

Report to: The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Report of: The Secretary of the West Midland Police and Crime Panel

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Developing the Work Programme for 2017/2018

1. Purpose

1.1 The report gives Members the opportunity to consider proposals for the work programme for 2017/18.

2. Suggestions for consideration

2.1 Table 1 below sets out the statutory and monitoring tasks the Panel must undertake during the year, as well as follow up work from 2016/17.

2.2 In addition, the Policing and Crime Act 2017 and the election of the West Midlands Mayor will result in a number of changes to the police governance landscape and the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Panel may wish to examine throughout the year any associated challenges and opportunities for holding the PCC to account.

2.3 To assist Members to further develop the work programme, the list of key topics has been collated. Members may wish to identify priorities for the year from this list.

3. Recommendation

That Members put forward suggestions for the Panel's work programme for 2017/18.

Exiting work programme	Statutory tasks Review PCC Annual Report (September) Review Precept (February)	Scrutiny updates Tackling FGM in West Mids – update (November) Youth Justice System - Panel report (July)	Annual panel reports Complaints monitoring (September) Panel budget monitoring (September)	Items requested in 2016/17 WMP2020 Phase 1 evaluation (July) Off road motorbikes
	Police and Crime Act 2017 New role for PCC in police complaints > implications for Panel Fire and Rescue governance	PCC Collaboration PCC role in police and emergency collaboration (Police and Crime Act) MW Mayor and Combined Authority Regional collaboration National collaboration Public Service Reform	Police Funding and PCC Spending Police Funding Formula Government consultation PCC review of Community Safety Funding Other PCC spending – victim services, Active Citizens other direct spending	Other topics PCC Commission on Gangs and Violence report HMIC recommendations

Table 1 – Further details of each item is set out in Appendix 1

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Appendix 1

1. Statutory Tasks

PCC Annual Report September 2017	The Panel must review and prepare a report on the PCC's Annual Report. The Annual Report sets out the PCC's progress against the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan.
PCC Budget and Policing Precept February 2017	The Panel must review and prepare a report for the PCC on his proposed policing precept.

2. Annual Monitoring Reports

Complaints Handling July 2017	The Panel is responsible for handling non-serious complaints against the PCC. The Panel delegated this responsibility to the Monitoring Officer at Birmingham City Council, but requested an annual update report.
Panel Budget Monitoring November 2017	The Panel receives a Home Office grant for costs associated with the operation and administration of the Panel. Members receive an annual report monitoring expenditure and setting out forecast spending. Under the Home Office grant agreement the Panel must publish as a minimum on its website details of expenditure.

3. Scrutiny Inquiry Updates

In previous years, the Panel has undertaken a number of in-depth inquiries into a particular issue. The progress of two inquiries are due to report this year.

Tackling FGM in the West Midlands November 2017	This Panel report published in 2016 made a number of recommendations including the establishment of a regional FGM Task Force. The Task Force will update the Panel on its work.
Partnership working in the Youth Justice System TBA	In March 2017 the Panel heard from a range of witnesses to explore how the PCC and other criminal justice agencies were co-operating to reduce youth re-offending. A report is being finalised.

4. Items requested in 2016/2017

<p>WMP2020 July 2017</p>	<p>In July 2016 the Panel agreed to prioritise scrutiny of the WMP2020 delivery plan. The PCC receives regular updates on WMP2020. The programme was externally evaluated and we are expecting a report to Panel on 31 July</p>
<p>Off-road motorbikes TBA</p>	<p>In November 2016 the Panel requested an update on how PCP/ WMP are tackling motorcycle crime and off road bikes nuisance in East Birmingham and Solihull. Whilst this is a policing matter, Members asked the PCC to update.</p>

5. Other suggestions for the work programme

<p>Implications of the Policing and Crime Act 2017 November 2017</p>	<p>The Act received Royal Assent on 31 January 2017 and contains a wide range of measures the PCC must comply with which in turn will have implications for the Panel.</p> <p>To understand how elements of the Act are being implemented locally Members may wish to explore with the PCC his plans for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collaboration between police and other emergency services; • the governance of fire and rescue; and • strengthening the role of PCCs in the police complaints process
<p>PCC Collaboration September 2017</p>	<p>WM Mayor and Combined Authority A Joint Action plan drawing on the Mayor’s priorities and the Police and Crime Plan is expected to be published in July 2017.</p> <p>National and Regional collaboration –Member may wish for more information about the PCC’s governance and oversight of operational projects with other police forces (technology and communications, road policing, organised crime, counter-terrorism, cybercrime, also the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) hosted by WMP) .</p>
<p>Police Funding and PCC Spending September 2017</p>	<p>Community Safety Funding - In January 2016 the Panel examined the CSF funding arrangements and set out some issues for the PCC to consider when making the allocations. The PCC will be reviewing his approach to allocate this funding and is expected to consult in September 2017.</p> <p>Other spending by the PCC includes Active Citizens, Victims Services Expenditure and other direct spend.</p> <p>Reform of the Police Funding Formula – National consultation is expected in September 2017. The Chief Constable has recently warned about funding for WMP. The Panel may wish to contribute to any Home Office consultation.</p>

6. Other suggested topics

<p>Substance Misuse</p>	<p>PCC is developing proposals to work with in partnership across the public sector and criminal justice system.</p>
<p>Commission on Gangs and Violence</p>	<p>Launched in March 2016 as a partnership with the community to identify concerns and establish recommendations. Its report is expected to be published in the Autumn.</p>
<p>Public Service Reform</p>	<p>The Panel may wish to explore of two Public Service Reform mental health pilots the PCC is funding.</p> <p>The PCC also stated in the Police and Crime Plan he was willing to lead the development of a shared information/intelligence capability across the public sector as the basis for effective prevention and addressing vulnerability.</p>
<p>HMIC Inspection Reports</p>	<p>Members may wish examine the how the PCC is holding the Chief Constable to account for the outcome of recent HMIC inspections, together with actions being taken forward by the Commissioner in advance of the next set of inspections.</p> <p>HMIC PEEL: police effectiveness 2016 (published 2 March 2017)</p> <p><i>“...The force still needs to make substantial improvements to how it protects vulnerable victims from harm. ... the force’s response to domestic abuse is a particular cause of concern for HMIC. It needs to improve how it assesses risks posed to victims, in order to get them the support and protection they need. There are still recommendations that we made as far back as 2014 that the force is yet to respond to. I would also like the force to improve how it assesses risk in missing children cases and ensure it makes full use of all available information to keep children safe....</i></p> <p>Joint inspection of police custody by HMI Prisons and HMIC found</p> <p><i>“Most children charged and refused bail remained in custody overnight because appropriate alternative accommodation was not provided by the local authority”</i></p> <p>It recommended the Force continue to engage actively with its local authority partners to find ways of providing alternative accommodation for children charged and refused bail, to avoid them remaining in custody overnight.</p>