

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

WELSH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION TRAINING DAY

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To note the key themes and best practice identified

Reasons:

The training day identified a number of areas of best practice the Panel may wish to adopt.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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On the 29th November 2016 the Welsh Local Government Association ('WLGA') hosted a training session for members of the four welsh Police and Crime Panels.

The morning session consisted of the following presentations;

1. A general overview of Police and Crime Panels
2. Changes to the complaints system and the Independent Police Complaints Commission
3. How the Welsh Government works with Police and Crime Commissioners in Wales

In the afternoon session a series of workshops were held, in which delegates from Dyfed-Powys were paired with those from Gwent to discuss experiences during the first term and how best to improve the effectiveness of Panels in the future. Some of the ideas currently being implemented by the Gwent Panel included;

1. Forming a Finance sub-committee to lead on scrutiny of the Commissioner's budget and precept proposals
2. Agreeing with the Commissioner that as much information as possible (eg on decisions taken) be provided to Panel Members between meetings , with Members then informing the Commissioner which items they wished to consider in detail at the next meeting.
3. The Commissioner sharing all press releases issued from his office with Panel Members as and when then they are released.
4. The Panel undertaking an in –depth look at telephone call handling by the force, and a small group of members visiting the call centre and observing staff at work.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

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
Legal File	LS-0511/10	County Hall, Carmarthen