**SUMMARY DECISION SHEET**

**Purpose:** Commissioner Decision – Ref.DLl322

**Timing: Singular**

**Title: Dyfed Powys Police – Technical Support Unit funding**

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

**Executive Summary:**

A funding request has been received to support the purchase of equipment used in the detection of illegal substances.

The Technical Support Unit utilises covert technology to support the Serious and Organised Crime Team with their investigations. The equipment sought will underpin the force’s capability to deliver tactics addressing a key force priority: Make our area hostile to those that deal drugs.

This meets the Commissioner’s priority of preventing harm as this equipment will support the prosecution of drug dealers and associated Organised Crime Groups and stop their detrimental criminal activity in the Community.

The updated equipment would also allow Officers to provide robust data ensuring that quality evidence is introduced into the criminal justice system resulting in a more effective and efficient service.

**Recommendation:**

To provide funding of £45,417 from the Forfeiture Reserve Fund to support this activity during 2023/24 only. Any future funding requirements should be considered by internal budgets as per routine replacement programmes.

**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: 12/12/23**