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## CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Committee** COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date and Time of Meeting** WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY 2021, 4.30 PM

Please find below correspondence send by the Committee Chair following the meeting, together with any responses received.

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5 July 2021



Chairs of the Community Safety Leadership Board & Delivery Group

*Sent via e-mail*

Dear Chairs,

**COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19 MAY 2021 –  
WORKING TO PREVENT DRUG DEALING AND DRUG RELATED CRIME IN  
CARDIFF FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19.**

Please accept my thanks on behalf of Committee Members for attending the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee to facilitate our consideration of how the Community Safety Partnership is working to prevent drug dealing and drug related crime in Cardiff following the outbreak of Covid-19. Our thanks also go to the external witnesses who attended the meeting for providing sincerely valued contribution and insight.

Cardiff's drug dealing and drug-related crime landscape is multifaceted, and careful consideration needs to be given to the different types of drug use and users, the types of ASB and crime that can stem from drug use, the reasons why individuals are drawn into drug use and an understanding of the complex needs that are associated with users. With this in mind and in a bid to assist you in addressing this challenging and complex issue, Members of the Committee have requested that I feed back the following comments and recommendations for your consideration:

**Eradicating Drug Dealing and Public Engagement**

During the meeting, we explored if it would ever be possible to eradicate drug dealing. The subsequent discussions highlighted the difficulty in achieving this objective due to the issue of supply and demand and the requirement of changing people's behaviour

particularly in terms of substance misuse. Although this is acknowledged and understood, Members do feel it is a responsibility of the Partnership to greater challenge the growing culture and acceptance of drug-use within society, which in turn will help to eradicate the backdrop of a perceived normalisation of drugs.

Further to this, we also explored why in some instances individuals who are found in possession of a small amount of cannabis for personal consumption face no criminal charges. It was explained, that it comes down to a question of judgement on where the harm lies, with some individuals who consume drugs often vulnerable and victims themselves, with drug dealers pushing drugs into communities and drawing potentially vulnerable individuals into drug activity.

Although this is understood, it could be argued that varying enforcement on drug related crimes almost stimulates a perception that repercussions of drug related crime such as possession are lax, thereby allowing more individuals to fall into a drug related lifestyle and all of its significant and damaging ramifications through the initial instance of drug consumption. As highlighted within the meetings discussions, the sensitives and importance of targeted enforcement is crucial and it is vital that where and when appropriate the police offer relevant support however do so without jeopardising their role as an effective deterrent.

As evidenced in the Ask Cardiff 2020-21 survey results, too many residents in Cardiff do not feel safe. This should be addressed by stronger communication and engagement between the Partnership and the public, which is crucial in not only improving relationships, but addressing this perception and stimulating public assurance and feelings of safety. The need to empower communities and provide residents with the confidence to report incidents also needs to be more greatly stimulated and utilised. As such, Members **recommend** that the Community Safety Partnership more greatly conveys to the public, through a range of outlets, that any form of drug-related activity is not acceptable. The same communication should also strive to encourage the public to report incidents by providing clarity on what to report and how. In addition, the messaging should also look to provide public assurances, giving members of the public confidence to report, by advising them if and how their

input could be anonymised or other assurances to stimulate greater engagement and instil confidence.

Remaining within the field of communication, Members also **recommend** the Partnership strengthen its public engagement, particularly in a hyper-local setting, by generating higher community involvement and awareness of your work. Members feel this could be achieved through the creation of a social media account for the Partnership, distribution of leaflets, establishing local drop in sessions (either in person or virtual), attending local groups and including an 'easy chat box' on your website to again stimulate understanding and public engagement with the Partnership.

Members note the acknowledgment made at the meeting that public engagement between the police and the public has subsided recently due to outbreak of Covid-19 and Members look forward to receiving the briefing referenced by police officers on this matter and hope the above recommendations also stimulate progression on this matter.

### **Early Intervention**

A clear message reiterated throughout the meeting was the importance of early intervention and the importance of identifying individuals who require support and assistance in advance of them entering into any form of drug related activity. Members note and welcome the amount of work ongoing in relation to youth services by the Partnership particularly with regard to sport which was frequently referenced at the meeting. The progression of such work is extremely valuable particularly given the previous reduction in council youth services. Being mindful to the former reduction, and the importance of early intervention, Members **recommend** the development of additional youth services by the Partnership. Members feel the Partnership should expand on their work by working with relevant charities to develop other opportunities within other sectors, such as arts, or technology in order to ensure the best possible opportunities are developed and available. It must also be a responsibility of the Partnership to ensure that these activities and opportunities are adequately advertised and signposted to the younger generation, by the police or other relevant bodies at every possible opportunity.

Members note the comments made about the work taking place in schools under the Wales Police Schools Programme and wish to request further information. Members would appreciate detail on when the Programme was launched, its purpose, how it is being delivered, what schools are in receipt of the programme in the South Wales area, clarity on the 'whole school approach' referenced at Committee and insight into how the programme links with the neighbourhood policing team. Members also wish to stress that although it is crucial awareness and support is offered at school, some vulnerable individuals may not always be easily identified within a school setting and Members wish to stress the importance of ensuring that support opportunities, and the presence of relevant bodies is displayed and present through all possible avenues.

In addition to the above, Committee Members are aware that Cardiff University are currently undertaking a research project to develop an early identifier of children who are susceptible to becoming homeless or involved in drugs through the completion of an assessment. The purpose of this work is to identify and support vulnerable individuals at an early stage; prior to the individual becoming homeless or possibly involved in drug related activity. Members would strongly urge the Partnership link in to Cardiff University in the development and delivery of this work in order to determine other outlets where individuals, particularly those at risk of going undetected, and who may not have an adequate support network can be identified.

### **Grooming**

With regards to grooming, identifying both vulnerable individuals and families who require support is key to tackling and preventing this issue and Members heard about a number of campaigns run by external bodies towards helping the public identify signs of cohesion and grooming. The importance of information sharing and a joined up approach between all of the Partnerships responsible authorities was also highlighted. In tackling this issue, it is fundamental that public awareness on grooming and the signs of grooming and cohesion is strongly communicated by the Partnership and Members wish to request information on what work the Partnership is leading and initiating in terms of grooming; along with evidence on the success of your work.

Given the importance of early intervention highlighted above, and throughout the meeting, Members would strongly urge the Partnership to consider implementing a priority specifically around addressing grooming in one of your thematic subgroups.

### **PCSOs**

During the meeting, Members sought clarity on the role of local neighbourhood policing along with the possibility that if forces had more PCSO's this in turn would generate greater intelligence and community engagement. The significant value of PCSO's and intelligence based policing was highlighted to Members, along with the reasoning for the distinction between PCSOs and police officers. Given the value of PCSOs, and the additional work required in engaging with members of the public, Members would strongly urge and welcome the recruitment of additional PCSOs within the South Wales Police force along with greater explanation to members of the public on the purpose and distinction between PCSO's and police officers.

Members also wish to stress, that in addition to the importance of intelligence based policing, as representatives of our local communities, it is apparent that the visibility of police is important for members of the public and that greater police visibility will likely increase people's confidence in the police, which in turn will generate greater engagement and intelligence. As such, Members strongly urge greater visibility of the police within local communities. Not only in open spaces, but through greater presence and interaction on social media, particularly on a hyper-local level with strong messages also being delivered that reinforce to the public that even if the police are not necessarily seen, their work is ongoing toward keeping communities safe.

As mentioned at the meeting, it is acknowledged that some councillors and their local police team have excellent relationships, however unfortunately this is not necessarily replicated through all Cardiff wards. Members wish to stress the importance in ensuring that the relationship and partnership between local police teams and relevant councillors is sufficient across the city as this will help stimulate greater public engagement and better address local issues.

## **Measuring Success**

During the meeting we discussed if the Partnership sets targets in order to determine, measure and evidence its success and outcomes. As highlighted by the Co-Chairs of the Leadership Board, due to the complexity of this issue there are challenges in determining and setting useful targets which stimulate successful outcomes and delivery. It was also acknowledged that for some areas of the work, particularly those which may relate to clerical tasks, the setting of targets may be attainable and useful. The sensitives and challenges in setting targets presented at the meeting were acknowledged and understood by Committee Members, however it is felt that due to the importance of the work carried out by the Partnership, evidencing your outcome and impact is of the utmost importance. As such, Members **recommend** the Partnership consider a tangible way in which it can evidence how its work is impacting communities which will not only serve as a useful tool and insight into evidencing and measuring your success, but also in identifying your outcomes and possible areas for improvement.

Thank you once again to you and officers for attending Committee. For ease of reference, the recommendations and requests captured within this letter, which require a response, are as follows:

### **Request:**

- Further information on the Wales Police Schools Programme; detail on when the Programme was launched, its purpose, how it is being delivered, what schools are in receipt of the programme in the South Wales area, clarity on the 'whole school approach' referenced at Committee and insight into how the programme links with the neighbourhood policing team.
- Information on what work the Partnership is doing with respect to grooming, how the Partnership is linking into the campaigns referenced at the meeting, what the Partnership are initiating and taking forward toward tackling grooming; along with evidence on the success of your work.

### **Recommendations:**

- The Community Safety Partnership more greatly convey to the public, through a range of outlets, that any form of drug-related activity is not acceptable. The



communication should also strive to encourage the public to report incidents by providing clarity on what to report and how. In addition, the messaging should also look to provide public assurances, giving members of the public confidence to report, by advising them if and how their input could be anonymised or other assurances to stimulate greater engagement and instil confidence.

- The Community Safety Partnership strengthen its public engagement particularly on a hyper-local setting by generating higher community involvement and awareness of your work. Members feel this could be achieved through the creation of a social media account, distribution of leaflets, establishing local drop in sessions (either in person or virtual) attending local groups and including an 'easy chat box' on your website to again stimulate understanding and public engagement with the Partnership.
- The Community Safety Partnership develops additional youth services by working with relevant charities to develop other opportunities within other sectors, such as arts, or technology in order to ensure the best possible opportunities are developed and available. It must also be a responsibility of the Partnership to ensure that these activities and opportunities are adequately advertised and signposted to the younger generation, by the police or other relevant bodies at every possible opportunity.
- The Community Safety Partnership consider a tangible way in which it can evidence how its work is impacting communities which will not only serve as a useful tool and insight into evidencing and measuring your success, but also in identifying your outcomes and possible areas for improvement.

I hope you find the discussions held within committee, along with the comments, observations and recommendations captured within this letter of use and we look forward to your response.

Yours,



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**Chairman - Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee**

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Annwyl/Dear Councillor Jenkins

### **CASSC - 19 May 2021 - Working To Prevent Drug Dealing And Drug Related Crime In Cardiff Following The Outbreak Of Covid-19**

Thank you for your letter following the Community Safety Partnership's attendance at the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee covering the topic of 'Working to prevent drug dealing and drug related crime in Cardiff following the outbreak of Covid-19'.

We hope that the session proved informative and comprehensive in explaining the Partnership's public-health approach to substance misuse and provided insight into our associated programmes of work which cover our response to the impact of drug-related crime in the city.

In this letter, please find a written response from the Community Safety Partnership to the recommendations and requests for further information raised by committee members, reflecting the format of the letter received by the partnership. We sincerely apologise for the delay in responding.

#### **Response to recommendations and requests from members of the Committee**

1. Request for further information:

- a) **Further information on the Wales Police Schools Programme; detail on when the Programme was launched, its purpose, how it is being delivered, what schools are in receipt of the programme in the South Wales area, clarity on the 'whole school approach' referenced at Committee and insight into how the programme links with the neighbourhood policing team.**

#### **GWEITHIO DROS GAERDYDD, GWEITHIO DROSOCH CHI**

Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

#### **WORKING FOR CARDIFF, WORKING FOR YOU**

The Council welcomes correspondence in Welsh, English or bilingually. We will ensure that we communicate with you in the language of your choice, as long as you let us know which you prefer. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to delay.

Following a review by Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables, with Welsh Government Ministers and consultation with teachers, pupils and parents across Wales, the refreshed Wales Police Schools Programme is delivering a significant commitment to children and young people - boosted by the confirmation of continuing joint funding by the Welsh Government and the Police across Wales of nearly £2 million in the autumn.

The Wales Police Schools Programme is an example of Partnership Working between Welsh Government and the four Welsh Police Forces to support crime prevention and education.

The programme consists of a series of Crime Prevention inputs and lesson deliveries and supportive school policing initiatives that aim to:

- educate children and young people about the harm substance misuse can cause to their health, their families and the wider community
- promote the principles of positive citizenship through the medium of education
- achieve a reduction in the levels of crime and disorder within our young communities.

As changes emerge in the wider environment of crime and the threats facing young people, officers seconded to schools need to be agile and flexible, so Commissioners and Chief Constables agreed on a shift from a purely lesson-based approach to a 'whole school' one, with a wider pastoral role for the Schools Police Officers that is adapted to the specific needs of particular schools or units.

A snapshot of the programme's success over the period September 2020 to July 2021, across Wales, includes:

- 12,141 Crime Prevention presentations and lessons
- 91% of schools involved
- School Police Officers helped schools deal with 7,773 incidents, keeping thousands of pupils from being drawn into the criminal justice system.
- 404,255 children and young people have had lessons and inputs from School Police Officers

More information regarding the refreshed programme can be found on the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales's [website](#).

- b) **Information on what work the Partnership is doing with respect to grooming, how the Partnership is linking into the campaigns referenced at the meeting, what the Partnership are initiating and taking forward toward tackling grooming; along with evidence on the success of your work.**

The Community Safety Partnership's governance structure provides an effective multi-agency space to respond to complex safety issues involving children and young people in our city.

Most significantly, this includes robust collaboration with Children's Services and a new partnership model for adolescent safeguarding through SAFE (Safeguarding Adolescents from Exploitation), which has been successfully piloted in the north Children's Services locality and will be rolled out across Cardiff in Q.3 & Q.4 of 2021/2022.

The SAFE model was introduced in June 2021 and implements a contextual safeguarding approach to support children and young people who are victims of exploitation. The model is supporting the transition of safeguarding practice beyond traditional case management approaches to one which recognises and responds to new and emergent risks and builds upon strengths and protective factors within the home and wider community. This approach implements modern best-practice in preventing exploitation and responding to the needs of young victims.

The SAFE contextual safeguarding approach applies a screening tool to identify exploitation concerns at the point of referral. This is supplemented through Locality Based Assessment tools, completed across a partnership of stakeholders, which contributes to improved understanding of vulnerabilities linked to geographical location, peer networks, adults of influence and other risk factors, along with resilience factors that can be used to strengthen protections and support for young people who may be at risk of or experiencing exploitation.

In addition, as part of the administration's commitment to safeguarding children and young people, in response to the 'Delivering a Child Friendly Recovery' Report in May 2021 following the Covid-19 pandemic, the 'Children and Young People's Safeguarding and Recovery Board' has also been established. This board will provide oversight and strategic leadership to key areas of work to strengthen safeguarding practice in the city and will monitor the implementation of SAFE as a key priority project for the city.

The board's four areas of work are:

- Business Intelligence and Information Management - To develop a single integrated view of Children and Young People, to enable a quicker and effective cross-directorate and cross-agency analysis at a geographical level.
- Integrated Youth Services - To provide an integrated model of Youth Support Services, which offers a robust menu of provision ranging from open access to specialised support enabling young people to access what they need, when and where they need it.
- Tackling Youth Violence and Exploitation (SAFE) - To develop and implement a strategy that allows for a holistic approach to tackle the causes and consequences of both youth violence and exploitation by proactively preventing and protecting those who may have a propensity to or be vulnerable to violent crime and exploitation.

- Locality Based Services - To continue work to create multi-agency, locality based services to support children and young people, to enable a continuum of accessible services that can rapidly respond to need.

The SAFE model will be subject to ongoing evaluation with both young people and practitioners during its development and implementation phase and a performance dashboard is being developed as part of SAFE implementation to monitor the impact of the contextual safeguarding approach and support ongoing professional development.

## 2. CASSC made the following recommendations:

### 2.1 Recommendation 1

***The Community Safety Partnership more greatly convey to the public, through a range of outlets, that any form of drug-related activity is not acceptable. The communication should also strive to encourage the public to report incidents by providing clarity on what to report and how. In addition, the messaging should also look to provide public assurances, giving members of the public confidence to report, by advising them if and how their input could be anonymised or other assurances to stimulate greater engagement and instil confidence.***

#### 2.1.1 Response - Partially accept

We agree with the Committee that consideration needs to be given to raising awareness within the community around levels of drug related activity, ensuring that this messaging goes some way to improve feelings of safety rather than the having the reverse effect.

Our current engagement focus therefore focuses on areas which we consider can have the greatest impact and optimise partnership resources:

- 1) addressing drug use through public health messaging and engagement
- 2) key pieces of localised community engagement in particular parts of the city where substance misuse is having a documented impact through e.g. drug litter

As an example of this, the 'Street Based Lifestyles and Complex Needs' Group focuses on those who are affected by multiple issues such as alcohol, drugs, mental health, physical health problems and learning difficulties.

This Group has four work streams; one of which Residential Engagement. A key element of this work stream is the development of a Communications Plan which aims to:

- raise awareness with public around the complex needs of drug users

- improve public perceptions of feelings of safety, through promoting good practice
- to raise awareness of the different methods of reporting drug related behaviour, begging, and drug litter, so that the partnership can better respond

These are, of course National issues that require co-ordinated action and effective interventions across the whole of the UK. Activities such as county lines serve to demonstrate that issues cannot be dealt with locally without an understanding of the wider issues.

## **2.2 Recommendation 2**

***The Community Safety Partnership strengthen its public engagement particularly on a hyper-local setting by generating higher community involvement and awareness of your work. Members feel this could be achieved through the creation of a social media account, distribution of leaflets, establishing local drop in sessions (either in person or virtual) attending local groups and including an 'easy chat box' on your website to again stimulate understanding and public engagement with the Partnership.***

### **2.2.1 Response - Not accepted**

We agree with the Committee on the importance of public communication and engagement on community safety issues. Community safety depends at its heart on partnership working between the police and the local authority, involving other agencies and the local community as partners. Recent work in Cardiff has re-established the central nature of this approach. The current approach being adopted by the Commissioner and Chief Constable has stressed the need for local Councillors and PCSO's to work together on local issues and to communicate well with each other.

The Councils own Community Safety Team is a small team of specialist staff primarily focused on project coordination and strategy development, delivering on the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership. The Community Safety Team work alongside the partnership's respective communications teams to deliver key messages to the public and raise awareness of the partnership's work at a city-level. Using the well-established communication and community engagement channels that already exist across the partnership provides a greater reach across the city than the use of bespoke channels established by the Community Safety Partnership.

That said, the team have been able to undertake and coordinate small scale community engagement exercises in key areas across Cardiff where these connect to our existing priorities and engaged with newly formed community groups to build awareness of support services and signpost to funding opportunities.

There is currently also a Community Safety Partnership mailbox which is used to engage with Councillors who wish to report emerging community issues at a local level. The team can respond to these by coordinating a multi-agency response which

has been very effective in resolving the majority of reported incidents. Where issues are more complex in nature they are referred to the Problem Solving Group for further discussion and action. Councillor sub-groups are held to update on key pieces of work to ensure everyone is well sighted and can further relay the great partnership work that is being taken forward with fellow constituents.

The police conduct Operation Perception surveys on a face to face basis with the community in key areas where it is felt that there is a need to drill down into the local issues. This provides a detailed understanding and evidence base for targeting issues and this information is fed into the Problem Solving Group for action as required. The local police team in Cardiff and the Vale is being strengthened in terms of its capacity for local joint working on community safety and this will further assist the partnerships developments during the coming year.

As such, the Partnership will not be progressing this recommendation as appropriate and resource-efficient mechanisms are already in place to deliver an engagement and communications function across the Partnership's broad portfolio of work and this would constitute duplication.

### **2.3 Recommendation 3**

**The Community Safety Partnership develops additional youth services by working with relevant charities to develop other opportunities within other sectors, such as arts, or technology in order to ensure the best possible opportunities are developed and available. It must also be a responsibility of the Partnership to ensure that these activities and opportunities are adequately advertised and signposted to the younger generation, by the police or other relevant bodies at every possible opportunity.**

#### **2.3.1 Response- Partially accepted**

The Community Safety Partnership recognises the importance of diversionary and supportive youth work and provision as part of a broad city-wide approach to public safety and is fully engaged in the development of a future youth work offer for the city to contribute. It is agreed that this contributes to holistic crime prevention and the effective safeguarding and support of vulnerable young people who may become involved in crime or become victims of crime.

A programme of work led by the Council's Education Department is already underway to strengthen the universal and specialist youth work offer in the city. This work is overseen by the 'Children and Young People's Safeguarding and Recovery Board' as one of their four priority workstreams, as explained in an earlier response above, providing connectivity and alignment to the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

In terms of current practice, the Partnership already play an important influencing role in aligning specialist youth work to the young people who need it most through data sharing, our new collaborative and evidence-led SAFE model and other locality-based working such as our problem-solving groups and other Task & Finish groups



addressing complex issues such as youth-related anti-social behaviour. This approach has enabled the deployment of specialist youth services to key areas in the city, in response to crime data and community intelligence.

The Police and Crime Commissioner through the South Wales Police Youth Trust, is working closely with Cardiff Metropolitan University, as well as other Cardiff Council Departments to promote targeted sport interventions with young people at risk of harm or of offending. There are also strong existing relationships with the voluntary sector, with the Cardiff Voluntary Sector Council (C3SC) represented on Problem Solving Groups and local youth service providers, such as boxing clubs and the football foundation, actively engaged in the delivery of diversionary projects coordinated by the Community Safety Partnership. Examples of recent delivery include Kicks football diversionary sessions provided in Pentwyn and Llanederyn in response to youth-related anti-social behaviour, non-contact boxing in Trowbridge and a long-standing partnership with Tiger Bay Boxing Club in Butetown.

## **2.4 Recommendation 4**

***The Community Safety Partnership consider a tangible way in which it can evidence how its work is impacting communities which will not only serve as a useful tool and insight into evidencing and measuring your success, but also in identifying your outcomes and possible areas for improvement.***

### **2.4.1 Accepted**

The Community Safety Team are currently developing an Intelligence Dashboard which shows police reported crime data, highlighting trends and identifying hotspots. The dashboard provides an effective tool to monitor the impact of campaigns, operations and other interventions by locality and on a city-wide basis to understand if there are any issues with crime displacement.

Our ambition is to further develop the dashboard by adding other data rich sources such as, public perception indicators including Ask Cardiff and evidence from Operation Perception (police led face to face surveys), and other partnership data from the health board and key Council services, building a detailed and informative assessment of local crime and its impact on the city. This data will also provide the basis for ongoing evaluation and impact assessment, to support future evidence-led approaches to public safety.

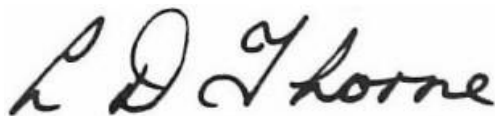
The Community Safety Partnership has pioneered an evidence-led multi-agency approach to community safety problem solving, a model which has been recognised as effective best practice across the South Wales force area. Our problem-solving approach has informed the development of a range of tools and approaches which will support future ways of working and the Council's Community Safety Team has a strong commitment to the partnership's ongoing development and modernisation, led by data and delivered with resource optimisation.

This compliment's work that is being undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner in conjunction with other organisations particularly Probation to improve the information available on offenders in the local area. Policing in Wales and the WLGA have established the Safer Communities Board for Wales and are developing the Safer Communities Network which will enable the local police and local authorities to help each other in restoring the best possible levels of community safety which went through a difficult time when resources were lost during the period of austerity. Cardiff is playing a strong role in promoting best practice in community safety.

Yn gywir  
Yours sincerely



**Alun Michael**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales**



**Councillor / Y Cynghorydd Lynda Thorne**  
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