

Police Authorities of Wales

Member Feedback from Meetings

Reporting Template

Name of Meeting:	
APA – Corporate & Business Policy Network	
Lead Member:	Report Author:
Cllr Jeff Edwards (Unavailable)	Mark Brace (Performance Manager SWPA)
Date & Venue of Meeting:	
7 October 2009, APA, London	
Key Issues Raised:	
<p>Objective Costing and Mutual Aid: Derek Smith (Director of Resources, West Midlands Police) provided an update on the Police Objective Analysis tool which is designed to compare Forces on various levels based on £/000 population. Concern was expressed that this could be used by HMIC and Home Office as another measure to assess Police Authorities (I will try and try and get copy of the presentation for circulation).</p> <p>Derek Smith also provided an update on the revised guide for mutual aid, which is hoped to be an improvement on the Hertfordshire Agreement. Various concerns were raised, especially around the point at which mutual aid becomes collaboration, which may have a bearing on All Wales initiatives. Negotiations are still ongoing but it was stressed that an agreement needed to be completed as soon as practicable. This issue will also be taken to the APA Board.</p>	
<p>Performance Landscape: The APA is looking to develop a support package for Police Authorities who need assistance or guidance with performance management issues. In addition, the APA are seeking to deliver their revised “Can you manage it?” performance training package to be delivered through NPIA facilities. The APA will also be circulating the “banding analysis” used at the Police Performance Steering Group (PPSG), which in some cases is more up to date than iQuanta. This will assist Police Authorities in obtaining relevant performance data and help make the PPSG “Ladder of Support/Intervention” process more transparent and understandable. There was some discussion on this topic as some Members questioned whether the responsibility for creating a support package should sit with the APA, and that maybe this should be within the remit of the NPIA.</p>	
<p>Use of Resources: There was general unhappiness with the process changes that have been implemented within the Use of Resources process. Another, connected, issue was that Members were concerned over the number of different inspection regimes and the data/information required for each process.</p> <p>PATS and ACPO have made representation on the changes at a national level. There was a suggestion that a national conference should be organised to discuss the issues and to define the key data that needs to be collected for inspections and audits.</p>	

Inspections:

Members were unhappy around the preparation and planning of inspections and mentioned that in some cases there had been misadministration and bad management by inspection teams. HMIC have promised to look into this and are setting up a quality assurance panel, on which the APA will have an input.

One area of interest was that some Police Authorities were developing a Press Strategy for the inspections including releasing a press release after every HMIC meeting during the process to enforce positive messages.

Future White Paper issues:

A White Paper on Policing and Crime was announced in May, and the expected published date is November 2009. As the APA will need to have an input to the White Paper, Members were asked for suggestions to be taken forward as part of the discussions. Suggestions included:

- Finance and Efficiency
- Performance
- Corporate Governance
- Clarity on role of HMIC
- Tripartite Agreement on regulations
- Agreement on annual data collection sets
- Home Office support to Police Authorities in view of their increasing role and responsibilities.

Further suggestions are invited from Members.

Freedom of Information Requests:

Members were asked to note that the APA had become aware that a number of Police Authorities had received a Freedom of Information request from the Football Association regarding charging for football events. It was suggested that this may be an information gathering process by the Football Association around charging policies within Force areas. Police Authorities were asked to take note.

Actions to be taken:**Actions completed:**

Please return the completed form to Maria Chapman, PAW Executive Support Officer, via email: maria.chapman@gwent.pnn.police.uk for inclusion in the next PAW agenda.