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POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER

REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION

Timing: Urgent / Pressing / Routine
(Specify date required and why, where possible)

Title: Research to establish an in-depth understanding of crime, anti-social behaviour and violence in Dyfed-Powys

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Performance

Executive Summary:

Over the last two decades, crime in the UK has decreased; however, the current picture suggests that crime is shifting and in some areas there are potentially some indicators of increases starting to occur. Understanding and profiling demand and need is vital to improve performance. The Commissioner wants to further understand crime and anti-social behaviour patterns in Dyfed-Powys; to support the development and delivery of the Police and Crime Plan; and to support strategic, tactical and operational decision-making

Soon after being elected, the Commissioner secured Home Office funding, in partnership with Cardiff University, to establish a national centre of excellence for rural policing by undertaking research to develop the evidence-base about the particular challenges of rural policing and to use research evidence to inform policing and practice development. In 2014, the 'Rural Connect' research provided a baseline to help inform our understanding of the challenges of policing rural communities and to better understand how the police can connect with people living in rural communities. This work has provided Cardiff University with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the ways in which our communities work and how crime and ASB impact on them.

The Commissioner would like to build on this partnership and engage Cardiff University to provide and assessment of general crime and anti-social behaviour issues in Dyfed-Powys and to provide a detailed assessment of violent crime and the performance of the force in respect of this area of crime. This will enable them to apply their analysis of our local crime and ASB data to make informed recommendations that best fit with our local community needs and priorities.

The total cost of the research will be £46,500.

Recommendation:

That the Police and Crime Commissioner continue to engage with Cardiff University to develop the evidence base within the established partnership arrangements.

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: 08/02/2016