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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: Establishing a Centre of Excellence for Rural Policing**

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

**Executive Summary:** Following a successful funding bid to the College of Policing Innovation Fund a decision was taken by the PCC to establish a Centre of Rural Policing and Justice. The Centre will seek to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the police service. This will be supported in part by establishing relationships with higher education establishments. A series of key aims have also been established. These include: establishing a platform for the national centre of excellence, undertaking research to develop an evidence base, connect Dyfed-Powys Police with academic partners and deliver capacity building events. The key deliverables are: university partners to run a 2 day intensive training course on focus group method, police staff to conduct 4 focus groups with police officers and 2 focus groups with members of the rural community. The data gathered will lead to the design and delivery of 4 themed workshops, the undertaking of an international literature review, visits to other forces to research issues and potential learning, and a one day national conference to finalise the project. The total cost for this project is £48,840. The College of Policing Innovation Fund will provide £43,840 and the PCC will contribute £5,000 in matched funding.

**Recommendation:**

The PCC to provide £5,000 in matched funding to the establishment of the Centre of Rural Policing and Justice.

**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:**

*C. R. Salmon*

**Date:**

6/2/2014