NATO Summit 4 and 5 September 2014

This week over 60 world leaders will be attending the NATO Summit at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport.

In preparation for the summit, a great deal of planning is happening to ensure the event is safe and that any potential disruption for the local community is minimised.

**Bristol Airport will remain open and operate ‘business as usual’** during the summit and in the days leading up to the event. It is expected all scheduled and charter flights will be operating as normal. During the Summit light aircraft operators have been informed of a no-fly zone over the area and all private operators have been contacted separately.

Passengers will be advised to leave extra time when travelling to and from Bristol Airport during these dates to allow for any possible disruption on the roads in and around the region.

**Local road closures** will impact sections of Winters Lane and Cooks Bridal Path only and local residents and businesses will be informed separately and diversion signs will be in place.

If local residents have any concerns and need to contact the Airport Police team during office hours please ring 01275 473763. Outside of office hours please ring Avon & Somerset Police by dialing 101.

**Avon & Somerset Police have issued the following information:**

**Plans in place for NATO summit**

*Police officers from around the country are gearing up to support next week’s NATO summit in Wales – and our officers will be doing their bit to help deliver a safe event.*

*The summit takes place at the Celtic Manor resort in Gwent on Thursday September 4 and Friday September 5. The scale of the event means there will be a small impact on our area and we’ve been working closely with Gwent Police and South Wales Police to support them in delivering a peaceful and crime-free summit.*

*In the coming days and during the event itself, people may see an increase in police officers in Bristol, Bath and the surrounding area. Police officers have been drafted in from other parts of the country to help support the summit in Wales and ensure that policing in our communities in the Avon area of the force remains unaffected.*

*Hotels in the greater Bristol area and in Bath will be used by delegates and others associated with the summit and accommodation will be provided at various points in the force area to accommodate police officers from elsewhere in the country.*
Speaking about the operation, Superintendent Kevin Instance said: “We’ve been working hard to support our Welsh colleagues in delivering a safe NATO summit, and to make sure at the same time that policing on our own streets remains unaffected. There will be police officers from across the country in our area so people shouldn’t be surprised or worried if they see officers in the area with different caps and badges.

“At the moment, we don’t expect any major disruption in the city and we hope that communities will be able to go about their lives and daily business as usual without any impact from the summit.”