

# Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

REQUEST FOR PCC DECISION\*

REPORT FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY\*

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**Title:** PCC's decision not to proceed with the Merger of Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police

**Log Number:** 68 05/10/2018

## Executive Summary

Following consideration of the final business case for the potential merger of Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police, the PCC for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly confirmed her decision that she does not support the decision to submit the business case to the Home Office. The PCC did not support the submission of the Final Business Case for merger to the Home Office for two primary reasons: concerns around the council tax precept and the lack of public support for the proposals.

The PCC made it public that she was minded to say no to pursuing the merger and then took this "minded to" decision to the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018. This Panel meeting included in the papers an abridged version of the Final Business Case and a summary of the public and stakeholder engagement results.

Click here for a link to Police and Crime Panel papers on Plymouth City Council's website: <http://web.plymouth.gov.uk/PoliceandCrimePanelPapers>

The meeting was webcast on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and can be viewed at: <https://plymouth.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcasts>

Following the panel meeting the PCC announced her final decision which was not to support the submission of the Final Business Case to the Home Office.

## Recommendation

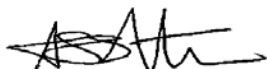
The final business case for a merger between Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police is not supported by the PCC for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and on that basis, without unanimous agreement by all 4 corporations sole, the business case will not be submitted to the Home Office.

**Police & Crime Commissioner for Devon & Cornwall and Isles of Scilly**

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

**Signature**

**Date:** 09.11.2018



## **PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC**

### **Decision required – supporting report (see Executive Summary)**

#### **1. Introduction and background**

A full business case was prepared in order to consider the proposals for a full merger between Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police.

#### **2. Issues for consideration**

*(For example ONLY – Links to Police and Crime Plan and PCC priorities)*

On line, face to face and telephone engagement surveys took place with members of the public and a series of engagement events across Devon and Cornwall took place with the OPCC. Stakeholders from across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly were contacted as part of the process to seek their views. This was supported by a media and communications plan. The results of the public and stakeholder engagement were considered in detail and helped to inform the PCC's decision not to proceed with the final business case.

A copy of the Police and Crime Panel papers can be located at:

<http://web.plymouth.gov.uk/PoliceandCrimePanelpapers>

#### **3. Financial Comments (if applicable)**

None.

#### **4. Legal Comments (if applicable)**

None.

#### **5. Comments on Risk (if applicable)**

None

#### **6. Environment & Sustainability considerations (if applicable)**

N/A

#### **7. Equality Comments (if applicable)**

An Equality Impact Assessment was completed during the process to build the final business case.

#### **8. Background/supporting papers (if applicable)**

##### **Public access to information**


This decision will be published on the website of the OPCC

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**

	Tick to Confirm Statement (✓)
<b>Head of Unit:</b>	✓
<b>Legal Advice (if applicable):</b>	✓
<b>Financial Advice (if applicable):</b>	✓
<b>Equalities Advice (if applicable):</b>	✓
<b>Impact on Privacy (if applicable):</b>	✓

**OFFICIAL APPROVAL**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.



**Signature**  
**Chief Executive Officer / Treasurer**

**Date:** 09.11.2018

Any amendments to decision paper to be noted here:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

*Example:*

*As corrections to the report above:*

1. *'As appropriate' should be inserted into paragraph 1.3 after 'undertake the following checks'*
2. *The dates in paragraph 1.3, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point should read '8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>*

*Before making his/her decision, the Police & Crime Commissioner was briefed as to the checks carried out in each case.*

**Signature**  
**Police & Crime Commissioner**

**Date**