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Dear, Roger

Subject: Social Justice & Regeneration Committee Restructuring of Constabulary.

In considering your letter dated the 28th of September 2005 to Bridgend Community Safety Partnership in respect of the above subject.

Exploring the options to restructure the constabulary the most favoured move appears to be that of an All Wales Force.

The benefits of such a change for Wales would be a Police Force better able to deploy resources effectively to tackle issues of serious crime, terrorism, and major incidents.

There is no doubt that such identity change will create a challenge to the Police Service however at what cost to the effectiveness of the Criminal Justice system.

The fact that we might have one All Wales Police Force instead of the present four will only concern people from the point of view that will such changes improve the accessibility and visibility of the service.

From a Community Safety Partnership perspective the Police are seen as seen as a key Partner therefore local identity and accountability are vital in setting objectives and outcomes for the Partnerships Crime and Disorder and Substance Misuse Strategies.

It is therefore important local consultation is not lost in the bigger picture. Communities provide real areas of information which must be taken into consideration when a strategic approach is adopted.

Yours sincerely.

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