Proposed response to PCC consultation on Merging of Police Forces

1- CCPC opposes any structural changes to the organisation of police forces which takes decision making away from local communities. All the evidence is that crime is reduced and policing is more effective when there is close working with local communities.
2- If there are concerns about the viability of specialist units there should be formal organisational agreements between police services on how best to deliver these.
3- The role of PCCs should be replaced by a greater role for elected Unitary Councils which should be able to commission local policing services.
4- Unitary Councils are best placed to build partnerships with all public services and develop coordinated preventative crime reduction strategies.