

GWENT POLICE AUTHORITY

Professional Standards Committee

Date: 10th November 2009

Item No: 4b

Heading: Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) Annual General Meeting

Report Author: Chief Executive

SUMMARY

The AGM of the ICVA is to be held on 5th December. The Police Authority is a member of the Association and has been asked to nominate a regional representative to the Executive Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Mr J Littlechild is confirmed as the Police Authorities of Wales representative on the Executive Committee until the PAW AGM in 2010.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The ICVA is the body which provides support to Police Authorities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland in relation to Custody Visiting matters.
- 1.2 The ICVA is funded by membership fees from Police Authorities and funding from the Home Office.

2. PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE AND CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 In nominating a representative for the region, the ICVA asks that the person selected has knowledge of the independent custody visiting scheme.
- 2.2 PAW nominated Mr Littlechild as the regional representative on the ICVA at the AGM on 19th June 2009.

3. STAFFING/PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are none for Gwent Police Authority.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Gwent Police Authority currently pays a subscription fee of £500 to the ICVA. There are no additional costs attached to this.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive has consulted with colleagues at Police Authorities of Wales and with the PAW Police Authority member on the Executive Committee.

6. PROJECT ASSESSMENT FOR EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY MATTERS

- 6.1 This project/proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Police Authority's Single Equality Scheme, and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 If the recommendation is not accepted ICVA representation could be affected at a regional level.

8. STAYING AHEAD (2011 REVIEW)

- 8.1 There are no direct implications in relation to the Staying Ahead 2011 Review.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Mr Littlechild has been a member of the Executive Committee for some years and previously held the position of Chairman of the ICVA. His reappointment to the Executive Committee is recommended.

10. CONTACT OFFICER

- 10.1 Siân Curley, Business and Member Services Manager (Scheme Administrator)

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 ICVA AGM Papers – 5th December 2009

12. APPENDICES

- 12.1 None