



Business Improvement District

## **South Wales Police & Swansea Business Improvement District Ltd Proposed Swansea City Centre Baseline Line Agreement**

The Swansea City neighbourhood policing team currently consists of one sergeant, eight constables, ten police community support officers and two special constables who assist mainly on weekends.

The neighbourhood policing teams role is to make policing more visible in the community, reduce crime, the fear of crime and aid communication between the police and the community.

This is in addition to the 5 x 24hour response teams which cover the sector each consisting of an average of one sergeant & 9 constables.

The policing of the sector is also supported by a priority policing team' of one sergeant & 8 constables and also a dedicated criminal investigation department (CID).

We are fortunate in Swansea to have a two large universities and as a result we are now supported by a successful Police student volunteer scheme which has provided us with in excess of 100 police volunteers who assist policing & community safety initiatives within the sector most recently they have supported the night time economy 'Help point' initiative in conjunction with St Johns ambulance.

Specifically within the city centre itself we have two neighbourhood beat managers (constables) and two dedicated police community support officers whose role is to primarily to Work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and prevent local, low-level crime and anti-social behaviour.

The city centre team regularly run consultation exercise within the city centre to find out what really matters to those living and working within the city centre and what to focus our priorities on – these include, surveys, consultation meetings & PACT (Partners And Communities Together) meetings. These enable us to really focus on what matters. As a result we are currently running a number of partnership operations.

Awareness and enforcement regarding the use of Novel Psychoactive Substances (legal Highs). This involves working with our partners in Trading standards and drug treatment agencies.

The city has a vibrant and growing night-time economy which has recently been awarded purple flag status. The partnership operation involved in policing this 'after-dark' involves dedicated teams of officers specially employed to police the area on specific nights and key events.

Initiatives include the inception of the 'drop off point' where buses and taxis can drop off visitors in a safe, well lit environment. A dedicated 'Help-point' staffed by health care professionals, police and student volunteers. Drug itemiser operations, licensed premises visits and zoning style patrol strategy. In conjunction with this we've been supporting and assisting in the 'drink less enjoy more' campaign supported by the police commissioner promoting a safer drinking culture.

The BID additional Police Officer project is above and beyond the Police Officers and operations South Wales delivery in Swansea City Centre. The BID additionally is focused on working with the BID businesses to improve the shopper/visitor and trading environment providing a higher presence, meeting businesses one to one and the additional officer/s remaining in the BID area calling colleague support to transport offenders. South Wales Police will provide another Officer to match BID's Officer.