**SUMMARY DECISION SHEET**

**Purpose:** Commissioner Decision – Ref. DLl 306

**Timing: Routine**

**Title: Extension of Offender Diversion Scheme**

**Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Commissioning**

**Executive Summary:**

As per decision log DLl257 the PCC approved the use of the full extension period allowed within the original contract awarded to Pobl for delivery of the Offender Diversion Scheme. This takes the current end date to 2nd October 2024.

Following dedicated work within Dyfed Powys Police, referrals to the scheme are currently higher than at any time during the contract and the scheme continues to demonstrate positive outcomes for clients. Further evaluation work is planned with academic partners prior to the end of the full-term contract. This will also assist in future recommissioning decisions

The current contract end date is misaligned with financial years, making financial planning difficult both for the PCC and the provider. It also means that current recommissioning would fall near to the planned PCC elections for Term 4. It is proposed both to safeguard the scheme into Term 4 and to assist with budget setting and monitoring, that the current term be extended by 6 months to 31st March 2025.

Consultation with the provider has been undertaken and they would be willing to sign for the additional period. Budgets are set on an annual basis, so the scheme is already planned in at a full year’s cost.

**Recommendation:**

That the PCC approves a 6 month extension to the existing contract end date for the Offender Diversion Scheme, taking it to 31st March 2025. This will assist with budget setting and avoid key decisions potentially falling within the Purdah period prior to the elections for Term 4.

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Nolan Principles for Conduct in Public Life.

The above request has my approval.

**Signature:**  **Date: 29.6.23**