

**DYFED-POWYS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

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**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

To approve the sending of letters to relevant government ministers and MPs

**Reasons:**

The cost of policing the camp is placing a significant financial burden of Dyfed-Powys Police which, as things currently stand, will not be reimbursed in full.

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The decision by the Home Office to establish an asylum seekers camp at Penally, Pembrokeshire has placed a significant operational and financial burden on Dyfed-Powys Police.

To the end of December 2020 policing the camp has involved 13,919 hours of officer time, of which 9,681 hours are overtime (at a cost of £297,000).

Under the Home Office rules relating to police funding, special grant funding can be drawn down in respect of these pressures, but only once the total cost exceeds 1% of the net revenue expenditure for the year. This means that normally it would not be possible to draw down any additional funding until a threshold of £1.129million is exceeded.

However, Government ministers do have the power to allow the recovery of costs below the 1% threshold.

Following discussions between the Panel chair and the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Panel is requested to support the sending of letters to the Home Secretary, Policing Minister and all MPs in the force area (one of whom is the Secretary of State for Wales) calling upon the Home Office to fully reimburse Dyfed-Powys Police for all costs incurred in policing Penally camp, even if below the usual 1% special grant threshold.

Draft letters are attached for the approval of panel members.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**

## IMPLICATIONS

**I confirm that other than those implications which have been referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:**

**Signed:** *R J Edgecombe (Lead Officer to the Panel)*

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**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
<b>Host Authority File</b>	<b>PACP019</b>	<b>County Hall Carmarthen</b>