

SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE GWENT POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

DATE: 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report is made in accordance with the Gwent Police and Crime Panel's statutory duty contained in Paragraph 28(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

2.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the establishment of a Police and Crime Panel (PCP) within each police force area to support and challenge the local Police and Crime Commissioner.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner notified the Gwent Police and Crime Panel of his draft Annual Report for 2022/23 on the 16th June 2023 and the Gwent Police and Crime Panel met on the 23rd June 2023 to consider and make recommendations (if necessary).

4. Comments of the Police and Crime Panel

4.1 The Annual report was considered the draft annual report and made the following comments:

Key Commitments,

A Member wished to know how the effectiveness of engagement with communities was being monitored. The PCC highlighted two strands of engagement, the first was remotely involving the distribution of surveys and the second was physical and involved teams going to public locations in order to engage with members of the public about the work of the OPCC. The Head of Communications and Engagement added information on the work of the Corporate Communications Team within Gwent Police and also highlighted bespoke communication plans which complimented the work on the ground.

The Member stressed the importance of ensuring that online information on the Gwent Police website was kept up to date. The DPCC observed that highlighting the effectiveness of public engagement would be an action point before the annual report was published.

Partnership Working

A Member requested more information on Wales leading the way in terms of partnership working. The PCC gave details of partnership working with other public agencies and stressed that he attended the Gwent Public Service Board as a statutory invitee only as policing in Wales was not a devolved matter.

5. OUTCOME

5.1 The OPCC noted the discussion on the Annual Report and actions agreed.

6. STATUTORY POWERS

6.1 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

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