supplementary question as follows:

- In relation to the appointment of a Deputy PCC, how had the individual for the proposed appointment come to the attention of the PCC?

In response, the PCC stated that he had worked with her previously and also knew her through the political process.

9. **UPDATE BY THE NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

The North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) provided the North Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) with an update covering the period 1 February 2016 to the end of April 2016 and therefore covered the final period in office of Mr. Jones' predecessor, Mr. Winston Roddick CB QC.

The report covered the Panel's broader functions under Section 28(6) of the Police and Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken by the PCC and included:

- Scrutiny of North Wales Police
- Performance against the four objectives of the Police and Crime Plan
- General Updates, which included: Engagement and Communication; Commissioning; Joint Audit Committee; Confidence and Ethics; Key Decisions; Equality and Diversity; HMIC Update; Collaboration; and Correspondence.

The PCC also provided an update in relation to the following matters, which were not addressed in his periodic update:

- EU Referendum:
 - Following the decision to leave the EU, the Chief Constable and the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners had been asked how this would affect policing in North Wales and in particular, anti-terrorism. The PCC would report back to the PCP accordingly.
- Overspend on IT Budget:
 - An investigation into the over-spend on the IT Budget, following a change of supplier, which should have realised savings, had now concluded. Recommendations from the investigation would be implemented accordingly and the PCC was confident that such incidences would not occur in the future. The Joint Audit Committee would oversee the action plan and monitor the implementation of the recommendations.
 - The Chief Finance Officer informed the PCP that the over-spend would be funded by an underspend in the policing budget for 2016/17.
- Body cameras
 - The PCC announced that he had invested £163k in purchasing additional body worn camera devices. A total of 421 'bodycams' would be available for all on duty Police Officers/PCSOs and used to improve evidence gathering and lead to more convictions, particularly in relation to domestic violence cases.
 - The Chief Finance Officer informed the PCP that the devices would be funded from the Management of Change Reserves.

The PCP welcomed the investment in 'bodycams' and hoped it would also reduce the number of malicious complaints made against the police.

The PCP also discussed the following matters:

- Increase in hate crime following the result of the EU Referendum:
 - The PCC reported that hate crime would not be tolerated and that members of the public were urged to report such incidents. It was also suggested that the OPCC should release a statement (in all appropriate languages), encouraging the public to report racist abuse.
- Effectiveness of the 101 system:
 - The PCC acknowledged that concerns had been raised regarding the system; however the success of the 101 system could not be measured by the response rate alone and that consideration had to be given to the effectiveness of the recording and the subsequent response to the incident.
 - The PCC also stated it should be acknowledged that the 101 number was a non-emergency number and therefore an immediate response was unlikely.
- Deployment of PCSOs and the diversion of calls, when PCSOs were off duty or unavailable:
 - The PCC reminded the PCP that the deployment of PCSOs was the responsibility of the Chief Constable, however a review of local policing, including PCSOs was being undertaken.

The number of PCSOs was unlikely to increase and therefore appropriate cover was difficult to achieve at all times.

- The PCC was requested to consider providing a briefing paper on how calls were managed in the event of off duty/unavailability of PCSOs.

The PCP thanked the PCC for his update.

RESOLVED-

(a) That the Police and Crime Commissioner's update be noted.

(b) That the Police and Crime Commissioner considers releasing a statement (in all appropriate languages) urging the public to report any incidences of hate crime, following the result of the EU Referendum.

(c) That the Police and Crime Commissioner considers providing a briefing paper on how calls are managed in the event of off duty/unavailability of PCSOs.

10. **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

The North Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) was presented with the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report for 2015/16.

The report related to the financial year April 2015 to March 2016 and therefore covered the period before the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Mr. Arfon Jones came into office. It focused on how, the previous PCC, Mr. Winston Roddick CB QC exercised his functions and responsibilities during the year and the progress made in meeting the police and crime objectives within the Police and Crime Plan.

The report also provided an introduction from Mr. Jones and his initial priorities, which included scrutinising how domestic abuse cases were handled, with the aim of increasing convictions and increasing the use of body worn video equipment to support those convictions.

The Vice-Chair (Pat Astbury) referred to the increase in crime associated with substance misuse. The PCC stated that the focus should be on how to treat the addiction and that effective partnerships working/joint commissioning could help this process.

Councillor Philip C. Evans J.P also made reference to the Delivery of the Estates Strategy and when the construction of the new police station in Llandudno was likely to take place. In response, the Chief Executive (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) reported that whilst there was no definitive date, construction was due to start imminently. Further information would be circulated to the PCP.

In response to a request to look at Environmental Crime, such as dog fouling, etc, the PCC stated that PCSOs did have the powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices, however the review of local policing/PCSOs would look at such issues.

RESOLVED-

That the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report for 2015/16 be approved.

11. NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME PANEL EXPENSES

The Lead Officer and Legal Advisor to the North Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) presented a report, which provided details of the PCP's administration costs, translation costs and individual Panel Member claims for expenses and allowances.

In order to allow public scrutiny of PCP spending, a transparency requirement had been attached as a condition of the single grant payment and the PCP was required to publish as a minimum, details of all their expenditure.

RESOLVED-

That the Police and Crime Panel's administration costs, translation costs and individual Panel Member claims for expenses and allowances be noted and published as required.

12. TO CONSIDER THE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The North Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) was presented with its Forward Work Programme for the forthcoming year.

The PCP requested that the Chief Constable of the North Wales Police be invited to attend the next meeting on 19 September 2016.

The Chief Executive (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) also informed Members that the revised Police and Crime Plan would be presented to the PCP meeting on 23 January 2017.

The PCP was also requested to move its meeting scheduled for 14 November 2016 to 31 October 2016, in order to appoint the Independent Co-opted Members, following a recruitment process to be undertaken in September and October 2016.

RESOLVED-

That the Forward Work Programme be approved, subject to the amendments above.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel would take place on Monday, 19 September 2016 at 2.00 pm.

(The meeting ended at 2.50 pm)

NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Thursday, 28 July 2016 at 2.00 pm
Bodlondeb, Conwy

Present: Councillor Julie Fallon (Chair)

Councillors: Brian Blakeley, Philip C. Evans J.P.,
David Griffiths, William T Hughes, Bernie McCann and
Neville Phillips

Lay Member/
Co-opted Member Pat Astbury (Vice Chair) and Tim Rhodes

Officers: Dawn Hughes (Senior Committee Services Officer), Richard
Jarvis (Lead Officer and Legal Advisor) and Nia Angharad
Jones (Translator)

Also in Attendance: Arfon Jones (North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner)
and Eleanor Ann Griffith

14. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Glenys Diskin (Flintshire), Dilwyn Morgan (Gwynedd) and Gethin Williams (Gwynedd).

15. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT**

Councillor Julie Fallon declared a personal interest, as her husband is a serving Police Officer in the North Wales Police.

Councillor William Hughes declared a personal, but non prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5 - Confirmation Hearing for Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, as the candidate was a fellow councillor on the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

Tim Rhodes (Co-opted Independent Member) also declared a personal, but non prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5, as he knew the candidate in a professional capacity, as he worked at Isle of Anglesey County Council.

16. **URGENT MATTERS**

None.

17. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

As this was likely to be Mr. Tim Rhodes' last meeting, due to him leaving North Wales, the Chair thanked Mr. Rhodes for all the work he had undertaken whilst being a member of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel and wished him well for the future.

18. **CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR DEPUTY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

The North Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) had convened to consider the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) nomination for the post of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (Deputy PCC).

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (Act) required the PCP to hold a confirmation hearing in public in respect of this proposed senior appointment. In accordance with Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Act, the candidate was in attendance at the meeting, for the purpose of answering questions relating to the appointment.

The PCP considered a letter from the PCC nominating Eleanor Ann Griffith to the post of Deputy PCC.

Prior to reviewing the proposed senior appointment, the Chair, on behalf of the PCP expressed concern that the PCC should have taken the opportunity to hold an open and transparent recruitment process for this senior appointment, particularly in the interest of public scrutiny. The PCP also expressed concern that reports in the press and social media suggested that the candidate had already been appointed, which seemed to detract from the statutory role of the PCP to hold a confirmation hearing for a proposed senior appointment.

The PCC acknowledged the concerns expressed, however the Act did allow the PCC to forego a recruitment process and nominate a suitable candidate for this senior post. In relation to reports in the press and social media, the PCC reported that nothing had been released to the press until the agenda for the confirmation hearing had been published.

The PCC explained his reasons for the nomination, as his manifesto placed a great emphasis on addressing youth crime and not decriminalising vulnerable people, therefore the candidate's previous experience provided her with the skills required to assist the PCC in fulfilling his priorities.

The PCC was satisfied that the candidate's skills, experience, gender and background would complement his own and he was confident that he could work well with the candidate to meet his statutory duties as PCC.

The PCP reviewed the proposed senior appointment and the criteria the PCC had used in determining his nomination for this post.

Following a question and answer session, the PCP went into a closed session to deliberate and to decide on its recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Eleanor Ann Griffith should not be appointed as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales.

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel would be held on Monday, 19 September 2016 at 2.00 pm.

(The meeting ended at 3.00 pm)

Update for the Police and Crime Panel
31st of October 2016
Arfon Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner, North Wales

Introduction

This is my report to the Panel for the period 1st May to the end of September 2016. It therefore covers the first few months of my time in office.

This report is not concerned with the specific statutory reporting requirements. It is concerned primarily with the Panel's broader function under section 28 (6) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act) to review or scrutinise decisions made or other actions taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) for North Wales and to make reports and recommendations to me as Commissioner in that regard. Also, pursuant to section 13 (1) of the Act, it provides the Panel with the information which the Panel reasonably requires of the Commissioner for carrying out its functions (the specific requests).

Section One: My scrutiny of North Wales Police

I scrutinise the Force by measuring its performance against the four objectives of the Police and Crime Plan (the Plan) and the measures set out within the Plan. The principal medium through which I will carry out that function will continue to be the Strategic Executive Board (SEB) which I chair and on which the Chief Constable and his senior officers sit.

This report concentrates on the Force's performance against the measures of the 2016/17 Plan (which was published in April 2016).

I am assured that the most recent revision of the Plan completed by my predecessor is based on comprehensive consultation and therefore reflects the priorities of the people of North Wales.

The consultation process resulted in overwhelming support for each of the four strategic priorities, namely:

1. Build effective partnerships
2. Prevent crime
3. Deliver an effective response
4. Reduce harm and the risk of harm

However, as the Panel is aware I will be reviewing the Plan at regular intervals to ensure that it continues to reflect what matters to the people of North Wales in respect of policing and crime, and in light of changes to the Secretary of State's guidance or any other material change of circumstances. I plan to regularly consult widely about the policing priorities for North Wales.

Police and Crime Objective 1: Working in Effective Partnership

To hold the force to account I will monitor over the term of the Plan:

- The level of repeat offending, including high risk repeat offenders of domestic violence;
- The implementation of the regional child sexual exploitation plan;
- The implementation of the all Wales mental health concordat;
- The development and implementation of the Safer Communities Board Plan in support of this plan.

Working together in effective partnerships supports the delivery of my other three priorities, preventing crime, delivering an effective response and reducing harm and the risk of harm. Working in partnership enables responses to be more effective and lasting in their benefit to the community than they otherwise would be. It also reduces demand, thereby increasing the capacity of frontline staff of all responsible authorities. Effective partnership working includes, but is not limited to, sharing of information and intelligence and sharing of resources where required to achieve a common goal.

Panel members will recall that North Wales Police recently carried out an efficiency review and found that the top two demands on the Force are matters relating to missing from home enquiries and poor mental health. An effective response to these serious matters can only be delivered in partnership. Consequently, part of my scrutiny activities includes establishing how the Force works with its partners to tackle these issues.

One example of outstanding partnership working is the Rural Crime Team. The Rural Crime Team works in partnership with Natural Resources Wales, the farming unions and the rural community and has achieved great success. This has seen confidence in North Wales Police increasing within our farming and rural communities and there has been almost an 80% reduction in wildlife offences. Such is the success of the team, their example is being adopted in Australia, New Zealand and police forces in England. Over the past couple of months I have spent a considerable amount of time attending community events with the Rural Crime Team to ensure that the Team's priorities continue to be relevant and that their strategy for tackling rural crime remains impactful. Attendance at such events has enabled me to gain a better understanding of police and crime matters which really impact upon the rural community in North Wales.

There is potential for increased policing demand relating to violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence following the introduction of the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015, the National Training Framework and introduction of "Ask and Act" in 2016/17. My office is keeping abreast of all developments and has recently responded to the consultation on the new National Strategy which sets out how the Welsh Government will continue to tackle Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence. A copy of my response to this consultation can be seen on the North Wales PCC's website.

I continue to work with partners through the North Wales Regional Leadership Board, the North Wales Safer Communities Board, Substance Misuse Area Planning Board, the

Safeguarding Boards (for both children and adults) and the Local Criminal Justice Board to identify means of working together more effectively in these challenging financial times. This will assist me with my broader responsibilities to improve community safety and enhance the delivery of criminal justice in our area and enable me to ensure that all relevant agencies and bodies are discharging their responsibilities in this regard.

Panel members might be aware that the Ministry of Justice recently announced the closure of several criminal courts in North Wales, including Dolgellau, Holyhead and Prestatyn. I have been working closely with my criminal justice colleagues across North Wales to ensure that alternative provisions are in place to ensure that vulnerable victims and witnesses do not have to travel far to give their evidence. Whilst I strongly oppose the closures I am eager to work with my partners to ensure that the impact is kept to a minimum. My office has also been working with the Force to carry out an impact assessment of the closures on North Wales Police's shrinking resources.

I was pleased to note that North Wales Police's specialist Child Sexual Exploitation Team, Denbighshire Licensing Authority, Barnardo's and Social Services jointly delivered mandatory CSE training to all taxi drivers across Denbighshire in July.

I recently visited the North Wales Victims Help Centre in North Wales, one example of how effective partnership working can make a huge difference to victims' lives, thus reducing the impact of crime on our communities. Since opening in July 2015 the centre has handled the cases of more than 18,000 victims of all sorts of crimes.

About 9,700 people were identified as vulnerable or repeat victims and have gone on to benefit from an enhanced support package. My Chief Executive chairs the Victim Help Centre's Multi-Agency Governance Board. The main purpose of this Board is to scrutinise performance of the Victim Help Centre against the Key Performance Indicators; review victim feedback survey results; and ensure compliance with the service specification.

Implementation plans for the Welsh Mental Health Crisis Concordat have been finalised and peer reviewed. The completed implementation plans were presented to the National Task and Finish Group at the end of June.

Police and Crime Objective 2: Prevent crime

To hold the force to account in respect of this objective I will monitor over the term of the plan:

- The level of total recorded crime
- The level of victim based crime
- The level of resolved crime, by crime type
- The level of recorded anti-social behaviour
- The level of domestic burglary
- The number of active Special Constabulary officers, volunteers and cadets

These measures are not performance targets. Their purpose is to assist me in holding the Chief Constable to account. The information presented below is used in my scrutiny of these particular objectives.

The charts below, which were produced by the Chief Constable, show the number of all crime recorded and victim based crime recorded every 3 months since April 2010.

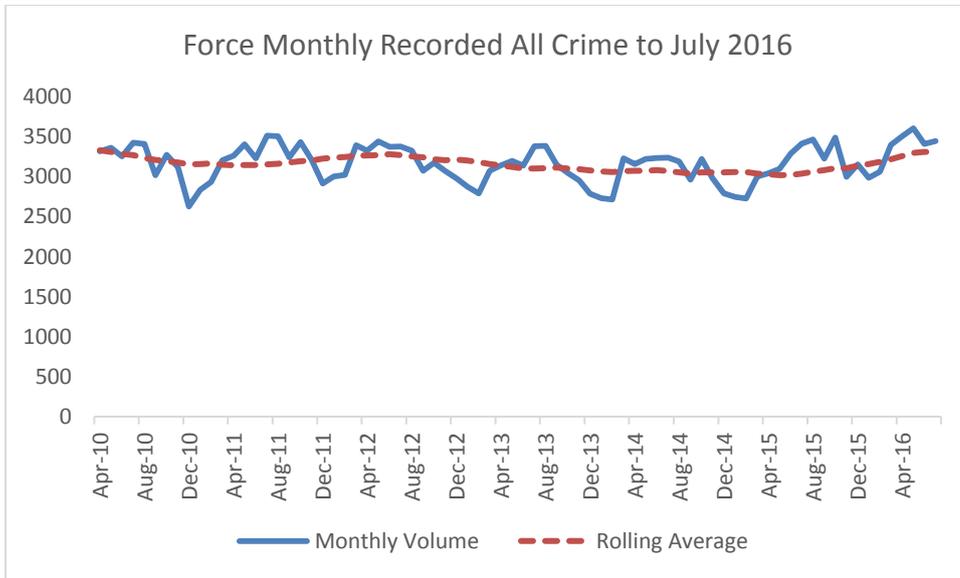


Figure 1: Monthly recorded all crime to July 2016 (source: North Wales Police)

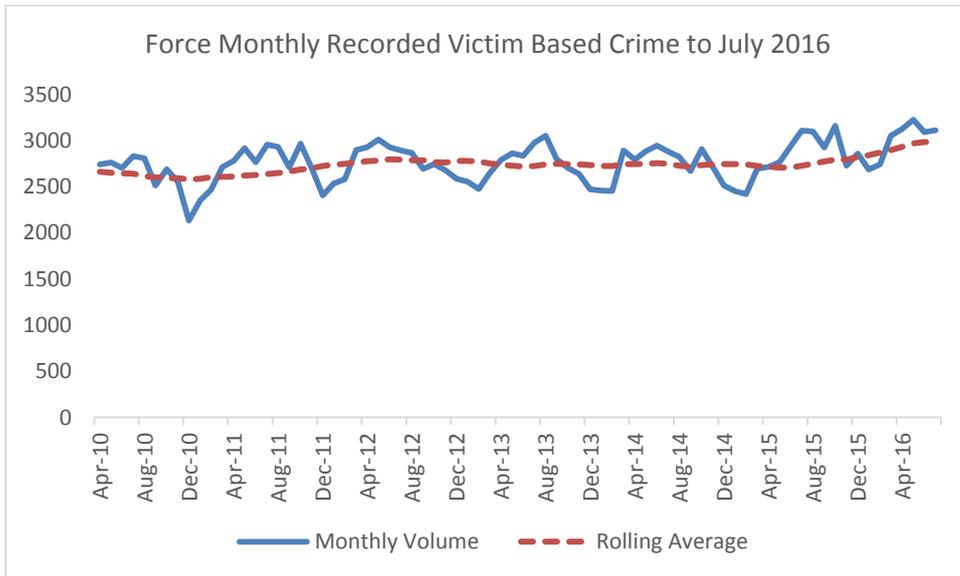


Figure 2: Monthly recorded victim based crime to July 2016 (source: North Wales Police)

Chief Officers informed me at the most recent SEB meeting in September that the current increases in crime are predicted to reduce as the year progresses. By week 13 total recorded crime was up by 12.2% but by week 18 that increase had reduced to 8.8%. I am assured that the two main factors behind the increase are not related to actual increased levels of crime reporting by the public, but rather, they are as a result of a more efficient crime recording system locally and national changes to crime recording processes. These changes make the percentage change year on year difficult to judge.

The Crime Survey for England and Wales April 2016 demonstrates that North Wales has relatively low crime rates compared with England and Wales Forces for personal acquisitive crime:

- Domestic Burglary (9th best out of 43 forces)
- Non-Domestic Burglary (13th)
- Vehicle Crime (5th)

For the same period North Wales has average crime rates for violent crimes:

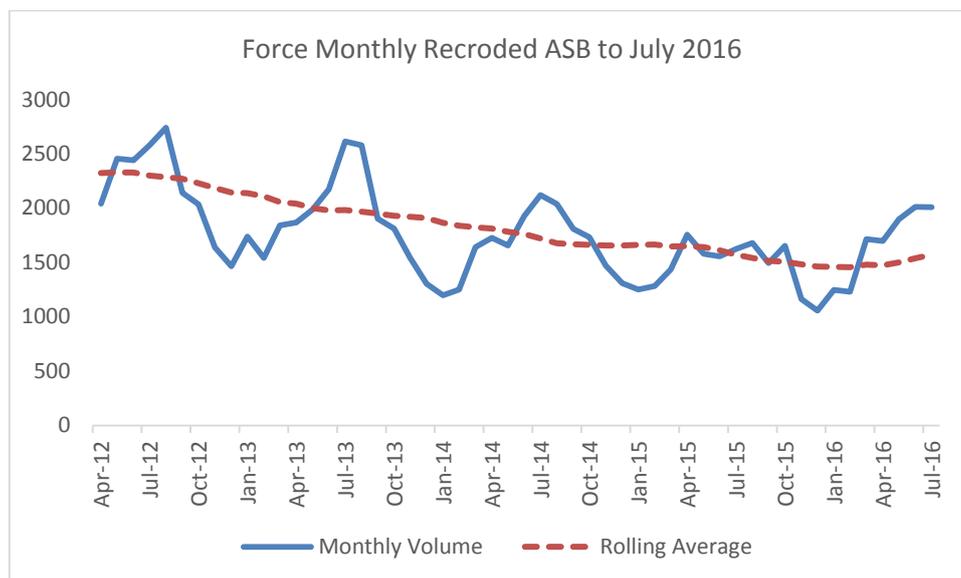
- Violence with injury (25th out of 43)
- Violence without injury (25th)

North Wales saw a significant increase in people attending town centres' licensed premises during the European Football Championships. Detailed planning was undertaken by the Force during the tournament focussing on increased visibility.

The focus on burglary offenders continues; joint working with Merseyside and Cheshire has seen positive arrests of offenders for car key burglaries which have taken place in the Central area.

I am frequently briefed on the operations undertaken by the Force to tackle violence. Many of these operations involve the Force working in partnership with its strategic partners.

ASB:



ASB has shown a small increase so far this year, with levels being in line with the expected seasonal levels seen in previous years.

Denbighshire Coastal policing district continues to undertake a substantial amount of work focused on the caravan parks on the coast which see a large seasonal influx of visitors and seasonal increases in ASB.

I understand that Caia Park in Wrexham remains a draw on resources for ASB but we have seen a significant improvement due to the extra resources deployed during the Spring this year. I am assured that the additional resources are now embedded and will remain in place in the area.

Number of active special constabulary officers, volunteers and cadets:

The number of special constables continue to grow with the total now at 190 (25.8% increase since last year). The latest intake of 20 joined North Wales Police on the 6th June 2016 and a further intake of 20 were due to start in September.

During July the Special Constabulary played a leading role in an operation targeting individuals wanted on warrant across the Force area. This operation saw 14 persons arrested on outstanding warrants, and saw a number of other persons, targeted during this operation, attend court voluntarily, following enquiries to locate them. Very positive feedback was received regarding the enthusiasm and determination of the Special Constables in the course of this Operation.

A Special Chief Inspector has now taken on responsibility for driving forward the SC Specialist Services area of business and they will be liaising with Senior Management Teams across the Force over the coming weeks to further the specialist capability.

The number of volunteers within the Force now stands at 122 and the number of cadets stands at 60 (an increase from zero).

A total of 3573 volunteering hours have been undertaken since the beginning of 2016.

The Cadets have successfully reached the mid-point of their curriculum. Some of the engagement activities carried out by the Cadets over the summer have included the following: the Urdd Eisteddfod in Flint; the Armed Forces Day; carrying out foot patrols (as part of a Community Safety operation to prevent vehicle crime) in Bangor; attending a youth services event at Pontins, Prestatyn; assisting the fire and ambulance services in a simulated response to a RTC; undertaking a public survey on behalf of the force's Safer Neighbourhood Team in Prestatyn; Deeside cadets were also present at Buckley Jubilee; Leeswood carnival, Mold carnival and Holywell 999 day.

North Wales Police has secured £2,000 from the Police Innovation Fund towards the set up costs of the three new Cadet Units.

Police and Crime Objective 3: Deliver an effective response

The four measures of this objective as set out in the 2016/17 Plan are:

- The average response times of attendance at police emergencies
- The amount of non-emergency calls classified as 'abandoned calls'
- The savings target for 2016/17 being achieved
- The feedback received through victim surveys, in particular satisfaction levels

The average response time continues to be stable at 17.2 minutes.

Whilst the average immediate response time increased in April, May and June 2016, the number of immediate incidents attended within the 20 minute target was the highest it has been for some time.

Work is continuing with Welsh Ambulance exploring the possibility of clinicians working within the Control Room to provide medical advice and assist with ambulance allocation.

Discussions are also ongoing with the Wales Mental Health Helpline and Protecting Vulnerable People Unit with a view to being able to transfer appropriate calls between agencies.

The abandonment rate for non-emergency calls is routinely subject to scrutiny, and currently stands at around 4.5% which is a 0.8 percentage point reduction on the 5.3% which was reported to the Panel in June 2016.

I will continue to monitor the abandonment rate but firmly believe that the success of the 101 system cannot be measured by the speed in which the calls are answered alone, but also the effectiveness of that initial contact, in particular the identification of vulnerability.

Improvements in victim satisfaction continue for follow up, treatment and whole experience.

As of March 2014 North Wales Police were ranked 40th nationally (England and Wales- out of 43) in respect of victim satisfaction with 'whole experience'. However, by March 2016 the Force had raised 27 places to 13th place. It also moved from 41st nationally in respect of victim satisfaction with 'Follow Up' to 9th (an increase of 32 places).

Police and Crime Objective 4: Reduce harm and the risk of harm

The 2016/17 Plan has four measures for determining the effectiveness of the Force's performance of this objective. They are:

- The number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road traffic collisions
- The number of arrests of child sexual exploitation perpetrators
- Number of indecent images of children cases charged
- Number of reported hate crimes

The number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) on our roads has fallen 19.2% year on year from 83 to 67.

Op Darwen, an all Wales coordinated multi-faceted approach took place over the summer. Its sole aim was to reduce the risk of motorcyclists becoming seriously injured or dying on our roads as a result of a collision. North Wales Police works closely with its partners to ensure all engineering, education and enforcement opportunities are fully exploited.

The drink and drug drive campaign commenced in June and ran until the 10th July. There were a total of 78 drink drive arrests and 36 drug drive arrests. This year's campaign paid particular attention to drug driving, especially among young drivers. Students have been out in attendance with roads policing to promote awareness among their younger peers through the use of social media in an effort to reach a wider audience.

In relation to child sexual exploitation (CSE), there have been 42 perpetrators arrested this policing year to date (2016/17) and 111 indecent images of children cases detected (which represents an increase of 141.3% year to date).

The Onyx Team, a specialist policing team which identifies and works with children and young people who are most at risk of CSE, delivered bespoke training to the School Liaison Officers over the summer holidays in relation to information and intelligence gathering.

The “Young People’s Child Sexual Exploitation” short film which was made in collaboration with children from local schools and the North Wales Safeguarding Board was launched at the Urdd Eisteddfod in Flint. The Onyx team also staffed an information stand at the Urdd Eisteddfod.

Levels of reported Hate Crime are slightly higher for the year. There are currently 176 reported Hate Crimes, compared with 159 at the same point in time last year. Race Hate Incidents are showing that Brexit has impacted on reporting. During the week after the election 14 race hate crimes were reported of which 3 were Brexit related.

Crime and Policing in your area

The home office web site <http://www.police.uk> provides statistical information on crime and anti-social behaviour incidents which is post-code specific.

Section Two: General Updates

In this section I provide the Panel with a brief summary of the main things my predecessor and I have been doing since the last meeting of the Panel.

Engagement and Communication

Part of my role is to provide information and to enable the community to engage with policing.

Since taking office I have met with the following (in addition to officers and staff from North Wales Police):

- Cheshire PCC
- The Road Safety and Legal Campaigns Officer for Cycling UK
- Jan Williams from the IPCC
- Ian Barrow and Emma Wools from NOMS
- Huw Jones from the FUW
- The Editor from the Daily Post
- Representatives from Relate Cymru
- Dusty Kennedy & John Wrangham from the Wales Youth Justice Board
- Independent Custody Visitors
- Andy Jones from the Probation Service
- Cllr Hugh Jones from Wrexham County Borough Council (in his capacity as Chair of the North Wales Safer Communities Board)
- Representatives from the Local Mosques
- Chris Hume from the Go Safe Partnership

- Ann Jones AM
- Eleri Butler from Welsh Womens Aid
- Clive Wolfendale from CAIS
- The Chair of PACT
- Sara Rochira, the Older Persons Commissioner for Wales
- Cllr Bernie Attridge
- Carl Sargeant AM
- Representatives from Cymdeithas yr Iaith
- Mr Jon Collins from the Restorative Justice Council
- Russ Trent and Nick Dann from HMP Berwyn
- Ed Beltrami from CPS
- Bryn Hall from the Unity Project
- Thomas Guiney from the Prison Reform Trust
- Joanne Hillman, Llandudno Neighbourhood Watch
- Rebecca Egan, Head of Safeguarding at the Home Office

I have also attended the following meetings:

- North Wales Regional Leadership Board
- The APCC's General Meeting in London
- North Wales Safer Communities Board
- My Strategic Executive and Management Boards
- Local Criminal Justice Board
- The Capabilities Summit
- All Wales Policing Group
- National Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery Network
- Area Planning Board Executive Group

In addition to the above I visited the Urdd Eisteddfod in Flint, the Royal Welsh Show, the Wrexham Warehouse Project, the Victims Help Centre, North Wales Womens Centre, The Regional Organised Crime Unit in Warrington, The One Stop Shop in Wrexham to see the work of the IDVAs, went on foot patrol in Llandudno, as well as attending the Meirionydd, Anglesey, and Denbigh & Flint Agricultural Shows.

I also gave an opening address at training organised for licensees in Wrexham and met with chief officers of the six voluntary councils in North Wales as well as a number of equality stakeholders.

Since the last meeting of the Panel, in addition to meeting with community representatives, partners and members of the public, my Deputy and I have undertaken several key media activities. They include:

[New police boss pledges to serve people without fear or favour](#)

[Police boss warns Brexit would make North Wales more dangerous](#)

[Police boss wants more dashcams to boost road safety](#)

[Crackdown on online paedophiles](#)

[Caught on camera](#)

[Police boss gets tough on post Brexit racist abuse](#)

[North Wales LGBT Pride Bangor](#)

[Reassuring our communities](#)

[Targeting rural crime](#)

[Abuse victim says cash for group is a godsend](#)

[New police station will be the most modern in Wales](#)

[Police boss pledges to step up scheme to steer young people away from crime](#)

[Sexting by kids as young as eight is a growing problem](#)

[Police Boss Confirms New Deputy](#)

[Pathfinder success story](#)

[Crime-fighting fund hits villains where it hurts - in the pocketed](#)

[Crackdown on drivers using mobile phones](#)

[Police boss urges football fans](#)

[PCSO Delyth is as good as gold](#)

The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Ann Griffith

The Panel asked to be informed about the work of the deputy commissioner. She is fully and very effectively committed to my very demanding work programme, as is detailed below:

The deputy commissioner's commitments since she took up post in August have included the following activities:

- Meeting representatives from North Wales Police's Black and Asian Police Association and Women's Association;
- Meeting representatives from HMP Berwyn to discuss family intervention services and reducing re-offending;
- Meeting representatives from the CPS to discuss working effectively in partnership;
- Meeting representatives from the FUW's county branches to discuss their policing priorities;
- Attending a meeting to discuss the cost of the new Wrexham Police Station, Llay;
- Discussing scrutiny of the Force's Protecting Vulnerable People Unit;
- Custody visit in St Asaph;
- Visiting the Victim Help Centre to discuss emerging trends;
- Receiving a briefing about the Regional Organised Crime Unit;

- Attending meetings of the North Wales Regional Leadership Board, the Gwynedd and Mon Public Services Board, and my Strategic Executive Board;
- Attending an event held by Eternal Community Media in Wrexham to celebrate International Recovery Month and receiving a briefing by Open Minds multi-phased drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre;
- Attending a meeting organised by Policing Insight in Westminster to discuss the local implications of Brexit for policing and security;
- Going on foot patrol with local policing officers in Blaenau Ffestiniog;
- Receive a briefing on the recruitment of new officers in South Gwynedd;
- Attending a consultation event organised by the Welsh Government about its National Strategy on tackling violence against women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence;
- Attending North Wales Police's Long Service Awards Ceremony;
- Visiting Childline in Prestatyn;
- Meeting with Dave Evans from PACT;
- Receiving briefings about the Control Room, the Force's Efficiency Review, and the Administration of Justice Department.

Commissioning

I continue to monitor the projects/services which have been allocated funding to ensure they are delivering value for money for the public of North Wales, and that they support the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan. I have visited a number of commissioned services providers since taking office including the Victim Help Centre, the Rural Crime Team, the North Wales Women's Centre and several of the Independent Domestic Violence Advisors etc. I believe that it is vital that I meet with such key organisations, stakeholders, and service users to appreciate the value of the services which we commission.

All Community Safety Partnerships have been informed that the funding for 2016-17 remains the same, together with the three priorities which are domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour and target hardening.

All services that have been commissioned for 2016-17 are performing according to profile.

I am currently in the process of working with my partners to develop a process which would enable us to jointly commission activities across the region in respect of key areas of work. The areas currently being considered are domestic violence, modern slavery, youth justice and supporting victims of crime. Meetings are currently being held with local authorities and the Welsh government to discuss the benefits of joint commissioning (namely maximising opportunities and providing value for money), and to progress this important piece of work.

I have recently been involved in developing a Joint Commissioning model, for Substance Misuse services, with the North Wales Area Planning Board.

North Wales Area Planning Board (APB) is the partnership body responsible for supporting the planning, commissioning and performance management of substance misuse services at a Regional level, it was formed officially in 2010, although only became fully established during 2013/14.

The Area Planning Board has an annual budget of £4.9m to tackle the issue of substance misuse in North Wales. However, the statutory responsibility for tackling substance misuse in Wales rests with Community Safety Partnerships.

A key task for the Area Planning Board is to assist responsible authorities to discharge their duties in relation to substance misuse by producing a strategic, outcome based Commissioning Strategy, to provide structure and focus for the development of services/ initiatives to tackle the impact of drug and alcohol use.

Strategic direction for substance misuse is set through the APB Commissioning Strategy 2014-17 which has been devised inclusive of full needs assessment of the North Wales population.

In addition to the £4.9m APB budget, the health board also spend £4.9m on substance misuse services each year and we (OPCC) spend £1.2m.

At the current time, there is no visibility on the spending amongst partners and therefore one can assume that there is some duplication in commissioned services.

I am of the view that the total £11.2m budget should be pooled, and informed by a single needs assessment. Therefore, we are in the process of developing a joint commissioning strategy which will seek to achieve one agreed set of outcomes.

This will deliver significant efficiency savings and ensure we maximise the amount spent on the front line and service users.

Community Partnership Fund

The previously named 'Participatory Budget Fund for North Wales' has been renamed the 'Community Partnership Fund.'

'Your Community Your Choice' was officially launched on the 5th September and applicants had until the 30th September to submit their bids for funding.

There will be £40,000 available this year to community organisations across north Wales.

During 2015 35 applications were submitted from various organisations and the fund supported 14 groups across the region with grants totalling £42,000 after the public vote.

Confidence and Ethics

My office is represented on the Force's Confidence and Ethical Standards Committee. The purpose of this committee is to review the force's implementation of the Code of Ethics and to consider quality of service and public confidence matters in relation to North Wales Police.

By attending the committee my office is able to monitor the Force's management of the Code of Ethics and its handling and development of quality of service and confidence issues.

Decisions

It is my intention to provide the Panel with a summary of all decisions I have made along with a summary of why the decision was made. I trust this will support the Panel in carrying out its duty in scrutinising my decisions.

The table below sets out the key decisions made by my predecessor Mr Winston Roddick and I from 1 May 2016 to 8 August 2016.

Date	Title	Summary
03.05.16	Circles of support and accountability	Provide funding to support the rehabilitation of sexual offenders. This meets one of key objectives of the Police and Crime Plan to reduce reoffending and protect people.
03.05.16	Arson in Wrexham	Provide financial support to the Partnership Delivery Board to assist with reducing arson in the Wrexham area.
06.06.16	SARC - New Children's Service	Provide support to young victims of sexual violence and abuse. Additional funding has been made available to provide a new support and counselling service specifically for young victims
06.06.16	Stepping Stones	The latest revision of the Police and Crime Plan confirmed that protecting vulnerable people is a priority, I have therefore provided support of a volunteer Coordinator to provide
06.06.16	CYPSVA	Dealing with sexual offences is a priority, continuous funding has been made available from the Victims Services Grant for Children and Young People's Sexual Violence Advisor.
25.05.16	Code of conduct	In accordance with the Policing Protocol 2011 and Elected Local Policing Body (Specified Information) Order 2011,12 and 13 the Code of Conduct has been approved.
06.06.16	Ethical Checklist	To approve in part the ethical checklist provided by Lord Bew, Committee for Standards in Public Life.
20.06.16	Pride	To provide funding from the Welsh Government Hate Crime funding towards the North Wales PRIDE event in Bangor.
22.06.16	Body Worn Videos	To approve the funding for an additional 301 body worn videos in order to assist with the conviction of domestic violence and the protection of police officers on duty.
22.06.16	Relocation of OHU/PSD/ART	To approve the funding of office relocations within the Colwyn Bay estate with a projected annual revenue saving of £70,000.
23.06.16	ICVA	To join the Independent Custody Visitors Association (ICVA). ICVA are responsible for raising public awareness in the rights, entitlement, health and wellbeing of people held in custody
22.07.16	Llay	To approve the additional funding to the Eastern Command and Custody Suite at Llay. Full business case is exempt under Section 43

		of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (commercially sensitive).
25.07.16	Legal Costs	In accordance with Home Office Circular 43/01, provide financial support to an officer in legal proceedings where they have acted in good faith and have exercised their judgement reasonably. Full decision notice is deemed to be exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (personal information)
02.08.16	Voluntary redundancy of former employee	To approve the voluntary redundancy payment to a former employee. Full decision notice is deemed exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (personal information).
08.08.16	Partnerships and Collaboration Framework	On the advice of the findings of the Internal Audit Team to adopt the Joint Partnership and Collaboration Framework to ensure that joint arrangements and policies are governed suitably.

If required, additional information can be found on my website ('How we make decisions').

Scrutiny in General

In addition to the activities outlined in Section 1 of this report I continue to scrutinise Out of Court Disposals (cautions, fixed penalty notices and restorative resolutions etc) issued by the Force and I am represented on a multi-agency OOC Scrutiny Panel which meet quarterly and reports to the Local Criminal Justice Board.

A Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) Scrutiny Panel was recently established and I am also represented on that Panel. The purpose of this Panel is to meet bi-monthly to discuss thematic areas of PVP (Rape and Serious Sexual Offences, Domestic Abuse, Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation, Mental health Stalking/Harassment, Missing Persons, and Child Abuse etc) and to dip sample all areas on a rolling structured basis. Members of the Panel are expected to share the key themes and learning with colleagues in their various departments and to aid this, a summary of the panel's findings is made available via the chair in a 'lessons learnt' format.

My office also scrutinises the Force's compliance with the Home Office's Counting Rules by attending the Force's Crime Recording User Group meetings.

Independent Custody Visiting Scheme

Under statute, I am required to have in place a scheme which provides for the independent monitoring of custody facilities and the treatment of those detained in police custody. I have published an annual review of the scheme on my website.

[Custody Annual Review 2015-16](#)

Children Affected by Parental Imprisonment

The Panel will be aware that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner launched a Children Affected by Parental Imprisonment Project last year with a view to highlighting the needs of these children, working in partnership to identify the children concerned, and to look at what pre-existing services could be afforded to these children. This work is now being progressed via the Safer Communities Board and I am pleased to report that several of our strategic partners have now agreed to fund in partnership two posts to support the development of this work.

In the meantime representatives from my office have been meeting frequently with representatives from HMP Berwyn, Wrexham County Borough Council, and Barnardo's to design and develop the visitors centre and the family intervention services which will be at the new prison. My office is therefore working closely with the prison to ensure that ground-breaking support is afforded to the families of the prisoners in order to aid with the offenders' rehabilitation upon release. I am extremely heartened by the emphasis that is being placed on rehabilitation, and subsequently reducing reoffending, in the development the prison.

HMIC Update

In July HMIC carried out an inspection of North Wales Police covering efficiency, legitimacy and leadership. The final report is expected to be released at the end of October or early November.

Correspondence

Correspondence figures from 1st May 2016 to the 30th September 2016

Category of Correspondence	Number
Specific Feedback regarding the policing service	102
General Feedback re the policing service	78
Complaints referred to PSD	10
Staff issues	10
General Correspondence	596

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Report from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Title:	Update on the 2016/17 Budget (as at 31 July 2016)
Meeting:	North Wales Police and Crime Panel, 31 October 2016
Author:	Kate Jackson, Chief Finance Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The aim of this paper is provide members of the Panel an update of the policing budget for North Wales as at 31 July 2016 (month 4).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the report.

3. Update on the 2016/17 budget

- 3.1 The net revenue budget for the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales was approved by the Police and Crime Panel on 25 January 2016 at £141.067m. This includes a net budget of £0.741m for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, and a net £1.166m for commissioned services. As at 31 July 2016, the total projection to the end of the year is a net £0.899m underspend.

- 3.2 Expenditure is projected to be broadly in line with the budget. However, this consists of a number of projected over and underspends. The most significant of these are:

- Employees – projected underspend £0.506m.
This is the net effect of a number of factors, the most significant of these being police officer pay (projected underspend £0.369m) and police staff pay (projected underspend £0.365m). This is a combination of vacancies (which are planned to be filled) and savings due to maternity and sick pay. These underspends are offset by a projected overspend in direct pension payments (£0.299m). The budget for direct pension payments is based on six ill-health retirements each year, and there were six in the first four months of the current financial year. Therefore, the projection has been increased the likely expenditure on further cases during the remainder of the year.
- Premises – projected underspend £0.216m
Although the budget has reduced compared to previous years, based on current estimates of cost and usage, energy costs are projected to underspend by £0.289m
- Transport – projected underspend £0.306m
 - Servicing costs (projected underspend £0.118m). Active management of vehicle servicing and maintenance contracts is contributing to this projected underspend.

- Running costs (projected underspend £0.189m). Diesel costs are 7.6% lower than this time last year. However, although oil prices have decreased, they are now rising again, and the pound has weakened as a result of the EU referendum. Therefore, this will need to be monitored carefully during the year.
- Supplies and Services – projected overspend £0.239m
 - Following a review of the main IT contract, a slight underspend (£0.060m) is expected in IT and Communications.
 - Other supplies and services (projected overspend £0.298m). Much of this relates to grant-funded expenditure, and therefore will be matched by increased income.
- Contingencies
 - The contingencies budgets are vired to other budget headings as the needs are identified. This treatment is identical to previous years.
 - In addition to the contingencies budgets agreed before the beginning of the financial year, a number of savings planned for 2017/18 have been realised early. This has released £1.252m in 2016/17.
 - This amount has been vired to a “Management of Change” budget, which will be utilised to fund changes that enable future efficiencies or savings. Projects to be funded in this way have been identified, therefore the related expenditure is projected at budget.
 - The management of change budget will be further vired to appropriate budget headings as individual items of expenditure are identified.

3.3 We are currently projecting additional income of £0.126m.

3.4 At the current time, capital charges, contingencies (with the exception of management of change) and the community safety fund are projected at budget.

3.5 A summary of the budgets and projections is given below.

	Original Budget £'000	Budget 31 July 2016 £'000	Actual 31 July 2016 £'000	Projection to Year End £'000	Projected Variance £'000
Expenditure					
Employees	122,370	122,037	39,659	121,531	(506)
Premises	7,696	7,607	2,592	7,391	(216)
Transport	4,942	4,638	1,022	4,332	(306)
Supplies and Services	19,635	19,865	5,483	20,104	239
Debt Charges and Contributions to Capital	1,504	1,614	-	1,614	-
Contingencies (see above)	800	1,889	-	1,889	-
Community Safety Fund	1,166	1,166	13	1,166	-
Total Expenditure	158,113	158,816	48,769	158,027	(789)
Income	(17,133)	(17,836)	(4,262)	(17,946)	(110)
Movement in reserves	87	87	-	87	-
Total Net Expenditure	141,067	141,067	44,507	140,168	(899)
Funding					
Grants	(72,745)	(72,745)	(25,352)	(72,745)	-
Precept	(68,322)	(68,322)	(22,774)	(68,322)	-
Total Funding	(141,067)	(141,067)	(48,126)	(141,067)	-
Net underspend					(899)

3.6 Included in the above is income and expenditure related to the Victims' Services grant from the Ministry of Justice. £820,323 has been allocated to the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner. £770,469 has been committed for the commissioning of victims' services, with the remainder contributing to our associated costs. Commissioned services include: the Victims' Help Centre, IDVA and ISVA.

3.7 Also included above is the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The budget for the year is £741,000. As at 31 July, expenditure was £223,653, and the projected outturn was £787,125. Of the projected overspend, £45,737 is the result of expenditure on legal advice, and further expense has been incurred since that date. This will be funded from the OPCC Legal reserve.

4. Capital

4.1 The original capital programme for 2016/17 was £17.048m as per the Medium Term Financial Plan. Taking into account £3.304m slippage and some minor additions and deletions, this increases to potentially £20.065m, however, some of this expenditure will now be incurred in later years, and after re-profiling, the budget for 2016/17 is £16.835m.

- 4.2 The majority of the estates programme relates to just three schemes, which are detailed individually in the table: Wrexham Llay, Wrexham Town Centre and Llandudno:
- Wrexham Llay: a detailed report on costs was commissioned to analyse the reasons for the increases. As a result, the revised budget was agreed on 15 July 2016, which incorporates many changes to the original plans.
 - Wrexham Town Centre: work is underway and is due to be completed by the end of the next financial year.
 - Llandudno: work commenced in August, and is due to be completed in July 2017.
- 4.3 Vehicles: orders for vehicles are due to be placed between now and the end of November. The estimated expenditure will be reviewed at this point.
- 4.4 IT & Communications: Several major projects are in the final stages of planning and consultation, with the majority of the expenditure expected in the second half of this financial year.
- 4.5 A summary of the capital budgets and projections is given below.

Scheme	Expenditure b/f £'000	Budget 2016/17 (reprofiled) £'000	Expenditure 2016/17 £'000	Budget – Future years £'000	Total Budget £'000	Expenditure to 31.07.16 £'000
Wrexham new build facility Llay	2,894	6,959	140	11,295	21,148	3,034
Wrexham in town facility	62	1,049	-	688	1,799	62
Llandudno new build	450	1,150	12	1,150	2,750	462
Other estates	4,703	745	41	315	5,792	4,744
Vehicles & equipment	6,648	1,889	148	4,500	13,028	6,796
IT & Communications	2,581	5,043	953	3,570	11,167	3,534
Total Capital Programme	17,338	16,835	1,294	21,518	55,684	18,632

5. Budget 2017-2018 and beyond

- 5.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner is consulting on the content of his Police and Crime Plan, and the budget for 2017-2018 onwards will reflect his priorities.
- 5.2 A significant proportion of the Police and Crime Commissioner's income is received through precept, a precept report will be brought to the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 21 January 2017.

5.3 Appendix 1 is the guidance for scrutiny of the precept, and also shows that the timetable in north Wales is slightly in advance of the statutory timetable, in order that we are able to provide information to local authorities in a timely manner.

6 Implications

Diversity	No separate diversity implications
Financial	<p>The purpose of this report is inform the Police and Crime Panel of the revenue and capital monitoring position as at the end of July 2016.</p> <p>Adequate funding is vital to the delivery of the police and crime plan and to fulfil our legal requirements</p>
Legal	No separate legal implications
Risk	No separate risk implications
Police and Crime Plan	No separate police and crime implications.

Police and Crime Panels – Scrutiny of Precepts

This guidance note explains the process for the police and crime panel's (PCP) scrutiny of the police and crime commissioner's (PCC) proposed precept and should be read alongside:

- Schedule 5 of the [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#) ("the Act")
- Part 2 of the [Police and Crime Panels \(Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments\) Regulations 2012](#) ("the Regulations")

A separate [guidance note setting out the scrutiny of chief constable appointments](#) has been published alongside this guidance note.

Background

Schedule 5 of the Act sets out the process for issuing a precept, including the panel's role in reviewing the proposed precept, their power to veto the precept and the steps to be taken if they do veto the proposed precept.

The Regulations provide greater detail to the Act, including time limits applicable to the stages of the process and the process for reviewing and issuing a revised precept.

Schedule 5 requires:

- the PCC to notify the panel of his/her proposed precept;
- the panel to review the proposed precept;
- the panel to make a report to the PCC on the proposed precept (this may include recommendations);
- the panel's report (if they veto the proposed precept) to include a statement that they have vetoed it;
- a decision of veto to be agreed by two-thirds of the panel members;
- the PCC to have regard to the report made by the panel (including any recommendations in the report);
- the PCC to give the panel a response to their report (and any such recommendations);
- the PCC to publish the response.

It is for the panel to determine how a response to a report or recommendations is to be published.

If there is no veto and the PCC has published his/her response to the panel's report, the PCC may then issue the proposed precept - or a different precept (but only if in accordance with a recommendation in the panel's report to do so).

The Regulations require:

- the PCC to notify the panel of his/her proposed precept **by 1 February**;
- the panel to review and make a report to the PCC on the proposed precept (whether it vetoes the precept or not) **by 8 February**;
- where the panel vetoes the precept, the PCC to have regard to and respond to the Panel's report, and publish his/her response, including the revised precept, **by 15 February**;

- the panel, on receipt of a response from the PCC notifying them of his/her revised precept, to review the revised precept and make a second report to the PCC **by 22 February**;
- the PCC to have regard to and respond to the Panel's second report and publish his/her response, **by 1 March**.

Panel's report on the proposed precept

If the panel fails to report to the PCC by 8 February the scrutiny process comes to an end, even if the panel have voted to veto the proposed precept, and the PCC may issue the proposed precept.

PCC's response to a veto

Where the panel vetoes the proposed precept, the PCC must have regard to the report made by the panel, give the panel a response to the report and publish the response, by 15 February. In his/her response, the PCC must notify the panel of the revised precept that he intends to issue.

Where the panel's report indicates that they vetoed the precept because it was:

- too **high**, the revised precept must be lower than the previously proposed precept.
- too **low**, the revised precept must be higher than the previously proposed precept.

The PCP may only veto the first proposed precept. Such a veto must be agreed by two-thirds of PCP members (the full membership rather than those present at a meeting). Where a veto occurs, the report to the PCC must include a statement to that effect.

Panel's review of the revised precept

On receipt of a response from the PCC notifying them of the revised precept proposal, the panel must review the revised precept proposal and make a second report to the PCC on the revised precept by 22 February. This report may:

- indicate whether the panel accepts or rejects the revised precept (although rejection does not prevent the PCC from issuing the revised precept); and
- make recommendations, including recommendations on the precept that should be issued.

If the panel fails to make a second report to the PCC by 22 February, the PCC may issue the revised precept.

Issuing the precept

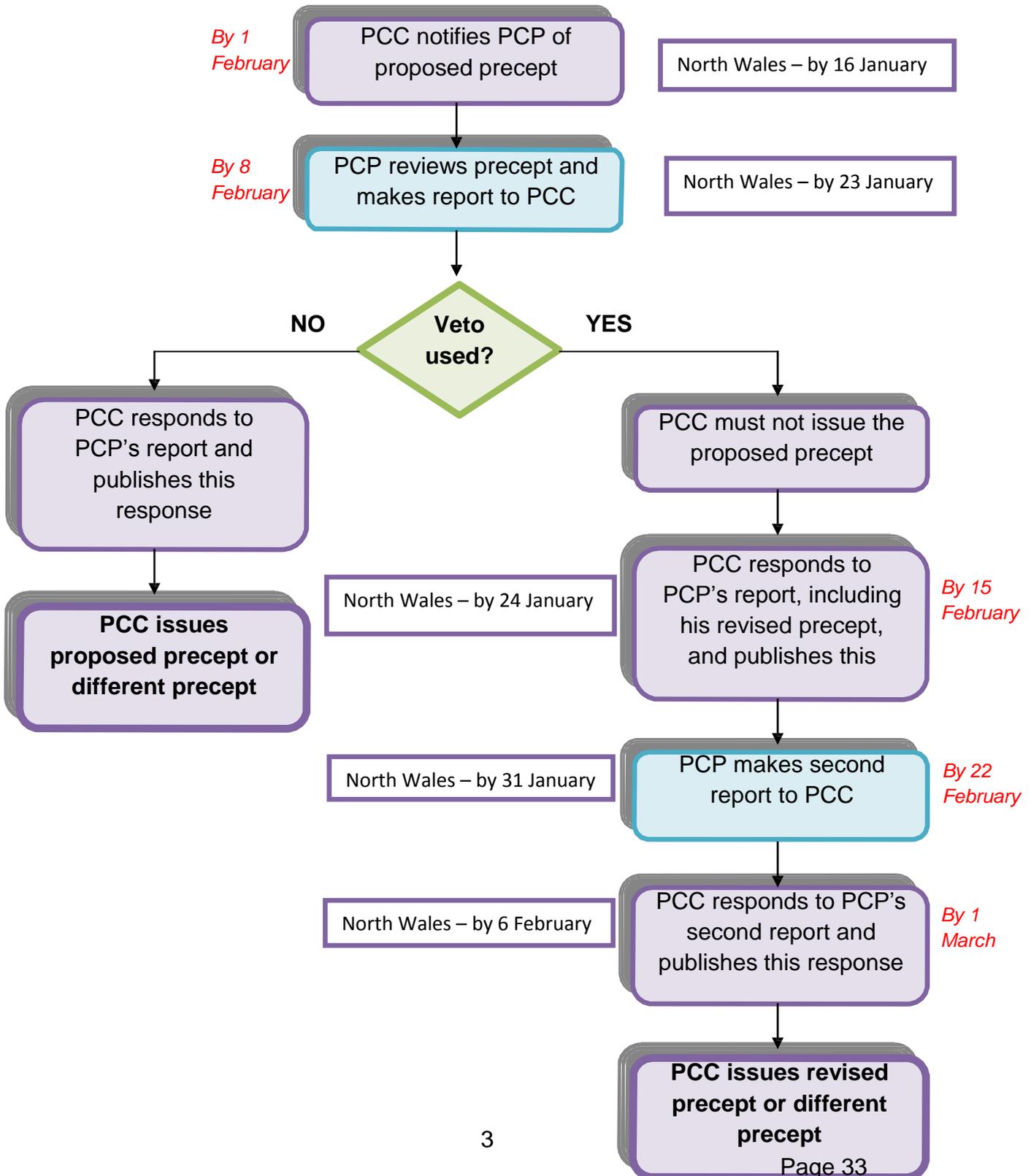
Excluding where the panel fails to report on the proposed precept by 8 February or make a second report on the revised precept by 22 February, the scrutiny process ends when the PCC gives the panel his/her response to their second report.

The PCC may then:

- issue the revised precept; or
- issue a different precept, although:

- they must not issue a precept that is higher than the revised precept if the revised precept was lowered following the panel’s initial report on the first proposed precept indicating it was vetoed because it was too high;
- they must not issue a precept which is lower than the revised precept if the revised precept was raised following the panel’s initial report on the first proposed precept indicating it was vetoed because it was too low.

Process for PCP scrutiny of PCC’s proposed precept





REPORT TO:	North Wales Police and Crime Panel
DATE:	31 October 2016
CONTACT OFFICERS:	Richard Jarvis – Lead Officer and Legal Advisor to the Police and Crime Panel Dawn Hughes – Support Officer to the Police and Crime Panel
SUBJECT:	Summary of Complaints Received

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the North Wales Police and Crime Panel (PCP) with a summary of complaints relating to the previous Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Mr. Winston Roddick CB QC during his term of office.
- 1.2 To inform the PCP that no complaints have been received relating to the newly elected PCC, Mr. Arfon Jones up to the time of writing this report.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The PCP received a total of 6 recordable complaints against the previous PCC during his term of office (see Appendix 1).
- 2.2 Five of the complaints had been previously reported to the PCP and are now closed.
- 2.3 The PCP received a further complaint on 13 January 2016, which related to the employment situation of the previous Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Further details of this complaint can be found in Paragraphs 4.3 – 4.6 of this report.

- 2.4 As previously reported, the PCP did receive 2 further complaints, however they were not recordable, as the Professional Standards Department of North Wales Police had yet to conclude their investigations. No further correspondence has been received from the complainants in relation to these complaints, so no further action will be taken at this time.
- 2.5 Whilst the PCP only has the remit to deal with complaints made against the PCC and DPCC, the PCP has received 5 complaints regarding North Wales Police between January 2016 – October 2016. These complaints have been forwarded to the Professional Standards Department and copies sent to the OPCC.

3. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 That the North Wales Police and Crime Panel notes the report and action taken in relation to the complaints received.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 The North Wales Police and Crime Panel has statutory responsibility as to the handling and determination of certain complaints made against the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC).
- 4.2 As from 1 February 2016, the PCP agreed to delegate its functions to the PCP's Lead Officer and Legal Advisor, as the previous Lead Officer (Mr. Ken Finch) had left the Host Authority.
- 4.3 The PCP received a complaint on 13 January 2016 relating to the conduct of the previous PCC with regard to the voluntary redundancy for the previous Chief Executive of the OPCC.
- 4.4 In accordance with the PCP's Complaints Procedure, the Lead Officer consulted with the Chair, Vice Chair and one Independent Member in determining the type of complaint received, the strategy for managing the complaint for informal resolution and the Panel's final resolution of the complaint.
- 4.5 Whilst the PCP is explicitly prohibited from investigating the complaint by virtue of the statutory provisions, the PCP is permitted to encourage, facilitate and assist in the informal resolution of the complaint. As part of this process, the PCP sought further information and clarification from the PCC and OPCC in relation to the complaint.

- 4.6 The PCP was of the opinion that the PCC's conduct had been appropriate and proper in the circumstances. The Assistant Auditor General for Wales (Wales Audit Office) investigated the matter and wrote to the OPCC on 18 August 2016 confirming that he intended to take no further action in this matter (unless any new information was brought to his attention).
- 4.7 The OPCC is responsible for dealing with complaints regarding the Chief Constable. Complaints are recorded in accordance with the Police Reform Act 2002 and Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Statistics are published on an annual and quarterly basis by the [Independent Police Complaints Commission](#) - the statistics provide details of the total number of complaints received by each police force.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the OPCC in relation to the complaints received.

6. RESOURCES

- 6.1 Whilst the Home Office does provide a grant to the Host Authority for administration costs, the requirement to resolve non-criminal conduct complaints against the PCC takes up a disproportionate amount of Officer time.

7. RISK

- 7.1 In order to comply with the Complaints Procedure, there is a requirement to report a summary of each complaint (such as can be reported in public) and the exercise of its functions for monitoring purposes.

8. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 To inform the PCP of the number of complaints received on a regular basis.

Complaints Received by the North Wales Police and Crime Panel

Complaint ID:	Date Complaint Received	Complaint Category	Complaint Type
1	07/03/13	Commissioner	Conduct Matter
Details of Complaint			
That Winston Roddick CB QC was not entitled to stand for election as the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner because he did not qualify in accordance with appropriate legislation			
Action			
Referred to IPCC			
Resolution			
No further action to be taken by IPCC - Matter closed			

Complaint ID:	Date Complaint Received	Complaint Category	Complaint Type
2	03/03/13	Commissioner	General
Details of Complaint			
That Winston Roddick CB QC had a dismissive attitude to a complaint made about the Chief Constable of the North Wales Police			
Action			
Referred to Panel			
Resolution			
Matter does not fall within the definition of misconduct - Matter closed			

Complaint ID:	Date Complaint Received	Complaint Category	Complaint Type
3	16/07/13	Commissioner	Conduct Matter
Details of Complaint			
That Winston Roddick CB QC failed to notify the ICO that he was processing personal information from the date that he took up office on 22 November 2012.			
Action			
Referred to IPCC			
Resolution			
OPCC now registered with ICO - Matter closed			

Complaint ID:	Date Complaint Received	Complaint Category	Complaint Type
4	12/09/13	Commissioner	General
Details of Complaint			
That Winston Roddick CB QC interfered with police operational matters.			
Action			
Referred to Panel			
Resolution			
The PCP is happy that the PCC is a conduit in such matters and no further action to be undertaken by the PCP - Matter closed			

Complaint ID:	Date Complaint Received	Complaint Category	Complaint Type
5	15/10/13	Other	General
Details of Complaint			
That the Police failed to record complaints			
Action			
Referred to Panel			
Resolution			
Matter does not fall within the remit of the PCP - Matter closed			

Complaint ID:	Date Complaint Received	Complaint Category	Complaint Type
6	13/01/16	Commissioner	Conduct Matter
Details of Complaint			
To request that the PCP launches an urgent investigation into the conduct of the PCC for North Wales with regards to the employment situation of the previous Chief Executive (CEO) of the OPCC.			
Action			
Referred to Panel			
Resolution			
The PCP is of the opinion that the PCC's conduct has been appropriate and proper. The CEO applied for voluntary redundancy, met the criteria and the PCC had no option but to sanction the request - Matter closed			

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12 Dec 2016	Update on Budget for 2016/17	Kate Jackson, Chief Finance Officer (OPCC)
23 Jan 2017	Budget and Precept Setting Report 2017/18 To consider the proposed precept for 2017/18	Arfon Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner
23 Jan 2017	Medium Term Financial Plan The aim of this paper is to give details of how the budget has been balanced to date and the plans for balancing future years whilst maintaining performance and ensuring local and national priorities are achieved	Kate Jackson, Chief Finance Officer (OPCC)
23 Jan 2017 13 March 2017	Police and Crime Plan	Arfon Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner
13 March 2017	Timetable of meetings for 2017/18	Host Authority

Date	Subject	Responsible Officer (including e-mail address)
Future Items		
TBC	Annual review of the membership of the Police and Crime Panel To ensure the Elected Members of the Panel, shall, as far as practical, reflect the political balance and community demographic of North Wales.	Host Authority
TBC	Review of the Police and Crime Panel's Terms of Reference To review the Terms of Reference to ensure they remain fit for purpose.	Host Authority