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## SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

**Purpose:** Commissioner Decision – Ref.DLI346

**Timing:** Singular

**Title:** All-Wales Policing Academic Collaboration – Funding

**Category of Decision / Business Area Impact:**

### Executive Summary:

During 'Policing in Wales' Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, PCCs and Chief Constables received an update on the tangible benefits to policing following their investment into the All Wales Policing Academic Collaboration (AWPAC) over the past 2 years (£5k per year per corporation sole). It was agreed to support the future funding of the AWPAC which would enable the continuation of the programme between Policing in Wales and the Wales Innovation Network to support policing research in Wales. The collaboration aims to:

- Facilitate effective engagement between the Welsh police forces and universities in Wales to undertake research that improves the lives of people in Wales.
- Forge equitable partnerships for collaborative working at an 'All-Wales' level between the police and academic sectors.
- Enable 'All-Wales' partnerships to create larger, collaborative bids, to capture external grant funding at an 'All-Wales' level.
- Work in partnership to create research impact, benefit police policy and to share best practice across Wales.
- Raise awareness of the collaborative policing research being carried across Wales.

Given the success of the first strategy period, it is proposed that the next strategy period runs from 1 September 2024 – 31 July 2028 with financial commitments from 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2028. A longer strategy period would allow for AWPAC to build on the momentum and results from the initial two years and accelerate its work to facilitate effective engagement between the Welsh police forces and universities in Wales to undertake impactful research that improves the lives of people in Wales and for it to be incorporated into practice.

It is proposed that activity funded in the next strategy period supports with 'increasing public confidence and trust in policing'. This will allow for activities to seek different key challenges and priority areas within policing working towards the overall focus of increasing confidence and trust.

It was agreed at Policing in Wales that they would fund a further eight projects in total, each for two years. Four projects commencing in year 1 and the remaining 4 in year 2, the detail of which is outlined below:

**Annex B: Funding and budget options**

- Table 1 – Option One

Budget Option 1				
AWPAC 2024 - 2028				
Activity headline	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total / 3 years
	01/04/2025 -	01/04/2026 -	01/04/2027 -	
	31/03/2026	31/03/2027	31/03/2028	
Funding for research projects	40,000	80,000	40,000	160,000
Stakeholder communications and engagement	2,700	1,200	1,200	5,100
Impact and learning	400	400	400	1,200
Integration of police data to SAIL	400	400		
Staff member to support AWPAC (0.4 FTE)	21,100	21,800	22,600	
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,600</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>64,200</b>	<b>232,600</b>
<b>Total per force / year</b>	<b>8,075</b>	<b>12,975</b>	<b>8,025</b>	<b>29,075</b>

**Recommendation:**

The decision is recorded and AWPAC are updated that Option 1 is supported.

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Nolan Principles for Conduct in Public Life.

The above request has my approval.

**Signature:**



**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024**