

**DYFED-POWYS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
21 FEBRUARY 2017**

POLICE AND CRIME PANELS – ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To note the report and identify any further action to be taken as a result

Reasons:

The conference identified areas of best practice and ideas for future development which the Panel may wish to adopt

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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On the 20th October 2016 the 5th Annual Conference for Police and Crime Panels was held in Birmingham.

The Conference was hosted by West Midlands Police and Crime Panel and featured speeches by Professor Stephen Shute of the University of Sussex, Professor Rod Morgan of the University of Bristol, Paul Grady and Iain Murray of Grant Thornton LLP and Tim Young of Frontline Consulting Associates.

In addition a number of workshops took place, on a range of subjects including Regional Collaboration (details attached) and the role of Police and Crime Commissioners in the wider criminal justice system.

Key themes/recommendations from the Conference included;

1. Panels should seek to engage with their PCC to develop a co-ordinated work programme
2. Panels should engage in a structured programme of pro-active scrutiny which can be clearly communicated to the public
3. This should be supplemented by less planned pro-active scrutiny in response to current issues/PCC activities
4. All new members should receive induction training
5. The Panel should undertake a skills assessment of all its members and identify and address any training needs that arise
6. Panels should periodically seek the PCC's perception of their work and use this to help inform an assessment of their effectiveness
7. Panels should aim to build their public profile in order to increase their 'soft' influence and enhance their effectiveness
8. Panels should engage with other panels and scrutiny bodies to keep abreast of emerging good practice
9. Panels should forge relationships with each other to reflect any collaboration and/or partnership working that is undertaken by the PCC
10. Panels should consider identifying individual members as panel 'champions' to lead on key issues to help increase effectiveness
11. An Association of Police and Crime Panels should be formed to help raise the public profile of Panels and lobby central government for greater powers.

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-0511/10	County Hall, Carmarthen