

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Michael Williams

In light of concerns expressed over the summer by leaders of the Association of Police and Crime commissioners (APCC) around the dangers of a 'No Deal' Brexit, what contingency plans is the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys, Dafydd Llywelyn, making, in collaboration with his commissioner colleagues in the North Wales, South Wales and Gwent police force areas?

Given the real concerns expressed around security of supply of food and medical supplies, in the event of 'No Deal,' what consideration has been given to the cancelling of leave across Dyfed- Powys Police in March/April 2019 to ensure community safety?

In addition, what action is being undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner to spearhead preparations with the Public Service Boards in Powys, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire, in the face of this unfortunate eventuality?

Response

The Commissioner's role is to hold the Chief Constable to account for delivering an efficient and effective police force for Dyfed-Powys, but not make operational decisions. As this is an operational matter that requires a multi-agency approach, PCC Dafydd Llywelyn has sought assurance that Dyfed-Powys Police are working with partners via the Local Resilience Forum(s) and other operational groups.

Dafydd has also, on the 5th September, attended a meeting with Jo Hopkins from the Home Office in Wales, alongside Assistant Chief Constable Richard Lewis to explore and understand the operational implications in light of a potential No-Deal Brexit. He has also visited the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary and Officials, where they had specific discussions regarding the policing concerns and response regarding a No-Deal Brexit.

Dafydd has been informed that at the National Police Chiefs' Council meeting on the 17th September, Chief Constables discussed the impact of a No-Deal Brexit. It is expected that in the coming weeks there will be more rapid progress in relation to contingency planning, however they concluded that there was not any intention at this time to cancel officer's leave. This position will be continually under review and will remain an option operationally for Dyfed-Powys Police