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Dear Alun

Further to your letter received on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, please see below the Authority response requested to the points that you raise to support the important work of the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel.

- 1. Whether your authority considers there is a need to review the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan in light of the changing nature of the threats to our communities.**  
*Ceredigion County Council fully supports the Commissioner's current Police and Crime Plan. The Authority responded to the consultation at the proper time and remains of the view that the Plan is fit for purpose and that its priorities and actions also remain appropriate subject to any new trends that might occur in the future. The authority has full confidence in the existing plan.*
- 2. Whether your authority considers there is a need to review the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan in order to better align it with the well-being plan for your County and to ensure that the needs of your County's residents are addressed as effectively as possible**  
*The Ceredigion Local Well-being plan is not owned by the Authority alone, but is a joint Public Services plan formulated and approved by all partners. This includes the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, who was involved in the assessment and approval of the plan. Senior Police officers have also attended the Public Services Board partnership. The Police and Crime plan has been tabled at the PSB. The Authority is of the view that the Ceredigion Local Well-being plan and the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime plan are aligned, although the nature of the plans mean that they should set have different tasks in order to avoid duplication. In essence both plans work towards improving the well-being of the citizens of Ceredigion.*

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**3. Whether your authority considers there is a need to improve how the Police, Council and other public sector stakeholders collaborate in your County in order to promote the effective delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. If you consider improvements are needed, do you have any specific suggestions?**

*Ceredigion County Council considers that existing collaboration arrangements are good and fit for purpose to deliver the Police and Crime plan. As well as the Public Service Board, the Community Safety Partnership in Ceredigion is considered as a very effective means of facilitating collaboration between the Authority, the Police and Crime Commissioner, local and HQ based police officers and other agencies. There are also regular meetings between the Police and Crime commissioner and the Community Safety partnership managers.*

**4. Whether you consider there is a need to review the Commissioner's Rural Crime Strategy in order to better align it with the well-being plan for your County and/or improve overall the way in which rural crime is dealt with.**

*Ceredigion County Council has enthusiastically welcomed the Commissioner's Rural Crime Strategy as an innovative and exciting development. It is recognised that the Strategy is relatively recent and it needs time to bed in prior to review.*

**5. Whether you consider there is a need to review the Rural Crime Strategy in light of the changing nature of the threats to our rural communities**

*Ceredigion County Council has welcomed the earmarking of resources to tackle rural crime. The Rural crime strategy is a strategy which deals with a relatively specific area of work. Of course trends have to be monitored over time, but at the current time Ceredigion County Council would prefer that it is reviewed at a later date, as it has only recently been launched.*

**6. Whether you would like to see any change to the Commissioner's approach to the management of the Police estate, including the location/relocation of police stations in our communities.**

*The local authority understands the financial pressures that all public services are under. It takes the view that ultimately the management of the Police estate is matter for the Commissioner. Nevertheless, the Council values prior engagement and consultation in any proposals so that it can contribute comments and information to assist the Commissioner's decision making.*

I thank you for the invitation to attend the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February; unfortunately, I am unable to attend due to prior commitments. However, as Council nominated representatives on the Police and Crime Panel, we would be grateful if you along with Councillors Keith Evans and Lloyd Edwards could convey the Council's views to the Panel.

Yours sincerely



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