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REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION

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

Title: Ending of Volunteer Support Partnership

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Commissioning / Volunteers

Executive Summary:

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Dyfed-Powys acts as the voice of the public on policing and crime matters. To support the PCC in discharging his responsibilities and delivering the commitments within his Police and Crime Plan, a number of volunteer schemes are in place.

In July 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner awarded a contract to the consortium of the 4 local associations of voluntary organisations (CAVS, CAVO, PAVS and PAVO) to support the Commissioner's volunteers across the 4 counties of Dyfed-Powys. The responsibilities of the consortium included:

- Promoting volunteer opportunities;
- Providing administrative support for meetings;
- Acting as a point of contact for volunteers.

Dyfed Powys was at the time the only area within Wales to involve community and voluntary councils in the administration of the schemes. The contract was reviewed against the original objectives in July 2015, following feedback from volunteers and providers. Some of the key intentions of the contract were to improve the experience of volunteers and to reduce the administrative burden on the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, neither of which had been successfully achieved. The Commissioner considered 3 options: to continue with the existing contract; to end the contract early and go out to tender again with a revised specification; or to end the contract with the consortium, bringing the responsibilities for volunteer schemes into one role working for the Commissioner. The Commissioner also undertook an assessment of the costs of each option.

Recommendation:

- That the Commissioner ends the contract with the consortium, insourcing responsibilities for volunteer schemes to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner;
- That the responsibilities be delegated to an existing member of staff with experience of volunteer support.

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: 30.07.2015