

DYFED-POWYS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
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NATIONAL RURAL CRIME SURVEY 2018

Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. To note the report of the National Rural Crime Network
2. To identify any actions arising from it.

Reasons:

The Members of the Panel have previously acknowledged the importance of tackling rural crime

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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The National Rural Crime Network is an organisation of Police and Crime Commissioners and other Rural stakeholders whose aim is to improve rural policing, including how it is funded by central government.

In 2018 the Network conducted a rural crime survey which aimed to highlight the particular challenges facing rural areas in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour and identify what changes had occurred since the last survey in 2015.

The report identified 10 key findings relating to public perceptions, the fear of crime, under-reporting of crime, and the perceived lack of support and understanding.

The report makes specific recommendations aimed at addressing these findings and which include;

1. Changing how threat, risk and harm' is understood in the rural context;
2. Improving the understanding of the impact of rural crime;
3. Giving that improved understanding practical effect;
4. Putting more focus on farmers and specific rural businesses;
5. Ensuring initiatives are designed with rural communities in mind;
6. Improving how 'less serious' organised crime (such as poaching, theft and fly-tipping' is dealt with;
7. Improving the criminal justice system's understanding of rural crime and its impact;
8. Making the reporting of crime easier;
9. Improving the help given to rural communities to prevent crime.

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