**SUMMARY DECISION SHEET**

**Purpose:** Commissioner Decision – Ref. DLl 192

**Timing: Urgent**

**Title: Investment into Blueprint Project**

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

**Executive Summary:**

Female Offending Blueprint Project

The joint Ministry of Justice and Welsh Government Female Offending Blueprint (2019), provides an opportunity to accelerate the reform and transformation of services for women in the Criminal Justice System (drawing on the lessons learned from the Women’s Pathfinder) through a focus on creating sustainable community-based solutions to keeping women and communities safe and free from crime, based on an evidence-led approach.

The Blueprint is being delivered via six individual workstreams, led by multi-agency, multi-disciplinary leads, providing a pan-Wales approach. A need for additional project resource to provide support and take forward research activity is required to progress the project.

A business case for additional resource was submitted by the Female Offending Blueprint Project SRO (Emma Wools) and agreed in principle by the Blueprint Programme Board in February 2020. The Business Case sets out a proposal for a shared investment by partners including Welsh Government, HMPPS and Police and Crime Commissioners for additional resource to support the Blueprint project. PCCs were asked to collectively contribute, as part of the partnership investment, approximately £30,000 in order to secure resource including a Project Officer and Research Officer (shared across Female Offending and Youth Justice Blueprint) to enable successful delivery of the Female Offending Blueprint project.



**Recommendation:**

The Commissioner to approve a £5,000 investment into project support and research officer resource for the Female Offending Blueprint project. The investment is to be shared across the four Police and Crime Commissioners, with funding contribution broken down as follows:

o Office of the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner - £15,000

o Office of the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner - £5,000

o Office of the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner - £5,000

o Office of the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner - £5,000

**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: 08.01.2021**