

Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn, reflects on first year in office.



"A year on from the Police and Crime Commissioner elections, I've taken some significant steps towards reforming the police force, and delivering better services for communities."

Since coming into office, I have appointed a new Chief Constable and a new leadership team. I am very grateful for the response of the workforce and from communities, when I set out to establish the type of Chief Constable that was required for Dyfed-Powys Police.

I work closely with the Chief Constable, Mark Collins and we have begun attending community meetings together so that the public have a chance to discuss issues and challenge them face to face.



In terms of finances, I have been working to secure the best financial deal for Dyfed-Powys and

met with the UK Policing Minister to discuss the future funding formula. The decision to ask for an increase in the precept was not taken lightly, and was based on the consultation that determined that our communities were willing to pay more for policing.

The increase in budget will enable me to move ahead with plans to re-invest and implement the re-structuring and installation of CCTV across the Dyfed-Powys area. It will also enable enhancement to services provided to our most rural communities and improvements to be made in areas identified through HMIC inspections resulting in a more favourable grading.

I've also:

- Invested in the Cyber Crime Unit
- Secured 8 new officers who are dedicated to protecting vulnerable people
- £180,000 invested across the 4 counties to support Youth Offending and Prevention teams
- Launched the new Commissioners Community Funding equating to £75,000 which is available for Community groups.

March 2017 saw the launch of the Police and Crime Plan.

As the Police and Crime Commissioner, the security and safety of the residents served by Dyfed-Powys Police is my priority. Through the Police and Crime Plan I have set the strategic direction and priorities for Dyfed-Powys Police for the next 5 years.

Partnership working is fundamental to delivering a joined-up approach to tackling the challenges that face all public services, such as a reduction in finances, the increasing diversity of our population and the rapid advances in technology. I am working closely with community safety and criminal justice partners to ensure that services are effective and efficient at keeping people safe, supporting victims and bringing people to justice. With our partners, we will explore opportunities for the joint commissioning of services to help make our communities safer.



'Goleudy' Victim & Witness Services is a great example of a service commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner, and recently opened its lines to members of our communities who need us most – victims and witnesses of crime. It is an independent service, co-located within

Dyfed-Powys Police Headquarters. The advantage of co-locating the service is that the team are better placed to assist victims with their enquiries and resolve any dissatisfaction victims and witnesses might feel with the way in which the case is progressing.

The challenges ahead have been clear to me. The force are making great strides with body worn video and mobile technology, but there is still work to do to make the service as effective and efficient as possible.

I am clear on my priorities and will continue to hold the Chief Constable to account in respect of delivery of these. I am confident that we can return to being a leading force in England and Wales.

Thank you!

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