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Russell George AM
Chair of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee,
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
Cardiff

Dear Mr George,

In response to your correspondence, dated 1st December 2017, concerning the 'Transport Planning and Infrastructure Impact on Major Events at the Principality Stadium' please accept the South Wales Police return.

In response to the Committee's questions:

What steps have been taken since Rugby World Cup 2015 to improve transport planning and delivery for major events in Cardiff?

- Given the significant impact upon policing the capital city's transport infrastructure remains a key consideration at the planning phase for every event supported by police. In the case of 28th October police commanders made representations on their reservations given the limited rail and road network egress after the event.

What arrangements were in place to meet the needs of those travelling to and from Cardiff on 28 October?

- The Principality Stadium Management, the Fight Promoter and, crucially, Local Authority, were confident the issue could be managed through a range of measures. Those measures included an enhanced Communications Strategy highlighting the limitations of egress from the city, coach party sales promotion and advice to book accommodation. The measures were also discussed in depth at the local Safety Advisory Group.

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What particular challenges did this boxing event present and how were these considered in the planning process?

- The Event occurred on the same day as the Cardiff City v Millwall football match which brought its own policing challenges. Gold and Silver Commanders along with Police Planners ensured that a proportionate policing plan was in place so as to maintain order and ensure public safety. The consequent operation ran from 0800 hours on 28th October until 0400 hours on 29th October.

How did development work on Capital Square affect operations?

- The developments currently being built at Capital Square have necessitated the redesign of the queuing system owned by Arriva Trains Wales in loading Cardiff Central Train Station. These adjustments have been tried successfully on previous events. Other than this change, the development had no impact on the policing operation.

What steps were taken to mitigate the impact of works on the Severn Tunnel and Brynglas Tunnel?

- The methodology employed is laid out above

What was your assessment of the effectiveness of travel planning arrangements for the event? How many people were negatively affected by delays?

- It is unclear as to how many people were negatively affected however Police Officers allocated to the events were retained on duty to effectively manage increased demand within the night time economy

What lessons have been learnt from this event, and how will any lessons be applied to future events?

- Whilst highly supportive of attracting large events to Cardiff the Police have an obligation to prevent disorder and maintain public safety. All partners have a pivotal role to play in support of each agency impacted. Learning from the event Debrief includes early engagement between impacted partners so as to better mitigate risk and improve upon future operational planning.

In you require any further information, or assistance, please do not hesitate in contacting the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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