

DYFED-POWYS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
15/02/19

**PANEL PRIORITY 2 – HOW THE POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER HOLDS THE CHIEF CONSTABLE TO ACCOUNT**

Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. To note the report;
2. To recommend to the Commissioner that he formally adopt the proposed criteria for the publication of Police Accountability Board papers.

Reasons:

1. The Members of the Panel have identified scrutiny of how the Police and Crime Commissioner holds the Chief constable to account as one of its priorities.
2. The Panel has previously recommended that the Commissioner adopt such a criteria.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') places a statutory duty upon Police and Crime Commissioners to hold their Chief Constable to account for the exercise of;

1. The functions of the Chief Constable and,
2. The functions of persons under the direction and control of the Chief Constable

The Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel has identified scrutiny of this function as one of their priorities for 2018-2019 and nominated Cllr William Powell to act as the lead member (or Panel Champion) in respect of it.

The objectives of the Panel was stated as:

“To ensure that the Police and Crime Commissioner is holding the Chief Constable to account in a thorough and robust manner for the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan and the operational policing decisions that the Chief Constable makes”

In determining whether this objectives was met the Panel stated it would require:

“Clear evidence that the Police and Crime Commissioner is robustly challenging the Chief Constable where it is appropriate to do so”

The attached report sets out what steps the Panel has taken to gather this 'clear evidence' and its findings in relation to the objective set out in the annual report.

The attached report also contains a recommendation regarding the publication of papers relating to meetings between the Commissioner and Chief Constable.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Host Authority File	LS-0511/41	County Hall Carmarthen