

| <b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b> |                                                                                                                                                |
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| PCCG-2025-013                                           | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session                                                                                       |
| Subject                                                 | Contribution of Funding towards the Pride in the Port Event 2025.                                                                              |
| Summary                                                 | To record the decision to award OPCC funding to the Pride in the Port event from the Community Engagement Fund within the 2025/26 OPCC budget. |

## DECISION

1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the 'Act') 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.
2. The requirements under the Act have been considered in line with the Police, Crime and Justice Plan for Gwent.  
  
From the 2025/26 OPCC budget, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Finance Officer of the OPCC have agreed to award £7,500 to contribute towards the delivery of Pride in the Port's 2025 festival. The event exists as a celebration and to increase community cohesion in Newport and the surrounding area. The OPCC funding awarded will support the following elements of the Pride in the Port event:
  - £1,500 – Venue hire
  - £1,000 – Supporting and upskilling our volunteers, with a focus on anti-terrorism awareness and general event support training
  - £3,000 – Platforming LGBTQIA+ talent, with a focus on underrepresented communities
  - £1,000 – Marketing to ensure the event is as accessible and visible as possible
  - £1,000 – Contributing towards their security bill, which has significantly increased this year due to the matchday overlap with Bristol Rovers vs Newport County

Whilst the nominal maximum award from the Community Engagement Fund was set at £5,000, the ability to award larger amounts providing there is sufficient justification is permitted. The rationale for the additional funding for Pride in the

Port has been agreed due to the scale of activity being delivered. Pride in the Port 2025 is a larger scale event that will take place over 10 days in September 2025. The event is a festival as opposed to a one-off event and as such the decision was made to award increased funding based on the scale of the event. Newport is also the venue for the National Pride event in 2026 and as such, the 2025 event is a test event ahead of the much larger national event taking place in 2026.

In response to a declaration of interest from the Police and Crime Commissioner who has removed herself from the review process, this decision has been agreed and approved under delegated powers by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Finance Officer of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.

Staff from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent will be attending the event as part of our overarching engagement strategy as a means to engage and consult with attendees, aiming to help improve trust and confidence in policing and as an opportunity to discuss any concerns or issues attendees may wish to highlight.

4. The arrangements for the award will be set out in OPCC documentation which will include appropriate terms and conditions, purpose of the award and payment arrangements.

In order to monitor the funding awarded and provide assurance that funding allocated is effectively meeting the priorities of the Community Engagement Fund, as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan, Pride in the Port is required to submit their end of year report/documentation so that this can be reviewed by the OPCC, this may also be accompanied by a site visit.

Pride in the Port will be required to accept the above terms and conditions, by signing and returning the relevant OPCC documentation.

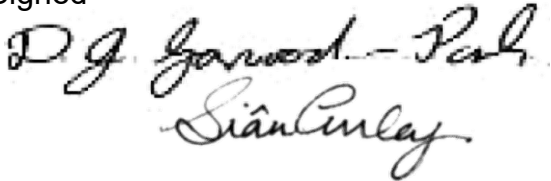
**Darren Garwood-Pask, Chief Finance Officer – Gwent OPCC**

**Sian Curley, Chief Executive Officer – Gwent OPCC**

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 the code of conduct of the OPCC.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has the approval of the Officers named above.

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| Signed<br> | Date<br>31.07.2025                |
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| <b>Background papers</b>                                                                    | None                              |