

Report of: The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Report to: The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 15th September 2014

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2013-2014

1. Introduction

In accordance with Section 28 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Panel must review the Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report and make a make a report or recommendations to the PCC.

On 8 September 2014 the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel considered the 2013-2014 Annual Report.

2. Members Present

Councillors Sucha Bains, Darren Cooper, Sean Coughlan, Peter Douglas-Osborn, David Hosell, Ann Lucas, Elias Mattu, Jess Phillips, Joe Tildesley, Paul Tilsley and Dave Tyler.

Nick Drew and Lionel Walker – Independent co-opted members

3. Panel Comments

a) Police and Crime Plan and Performance Milestones

We acknowledge that this Annual Report covers the period office of PCC, Bob Jones and records his work and progress towards the Police and Crime Plan objectives before his sad death on 1 July 2014. We note your intention not to make any in-year changes to the Police and Crime Plan or the budget.

We look forward to receiving clarification on the performance indicators and target data relating to violence with injury.

b) Engagement, Summits and Correspondence

We note your proposed changes to the style of engagement and the way you will deal with correspondence. We understand your intent is to reduce the number of summits in order to get better outcomes. We would support greater clarity about the outcomes of summits. We note that you will not be undertaking individual casework in order to focus on strategic issues and engagement with legitimate interest groups across the West Midlands.

c) PCC Decision - Technology Innovation and Integration Partner

We note the progress made since the annual report was finalised on the Technology Innovation and Integration Partner and the appointment of Accenture. We note your assurances that this is not about privatisation but using technology to gain efficiencies. We further note the Chief Constable's assurance that the risks can be managed by the way in which the contract has been set up.

d) The Year in Numbers

Thank you for agreeing to provide more information on the outcomes of the 61,000+ arrests made during the year.

e) Neighbourhood Watch

Given the principle of policing by consent and the need for effective engagement, could you give some consideration as to how to strengthen the Neighbourhood Watch offer across the West Midlands?

f) Budget


We note the budget pressures that you are under and are aware you may have to make difficult decisions in the coming term. We would welcome more in-depth discussion with you before final decisions are taken.

g) Final comments

No changes to this annual report are required. As you recall comment was made about the style of the report and we are happy to have a discussion with you about the style of future reports towards the end of the year.

The Panel hope that you consider this feedback helpful and recognise our intent to be supportive of your work. The Panel looks forward to your response to this report.

The Panel will publish this report on www.westmidlandspcp.co.uk



Councillor Darren Cooper

Chair West Midlands Police and Crime Panel