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**REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET**

**PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION / INFORMATION / BRIEFING – REF. CM.03.10.13**

**Timing: Pressing**

**Title: Policing Board**

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

**Executive Summary:**

Consideration has been given to governance arrangements through the Policing Board structure. The establishment of a Policing Board allows the Commissioner and Chief Constable to exercise their respective roles in a transparent manner. This means enshrining locally the operational independence of the police; ensuring robust scrutiny and holding the Chief Constable to account; and supporting good, effective decision making.

It is proposed that the Policing Board continues to meet for an hour on a weekly basis, with an extended monthly forum known as the Policing Performance Board. The Policing Performance Board meetings will be open to members of the public, although provision for confidential matters will be made. Details of the Terms of Reference and working arrangements are outlined in the Policing Board Charter. To support robust scrutiny of all areas of the business, a Forward Work Programme has been developed where each weekly Policing Board focuses on a core issue and each monthly Policing Performance Board will have a focus on a specific priority as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan.

**Recommendation: To consider and if deemed appropriate, approve the proposed arrangements, Policing Board Charter and supporting documentation.**

**Chief of Staff**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial and legal advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this an appropriate request to be submitted to the Commissioner.

**Signature:**

**Date: 03.10.13**

**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: 03.10.13**

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