

Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

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Date: Wednesday 17 May 2006

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Venue: National Assembly for Wales

Title: The Police Authorities of Wales Evidence to Social Justice and Regeneration Committee: Connecting Policing to Communities - A model for Wales - Summary of Responsibilities

Eventually Regional Policing Committees To Be Based On WLGA Regions But For First Two Years
Four Existing Police Authority Regions To Be Maintained To Allow Seamless Transition

Strategic Police Authority (SPA)

1. The Body Corporate (Statutory Functions and legal entity for, employment, property, contracts, litigation etc.,)
2. Maintaining an effective and efficient police service.
3. Holding and setting the budget/Council Tax precept and allocating priorities to resources.
4. Working with national agencies and partners.
5. Setting policy and strategic direction including formulating Standing Orders and

Financial Regulations.

6. Issuing an Annual Plan and Annual Report.
7. Ensuring Best Value and commissioning of services including audit and inspection activity.
8. Appointing, dismissing and undertaking PDR's/Bonus Schemes for Chief Officers.
9. Agreeing appropriate terms and conditions of service for police officers and staff including appeals.

10. Investigating complaints against Chief Officers.
11. Administering Police Appeals Tribunals.
12. Appointing Independent and Lay Justice Members.
13. Establishing a Code of Conduct and maintaining high ethical standards supported by training.
14. Establishing a Race Equality Scheme for Wales and responsibility for all Diversity matters.
15. Establishing and promoting a composite Welsh language Scheme.
16. Approving strategy for key areas of business such as major contracts and investments.

Regional Committees (Led by Lead Strategic Police Authority Member)

1. Administering and implementing Strategic Police Authority's policies at regional and BCU levels (i.e. acting on delegated powers, provided that S.107 of LGA 1972 is repealed, with no direct functional responsibilities).
2. Closing the significant geographical/cultural governance and accountability gap between strategic and BCU levels.
3. Working with WAG/WLGA and other partners at regional level.
4. Administering the Custody Visiting and Animal Welfare Schemes.
5. Monitoring of regional and local performance and holding ACPO Regional command to account for satisfactory delivery of service.
6. Providing accountability and scrutiny at BCU/Local Authority level including the enhancement of public accountability of Community Safety Partnerships.
7. Subject to this function being delegated to the SPA, ensuring that Section 17 of CDA obligations are carried out effectively.
8. Financial oversight of BCU funding and ensuring spend against SPA's priorities.
9. In conjunction with CSP's, setting and overseeing effective and consistent consultation and engagement with the communities within the region to take account of local diversity.

10. In conjunction with CSP's, producing and disseminating information to the public so that within the region there is good understanding of how policing and community safety is being delivered and how the public can access, engage and influence local policing and community safety. In turn raising the profile of the Strategic Police Authority and enhancing its own public accountability.

11. Ensuring local policing plans are coherent with strategic and partner plans.

12. Consulted upon appointments of Divisional/BCU Commanders.

13. Through its overarching role identifying and disseminating good practice throughout the region thus ensuring consistency of service to avoid "post code policing".

14. Operating the "trigger mechanism" or "call for community action" by ward Councillors when public dissatisfaction displayed with local service delivery.

Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's) (Led by Strategic/Regional Committee Police Authority Member and Local Authority Community Safety Cabinet Portfolio Member)

1. Facilitating and co-ordinating community engagement and provision of information within neighbourhoods.

2. Setting local targets, objectives and priorities in tune with community wishes.

3. Reporting back to 'parent' organisations on key issues.

4. Harnessing public support, assistance and involvement in community safety and policing issues.