

**REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET****PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION****Timing:** Pressing**Title:** Establishment of the Dyfed Powys Policing Board**Category of Decision / Business Area Impact:** Organisational**Executive Summary:**

The Police and Social Responsibility Act of 2011 created a new governance landscape for England and Wales which has necessitated a change to governance and decision making procedures. On 15th January 2013, I published a paper providing early thoughts on how the relationship between the Police and Crime Commissioner and Dyfed-Powys' Police service might work in the future.

Governance is about balance. Police governance must balance the need for transparency with the legitimate concerns of an essential emergency service. It must balance the need for public accountability with the needs of the independent office of constable. It must balance the Police and Crime Commissioner's responsibility for strategic direction with the Chief Constable's responsibility for operational policing.

I propose the introduction of a Policing Board following consultation with the Chief Constable which will support greater role clarity as well as a clearer division of responsibility. By bringing decisions into a single body the Board is not intended to merge responsibilities. It is designed to deliver robust, efficient, effective and timely integrated decisions, which will ensure that DPP works as one team overarching the newly created OPCC and the existing police force.

Further information is available on the OPCC website.

Recommendation:

To establish a Policing Board which will oversee the strategic direction of the organisation.

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 has my approval.

Signature:
Date: 03-04-2013**Public Access to Information. Suitable for publication under the FOI Act 2000?****Yes / No / Partly****If part exempt, please**