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Dear Tom,

Thank you for your question in the Senedd on 7 July with regards to the night-time economy in your area.

While policing is not devolved, we continue to invest in a partnership approach to support a safer night-time economy for all, including businesses. I have raised the issue with South Wales Police and enclose a response received.

I hope this provides reassurance that the police service is engaged with partnership working and support positive outcomes to overcome issues that impact on the quality of life to those who live, visit and work in the city centre of Swansea.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Dear Minister, Vaughan Gethin, MS

Re: Business Crime, Swansea City Centre Night Time Economy

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence concerning business crime in Swansea city centre. I am the Superintendent responsible for Operational Policing in Swansea Neath and Port Talbot, I can confirm South Wales Police is fully committed and engaged in addressing all issues associated to the day and night time economy businesses in the city centre.

South Wales Police has specific a strategy around policing the night time economy in Swansea city centre which includes enhanced visible police resources on weekends, Wednesday evenings and identified key dates. Officers are dedicated to patrolling the night time economy engaging with visitors and business to deter and prevent crime and disorder. Over the last 12 months we have also introduced plain clothes patrols to target crimes associated to vulnerability, violence against women and girls and substance misuse, we also support the dedicated Medical Help Point facility coordinated by the Police and Crime Commissioner and partner agencies.

The governance structure is embedded where partner agencies, namely the local authority, Business Improvement District (BID), Health, emergency service colleagues and identified third sector partners meet on a regular basis to problem solve to ensure crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour is addressed, and also put in place measures to enhance the positive experience for those who live, visit and work in the city centre.

The city centre is still part of the Prestigious Purple Flag scheme which it has held for the last 8 consecutive years, this scheme recognises the city for providing a vibrant and diverse mix of dining, entertainment and culture while promoting the safety and wellbeing of visitors, residents and businesses

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Strategically, South Wales Police is an invited member of Swansea Against Business Crime coordinated by BIDS and independently chaired, this structure sets the governance on how partners work together to keep people safe. We continue to have an excellent professional working relationship BID and the Chief executive Russell Greenslade who does support the various aspects of city centre policing

I hope this provides reassurance that as a police service we are fully engaged with partnership working and focus on the issues that impact on the quality of life to those who live, visit and work in the city centre. I would welcome further conversations to understand the concerns raised about the lack of strategy relating to business crime.

Regards



**Steve Jones**

**Uwcharolygydd | Superintendent**

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