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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision** | |
| PCCG-2023-043 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision |
| Subject | Gwent Drug and Alcohol Service Contract |
| Summary | To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to support the extension of the Gwent Drug and Alcohol Service (GDAS) contract by 1 year, taking the service to 31 March 2026 |

**DECISION**

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| 1. | The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner for a police area makes crime and disorder grants and acts in co-operation with responsible authorities and makes arrangements with criminal justice agencies for the exercise of functions so as to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the area. This provision was further supplemented by virtue of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which provided specific arrangements for the provision of funding for victims. | |
| 2. | The Gwent Drug and Alcohol Service (GDAS) aims to engage substance-using offenders and support them to reduce offending, improve health and social functioning, engage with multi agency support, and make sustainable lifestyle changes. The primary aim of the service is to reduce substance misuse and related offending.  The GDAS contract encompasses open access and criminal justice services with HM Prison and Probation. In April 2022 a contract was awarded to G4S to deliver the criminal justice element of the contract, as subcontractors to Kaleidoscope. The contract was awarded for 3 years with a possible plus 1 year plus 1 year. Newport City Council led the procurement work for this contract and currently acts as the banker for all the partners involved. The contract is managed by the Area Planning Board Team (APB Team) who report into to the Area Planning Board (APB).  As an office we receive assurance in relation to the monitoring of the commissioned service by the APB team, APB Board and in addition, Gwent OPCC and Police are represented in the appropriate governance, scrutiny, and monitoring meetings.  The total agreed contribution to the GDAS contract annually is £867,229 | |
|  | In 2023, the APB Team sought partner approval to recommend to the APB Board an extension of the GDAS contract at the end of the original 3-year term for a further 12 months until March 2026.  Further to discussions prior to and formally at the December 2023 APB, the OPCC would like to officially confirm its intention to extend the GDAS contract to 31st March 2026, in line with Newport City Council’s contract stipulations. This decision has been made in partnership with HMPPS partners.  We make this announcement early due to the pending OPCC elections and have been made aware that this practice is acceptable from an APB/NCC procurement point of view. We understand from our and other commissioning partners’ contract management of the current provision, that the service is providing high levels of quality both in terms of financial and operational practice.  The arrangements for the extension and continued management of the contract period are overseen by the APB Team and the APB Board. Newport City Council will continue to operate as the banker. | |
| 3. | I am satisfied with both the management and performance of the contract and as such provide approval for the recommendation. | |
| **Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent** | | |
| I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.  Any such interests are recorded below.  The above request has my approval. | | |
| Signed | | Date  22.03.2024 |
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| **Background papers** | |  |