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## SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

**Purpose:** Commissioner Decision – Ref.DL339

**Timing: Singular**

**Title: Appointment of Temporary Chief Finance Officer**

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

### **Executive Summary:**

Every Police & Crime Commissioner is obliged to appoint a Chief Finance Officer (CFO) who is the PCC's professional advisor on financial matters. The statutory responsibilities of this role are set out in the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 (paragraph 6 of Schedule 1) and Section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

Certain duties of the PCC's CFO, as set out in Section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, must be carried out by the CFO personally. Guidance from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) states that a deputy should be appointed to carry out these duties in the event of the CFO's absence.

There are no other suitably qualified individuals in the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) who could fulfil the role of CFO in the event of absence. Therefore, Dyfed Powys OPCC has previously entered into a reciprocal arrangement with the OPCC for North Wales so that should either CFO be incapacitated, the PCCs would be able to call on each other's CFO to fulfil any pressing statutory duties. Given the close collaborative working relationship within Wales, this presents a practical and cost-effective approach.

The current CFO for Dyfed Powys is currently unavailable to discharge time critical statutory responsibilities. Given that it is also a time critical period for other OPCCs, it would be challenging for others to also undertake additional duties

### **Recommendation:**

The Police and Crime Commissioner has appointed an appropriately qualified individual from the Force, Nicola Davies, to act as Temporary CFO for a 3-month period until 31st July 2024, who will be supported and mentored by the CFO in North Wales in accordance with the reciprocal arrangement in place. This has been discussed with both the Chair of the Police and Crime Panel and the Chair of the Joint Audit Committee who are supportive of the arrangement.

**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: 01/05/2024**