



**Police and Crime Panel
11 September 2017**

**REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR THE WEST MIDLANDS ON GRANT EXPENDITURE
AND POLICE FUNDING**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report provide the Police and Crime Panel with the latest position in terms of national police funding and the arrangements the Commissioner has in place for grant funded activity. This includes Active Citizens, Community Safety, Services for Victims and other direct spend.

POLICE FUNDING

2. Central Government police grant funding for West Midlands Police is currently £441m which equates to 85% of the total funding with the remaining amount being supported by local council tax. The method government uses to distribute police grant is based on an historic formula and relies on activity based costing information from 2008.
3. The current police funding formula has a damping mechanism with penalises West Midlands Police to around £40 million per annum. This is clearly a large amount of funding that the region is not receiving that could be used to fund policing priorities.
4. Government commenced a review of the police funding formula during 2015 with the intention of introducing the new formula from April 2016. However, due to a number of reasons including how PCC's were consulted and inaccuracies in data used, the revised formula was scrapped. During 2016 the government put arrangements in place to devise a new revised policing funding formula and a number of working groups have been tasked to develop the formula. It is understood this was with the intention of introducing the revised funding formula from April 2018 or April 2019.
5. Since the general election in June 2017 there has been no official announcements from the government on the revised formula. This includes if and when it will be introduced. It is therefore assumed due to timings it will not be introduced now until

at the earliest 2019/20. To effectively implement the formula the government will need to complete a detailed consultation with PCC's across England and Wales. This will include the impacts of the revised arrangements on individual force allocations. If the government decides to introduce a revised police funding formula and issues a consultation, the Panel will be provided with a briefing.

6. The Panel is aware policing in West Midlands has suffered drastic reductions in government funding. Since April 2011 government funding has reduced in real terms by £145m which is a loss in funding of 27%. In addition, the PCC continues to face significant cost pressures, for example, in 2017/18 the PCC has £18m of pressures that need to be funded. These include pay inflation, apprenticeship levy, pension fund strain and other inflationary pressures.

PCC GRANT FUNDED ACTIVITY

7. This report details grant expenditure for the following schemes the Commissioner supports:-

- Grants and Funding to External Organisations
- Active Citizens Fund
- Victims Fund
- Community Safety Funding

8. Table 1 details for 2016/17 the budget, grant amount, expenditure and the amount to carry forward across each type of grant. It can be seen the underspend of £1.549 million will be carried forward into 2017/18 to fund commitments across each of the grant streams.

9. Please note the carry forward for grants to external organisations and Active Citizens will be shown in the PCC's accounts, and the carry forward for Community Safety funding will show in the respective local authority's accounts as the grant payment was made in advance to the councils during 2016/17.

Table 1 – Grants to External Organisations 2016/17

Scheme	Budget £	Grant	Expenditure £	Carry Forward £
Grants & Funding to External Organisations	1,787,800	1,787,800	1,176,905	610,895
Active Citizens	840,000	840,000	303,748	536,252
Victims Fund	3,319,355	3,319,355	3,319,355	0
Community Safety Fund including 2015/16 Carry Forward	4,313,342	4,313,342	3,911,805	401,537
Total	10,260,497	10,260,497	8,711,813	1,548,684

GRANTS AND FUNDING TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

10. Appendix 1 of this report details grants and external funding the PCC supported in 2016/17. Due to the phasing of projects £0.611 million has been carried forward into 2017/18 to fund expenditure commitments. Appendix 1 also details where a project is receiving a new allocation in 2017/18.
11. The projects were selected and will continue to be based on the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. This is where the Commissioner through the work of his office identifies projects that can be supported to deliver against the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan.
12. For each project a grant agreement is put in place which is agreed between the provider and the Commissioner's office. This includes the outputs that are expected, other requirements on the provider and financial values. The delivery of the projects against these grant agreements are monitored by the Commissioner's office.
13. Small grants were made to a number of community projects as part of the stronger communities project, this project is aligned to the grants and funding to external organisations scheme. Appendix 1 details that £40k was allocated to the stronger communities, a detailed breakdown of organisations and projects funded are detailed in Appendix 2.

ACTIVE CITIZENS FUND

14. The Activity Citizens Fund (ACF) was introduced in April 2016 and the purposes of the fund are to:-
 - Provide an opportunity to engage with communities to encourage people to be active citizens
 - Increase social capital and build stronger communities
 - Remove barriers that communities may have with the policing service
 - Demonstrate the Commissioner and West Midlands Police are working to ensure that communities benefit from money confiscated from criminals
15. Each Neighbourhood Policing Unit (NPU) has an ACF allocation as detailed in table 2 overleaf. This allocation was based on the typology model which is an assessment of the level of demand in the particular area for policing services.

Table 2 – Active Citizens Fund 2016/17

NPU	Grant Budget including Start-up £	Commitment £	Expenditure £	Budget to Commitment Variance £	Budget to Expenditure Variance £
Birmingham East	145,790	135,470	58,416	10,320	87,374
Birmingham West	171,876	148,600	66,991	23,276	104,885
Coventry	95,520	83,930	51,854	11,590	43,666
Dudley	79,509	32,234	21,877	47,275	57,632
Sandwell	104,676	107,145	56,568	-2,469	48,108
Solihull	69,029	32,493	21,985	36,536	47,044
Walsall	79,101	51,240	10,000	27,862	69,101
Wolverhampton	94,499	76,407	16,057	18,092	78,442
Total	840,000	667,518	303,748	172,482	536,252

16. To operate the ACF each local policing commander has put arrangements in place to generate projects with the community to promote active citizens. An application is completed for funding by a grant applicant which is submitted to the NPUs for approval, approved projects are then sent to the PCCs office for processing. This has enabled the PCC's office to have detailed information on each project. Once the project is approved an agreement is put in place between the PCC and the provider. This agreement includes the required outcomes and payment profiles. The PCC's office monitors the delivery of the projects.

17. To generate projects NPUs have approached the initial engagement with their communities in a number of ways:

- a) Direct engagement with communities by officers to build relationships
- b) Engagement through a third party organisation to manage the funds
- c) Commissioning third party groups to undertake specific engagement activities
- d) Panel review of bids

18. It can be seen in Table 2 the Active Citizens Fund underspent by £0.536m in 2016/17. The Commissioner's office is working with officers across the Force to review the operation of the Fund and as a result we are making improvements to the website, publicity arrangements and to the application form. In the longer term we are considering the criteria against which funding is allocated and this is likely to be more closely aligned to crime prevention from 2018 onwards.

19. The number of projects that have either commenced or are committed as part 2016/17 is 164 projects and 151 organisations (there were 10 organisations who were successful in receiving Active Citizens funding for more than one project). Table 3 shows the number of projects funded by NPU, the number of organisations which previously received funding from West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner or West Midlands Police and an analysis of the value of projects funded.

Table 3 - Number of Active Citizens Projects, Number of Organisations previously funded and Value of Projects

NPU's	No. of Projects	No. of Organisations previously received funding	Lowest Project Cost £	Highest Project Cost £	Average Cost of Projects £
Birmingham East	31	17	250	15,379	3,893
Birmingham West	22	10	800	15,000	5,960
Coventry	28	6	450	7,500	2,724
Dudley	4	0	997	9,000	5,651
Sandwell	38	14	450	9,240	2,556
Solihull	5	1	1,050	11,650	4,499
Walsall	12	2	500	5,000	3,437
Wolverhampton	24	14	985	5,000	2,767
Total	164	64			

VICTIMS FUND

20. Police and Crime Commissioners are responsible for commissioning support services for victims of crime in their area. This follows the Government consultation 'Getting it Right for Victims and Witnesses' and recognises that whilst all victims must have clear expectations about how they will be treated and the support on offer, local services must have flexibility to meet the different and changing needs.
21. The Commissioner is allocated funding by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to commission victim services, including restorative justice. Services commissioned by the PCC will form part of a varied network of support that exists for victims across the West Midlands, funded by other commissioners and through charitable donation.
22. The Police and Crime Commissioner must ensure funding is spent on:
Victims of crime, particularly victims in the priority categories outlined in the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime:
www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/254459/code-of-practice-victims-of-crime.pdf
- Services for victims of sexual and/or domestic violence
 - Support services for family members
 - Any associated costs that arise in the process of commissioning/provision of victims' services
23. The Police and Crime Commissioner will work with all organisations, from the community safety and criminal justice sectors, to voluntary and community groups, to ensure the needs of victims are met through improved services, with duplication avoided.
24. Applications for victims funding are considered by a panel consisting of the Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner, Strategic Police and Crime Board member with responsibility for victims and a senior officer from the PCC's office.
25. The panel considers the information supplied by the applicant and how well the project meets the criteria. The recommendation made by the panel will be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for consideration.

26. Successful bids are processed and all grants will come with conditions to ensure both sides understand the agreed outcomes. Successful bids are required to provide evidence of spend and the outcomes of the service at agreed points in the year.

27. The Victims Fund received from Ministry of Justice for 2016/17 was £3.319m, the grant was fully spent on the services areas detailed below in Table 4. There was a slight overspend against the funding which has been met by the PCC's own office budget.

Table 4 – Victims Fund

Service Area	Grant Amount £	Expenditure £	2017/18 Carry Forward £
Initial Referral and Needs Assessment Services for Victims of Crime	1,038,920	1,038,920	0
Services for Victims of Sexual Violence	214,439	214,439	0
Services for Victims of Domestic Violence	612,152	612,152	0
Services for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse	546,424	546,424	0
Restorative Justice Services for Victims of Crime	355,286	355,286	0
Other Services for Victims of Crime (not specified in other lines)	361,873	361,873	0
Associated Costs of Commissioning	192,103	192,103	0
PCC Office Funding	-1,842	-1,842	0
TOTAL	3,319,355	3,319,355	0

COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING

28. The Community Safety Fund for 2016/17 was £3.863m, Table 5 highlights that £0.450m was carried forward by Local Authorities from 2015/16. The Local Authorities have again underspent in 2016/17 and will be carrying forward £0.402m into 2017/18. According to local authority returns this carry forward has been fully committed.

Table 5 – Community Safety Funding 2016/17

Local Authority	Grant Amount £	2015/16 Carry Forward £	Total Grant Amount £	Expenditure £	2017/18 Carry Forward £
Birmingham CC	1,873,187	0	1,873,187	1,662,000	211,187
Coventry CC	409,728	121,364	531,092	505,591	25,501
Dudley MBC	297,273	22,505	319,778	318,552	1,226
Sandwell MBC	397,643	85,248	482,891	457,407	25,484
Solihull MBC	214,454	0	214,454	214,454	0
Walsall MBC	301,652	52,279	353,931	254,172	99,759
Wolverhampton CC	369,371	168,638	538,009	499,629	38,380
TOTAL	3,863,308	450,034	4,313,342	3,911,805	401,537

29. Appendix 3 of this report details the draft terms of reference for the West Midlands Community Safety Partnership. The Commissioner is currently consulting on how the West Midlands partnership will operate with 2018/19 being very much of a transition year. The draft terms of reference was sent out to the Community Safety Managers for dissemination to the 7 local Community Safety Partnerships at the start of June and the consultation ends on the 1 September.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

30. This report solely deals with financial information.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

31. Schedule 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides Commissioners with the powers to award crime and disorder reduction grants to any organisations and projects they consider will help them achieve their crime prevention and wider priorities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

32. The Panel is asked to note the contents of this report.

Mark Kenyon
Chief Finance Officer

Appendix 1 - Grants and Funding to External Organisations

Organisation	Project	Project Detail	Progress on Delivering Outputs and Outcomes	Grant Amount £	Expenditure £	2017/18 Carry Forward £	2017/18 Allocation excluding Carry Forward £
Birmingham City Council	European Social Fund Youth Employment Initiative	Birmingham and Solihull project to assist young people into training or employment. Project is aimed at young people not in education, employment or training. The project has a specific strand to support young offenders or those at risk of offending.	Full project commenced in March 2017, awaiting detailed outputs and outcomes. PCC representatives on steering group actively monitoring the project. As at the end of May 2017 200 referrals have been received by WMP.	500,000	500,000	0	500,000
Richmond Fellowship DA Consortium	Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme	Force wide trial of interventions to reduce offending by perpetrators of domestic violence. Richmond Fellowship has been commissioned to deliver the perpetrator programme and the DA Consortium will deliver the support service to victims and children - keeping them safe while the offender goes through the programme.	The joint programme is being devised, we are working with Children's Services across the 7 local authority areas and ensuring the programme is embedded in the Multi-agency risk assessment conferences and MASH processes. This programme focusses on offenders with children.	500,000	0	500,000	500,000
Catch 22	Reducing offending through employment - Black Country	Prevention project to encourage young people into employment and training. Project being delivered through Catch 22 organisation in Wolverhampton that works with young people to prevent them becoming involved in gangs and gives them an exit strategy if they are in gangs.	Catch 22 takes an end to end approach, supporting young people and their families through all the key risk points in their lives, in particular those at which they are ready to make changes. The work ranges from prevention and early intervention, right through to gangs exit work. They address basic needs, including housing, health and personal finance; treat gangs not as a criminal justice issue, but as a wider social issue; recognise that each individual is different and has different needs; instil a sense of belonging and foster trusted positive relationships; understand risk and protective-factors; have input from multiple agencies, co-ordinated by a trusted keyworker, in different spaces at all hours.	160,000	160,000	0	160,000
Henley College Coventry	Reducing offending through employment - Coventry	Project to assist in finding employment for young ex offenders in Coventry.	75 young people have been helped into education, employment or training through this project in Coventry. It focusses on young offenders and those at risk of exclusion.	75,000	75,000	0	75,000
Bitia Pathways	Mental Health support programme	Mental Health support programme to help people into employment - Birmingham and Solihull.	Offered by Bitia Pathways with referrals from WMP and other partners. Support and guidance for individuals in contact with the CJS. On course to meet target of 150 supported individuals over the year.	150,000	112,500	37,500	0
West Midlands Police	Offender management programme (New Chance Project)	Whole systems approach to responding to women in custody across Birmingham and Sandwell. West Midlands Police commissioned organisations to deliver the programme	The project is working with women who have complex needs and have seen approx 300 women. Key issues to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of clients at Birmingham have been the victim of domestic abuse/violence • Large number of clients also experienced mental health issues • More successful for those that have a range of issues rather than clients with a singular issue 	100,000	100,000	0	100,000
Various Facilitators	Stop and Search education	Force wide roll out of schools-based stop and search education.	Delivered over 50 workshops from Jan 2017 and recorded feedback. Teachers and students have found the workshops to be very useful and informative giving confidence in policing. A number of students have also joined scrutiny panels across West Midlands.	50,000	7,691	42,309	50,000

Appendix 1 - Grants and Funding to External Organisations continued

Organisation	Project	Project Detail	Progress on Delivering Outputs and Outcomes	Grant Amount £	Expenditure £	2017/18 Carry Forward £	2017/18 Allocation excluding Carry Forward £
Various	Gangs and Violence Commission	In response to the ongoing violence in Birmingham, the Commission on Gangs and Violence is developing community-led solutions to the problems. The key outputs will include an ongoing series of community engagement events as well as a final report and recommendations.	The specialist providers on the Gangs and Violence Commission carried out an extensive consultation and engagement exercise with the community across Birmingham in order to inform the research report that is currently being written, this involved a best practice summit and community led engagement events. The report will contain a number of recommendations that will be community-led in delivery.	45,000	62,050	0	450,000
Various Organisations - see Appendix 2	Stronger Communities	Small grants to community project PCC scheme - Stronger Communities Fund.	There were 24 community based projects which were funded across the region. Funding signed off in January 2017, awaiting detailed outputs and outcomes.	40,000	39,982	0	20,000
Word 4 Weapons	Knife Bins	At least one knife bin in each local authority area. Maintenance of existing bins and 2 workshops in each of the 8 locations.	The PCC's office currently pays Words 4 Weapons for 8 knife bins across Birmingham, Sandwell and Wolverhampton. We are developing our strategy and we will be increasing the number of knife bins to cover the 7 local authority areas in our force area, as well as increasing access to knife bins in other areas such as Birmingham. Two knife bins to be shortly installed in Solihull and Dudley. Two local authority areas remaining are Coventry and Walsall, work is progressing re securing community locations. School workshops are currently being delivered by Words 4 Weapons.	34,000	24,000	10,000	50,000
MIND	300 Voices	Mentoring Project aimed at African -Caribbean men.	37 referrals received (target was 50) and these people have accessed a range of supportive activities.	20,000	20,000	0	0
West Midlands Combined Authority	West Midlands Combined Authority	Payment for observer status on the Combined Authority.	N/A	25,000	25,000	0	21,250
Mentoring West Midlands Community Interest Company	Mentoring Project	Mentoring for high risk Serious Acquisitive Crime offenders who are managed by Coventry's Integrated Offender Management team.	Mentoring WM offers support to offenders of serious acquisitive crime in Coventry, working closely with the Offender Management Unit. Work includes accessing benefits, treatment and work around reducing offending and increasing self-esteem and working with those with serious drug addictions. The aim is to stop those serious, high volume offenders out of prison through support.	26,000	26,000	0	26,000
Hawk Construction	Hawk Construction	Construction industry training for convicted offenders to support them into employment after release from prison.	Three offenders attended training course, have not yet achieved employment.	20,000	6,000	0	0
Various Trainers	Precious Lives Project	Education project on the impact of violent crime on those involved and diversionary activity away from crime, in particular knife/weapon carrying.	Number of workshops have taken place and will continue to take place in 2017/18.	15,000	6,841	8,159	5,000
Beal & Morden Productions	Perceptions of Taser	Equipment for a film for use with communities and expert audiences on Taser. Particular interest to audiences concerned with mental health.	3 out of 4 videos completed, looking to launch video in the next few months. Will be the first documentary the Force has produced on Taser and will address the perceptions people have.	3,000	2,841	0	0
Alta Innovations Ltd	Evaluation of New Chance Project	Evaluation of New Chance Project	2 year evaluation of the New Chance Women Offenders project.	18,000	9,000	9,000	0
Unallocated		Unallocated amount	N/A	6,800	0	3,927	0
GRANTS AND FUNDING TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS TOTAL				1,787,800	1,176,905	610,895	1,957,250

Appendix 2 Grants and Funding to External Organisations – Stronger Communities

Organisation	Project	Project Detail	Grant Amount £	Expenditure £	2017/18 Carry Forward £
Wrener Youth Project	Wrener Youth Project	Youth project which provides a range of activities including music, dance, football coaching, money advice and employment advice.	1,000	1,000	0
Gornal Colts North Football Club	Gornal Colts Under 12s	Football team kits and equipment for a local team that engages and reaches out to diverse communities.	1,000	1,000	0
Springfield Primary School	Springfield Primary School	Sports equipment for school to support outdoor activities.	960	960	0
Ambur Community Radio	Ambur Community Radio	Project which engages and trains local young people in community radio/media skills. The project will help address some of the barriers around engagement, interaction, and communication, especially amongst those communities that are hard to reach through traditional means.	1,464	1,464	0
Action 4 Bullying	Action 4 Bullying	Youth project in the North of Birmingham that works with young people aged 11-19, who are affected by bullying.	2,000	2,000	0
Stourbridge Community Speed Watch	Stourbridge Community Speed Watch	Scheme to help residents reduce traffic speeding throughout the neighbourhood and which enables community volunteers to address concerns through partnership working.	1,928	1,928	0
Life Community Church	Life Community Church	Support for a weekly youth group for ages 11-18 years incorporating music and self-expression through games and outdoor activities.	1,500	1,500	0
Queen Alexandra College	Queen Alexandra College	Outdoor learning and recreational sessions targeted towards pre-exclusion and excluded pupils.	1,840	1,840	0
Langley House Trust	Langley House Trust	Bicycle workshop project for young people to provide training in bicycle maintenance to support their journey of rehabilitation and community integration by offering skills and work experiences.	1,920	1,920	0
Gro-Organic	Gro-Organic	Environmental Project which offers practical activities for young people who are at risk of offending or who have offended and been placed on a community order.	2,000	2,000	0
Place of Refuge Community Church	Place of Refuge Community Church	Contribution towards set up costs for a local neighbourhood watch with local people in the area.	750	750	0
Ethnic Minority Council	Ethnic Minority Council	Youth engagement project that places emphasis on the development of social, communication and conflict resolution for young people, in order to steer them away from anti social behaviour and /or gang involvement.	1,000	1,000	0

Appendix 2 - Grants and Funding to External Organisations – Stronger Communities continued

Organisation	Project	Project Detail	Grant Amount £	Expenditure £	2017/18 Carry Forward £
Coventry Pride	Coventry Pride	Contribution towards LGBT History Month in February 2017	1,500	1,500	0
Walsall Black Sisters Collective	Star Youth Talent Competition	Creative arts project which engages young people and provides skills, training, support from professionals and organisations.	1,500	1,500	0
Meridan Adventure	Meridan Adventure	A series of 'Dr Bike' cycle workshops with young people, which will offer free cycle checks, maintenance and repair.	1,000	1,000	0
The Albion Foundation	The Albion Foundation	Promote physical activity and wellbeing to 50 young people in Smethwick through football activities and educational workshops.	2,000	2,000	0
Shell Corner Partnership	Shell Corner Partnership - Halesowen Speed Watch	Funding for Pro Laser speed check item to be used in Halesowen North and South wards to combat speeding.	2,000	2,000	0
Wayne Elcock Boxing Academy	Wayne Elcock Boxing Academy	The Boxing Academy is well established within local community and offers young people a pathway from gangs and anti-social behaviour. The funding will purchase boxing equipment and enable more young people to take part in classes.	2,000	2,000	0
Art of Motion Self Defence Classes	Art of Motion Self Defence Classes	Self-defence classes aimed at males and females from the age of 10.	1,000	1,000	0
Caldmore's Men's Shed	Caldmore's Men's Shed	Environmental project to support local community with a space for recreational use, including developing gardening skills. The focus is promoting community cohesion across communities as well as partnerships across faith communities.	1,000	1,000	0
St Pauls Crossover	St Pauls Crossover	Provision of sports taster sessions along with motivational workshops delivered to a groups of young people to encourage health and well-being.	1,000	1,000	0
Square Pegs Round Holes C.I.C	Tastes of Whitmore Reans - Square Pegs Round Holes C.I.C	Contribution towards a Community Social Integration project, using food as the medium to bring people of different ages and ethnic backgrounds together, to learn more about each other, improve understanding, reduce tensions and build cohesion.	1,200	1,200	0
Villa Cross Soup Kitchen	Villa Cross Soup Kitchen	Villa Cross Soup Kitchen engagement project, which supports most vulnerable residents with advice on employment, learning, safety and welfare reform.	1,200	1,200	0
Centre for Equality & Diversity	Wellington Road Community Centre	Community Event to promote community cohesion and partnership working.	220	220	0
West Midlands Police CMPG	Road Safety	To promote road safety amongst vulnerable road users, utilising virtual reality equipment.	7,000	7,000	0
STRONGER COMMUNITIES TOTAL			39,982	39,982	0

Appendix 3

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WEST MIDLANDS COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (WMCSF)

Community Safety

'I will explore for 2018/19 a West Midlands-wide Policing and Crime Board with representatives from each local authority area that will aim to deliver responses to issues more efficiently and effectively at a regional level.'

PCC David Jamieson, Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020

Background

This paper represents a significant change in the way that the community safety budget has been allocated since 2012. It takes account of the move towards regional working with the Combined Authority and the Metro Mayor, and the further move towards a West Midlands response to regional commissioning. There are significant opportunities to be gained from ensuring that the public sector is better aligned to deliver on our shared aims of creating a safer and more prosperous West Midlands. This structure does not change the statutory duties that will remain with the seven CSPs locally.

The Commissioner has to ensure that funding he allocates avoids duplication, ensures efficiencies are made and makes best use of public money. He is held to a high level of scrutiny and accountability by the public and we need to evidence that funding is being spent in the most effective way. The current structure does not provide the public with the level of openness, scrutiny and accountability that they require. The current structure also does not actively encourage collaboration between CSPs, nor the efficiencies and innovations that come with it.

Other PCCs no longer routinely allocate their entire community safety budget to individual CSPs. In other force areas, partnerships are encouraged to bid for resources as needed, and the PCC makes the final decision. The Commissioner will be taking recommendations from partners regarding the best use of spend, which will ensure that all local areas have the opportunity to influence decision making, whilst ensuring that the key aims of the Police and Crime Plan are followed.

The primary aim of the West Midlands Community Safety Partnership will be to provide the Commissioner with the opportunity to work with partners to provide an efficient and effective response to crime reduction across the force area. This work is part of the Commissioner's statutory duties under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. The legislation requires him to work with CSPs and encourage co-operation between them in the exercise of their respective functions. The Act gives the power to the Commissioner to ask for a report from them where it is deemed not to be meeting the requirement to reduce crime and disorder. Furthermore, following an amendment to the Crime and Disorder Regulations in 2012, PCCs have the ability to request the chairs of Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to attend meetings to discuss strategic priorities and other force-wide issues (the frequency of these will be determined by the PCC).

In order to deliver on his Police & Crime Plan, he, along with the Chief Constable, needs to work with others to design the best service for the public within an agreed budget. During his term in office, the Commissioner wants to ensure the maximum return on any grants that he makes. The challenge he is facing is how to keep pace and ensure that he receives meaningful information that allows him to understand and plan, enabling the best use of the budgets that he has.

Chaired by the Commissioner, the WMCSF will aim to develop and enhance multi-agency approaches to reducing crime and disorder through co-operation and consensus. It will work to make communities safer, support victims and bring offenders to justice.

This approach will ensure that the impact on a small number of regional priorities is effective and will be balanced by support for local partnerships to develop tailored community safety services that will also fit the needs of localities.

Purpose

To help fulfil these statutory duties, the PCC is establishing a multi-agency West Midlands Community Safety Partnership, with effect from April 2018. A Shadow Board will be in place by November 2017. The WMCSPP will be the place where the PCC, statutory bodies and representatives from the 7 Local Authority areas come together to agree a coordinated approach to crime reduction, local policing and community safety for the West Midlands.

Specifically:

- Preventing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Tackling serious and organised crime
- Supporting victims, protecting vulnerable people and maintaining public safety
- Youth offending
- Offending and Reoffending

These priorities are taken from the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2016-20. The priorities went through an extensive consultation process after the election in May 2016. The priorities of the WMCSPP have yet to be decided with partners.

Meetings of the WMCSPP should serve to identify opportunities for an evidence based, West-Midlands approach, including co-commissioning, sharing of best practice and collaboration in support of the WMCSPP priorities.

The Board will:

- Provide leadership and improve co-ordination on strategic working at a regional level in respect of policing and crime reduction delivery in the West Midlands
- Establish shared priorities for a West Midlands wide approach, where these can demonstrably add value to the work of local partnership activity.
- Discuss progress against the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan and the effectiveness and impact of the Community Safety Fund
- Bring together responsible authorities and statutory partners to discuss and identify issues of mutual concern including best practice and respond to any blockages to ensuring a safer West Midlands
- Be an opportunity for members to advise and consult on key community safety issues;
- Identify and resolve barriers to delivering a co-ordinated approach to the crime and disorder agenda, anti-social behaviour, risks of offending and re-offending within the West Midlands
- Review high-level intelligence on crime and public concerns about safety.
- Discuss and review proposed changes to relevant legislation and new initiatives relating to crime reduction and community safety;
- Remove duplication and ensure that more money is spent on front line services
- Meet quarterly.

It will also:

- Enhance the relationship between police and local authorities for working on crime reduction as well as facilitating a stronger alignment between crime reduction activity and other strands of local strategic partnerships e.g. economic development, health/mental health, safeguarding, young people etc.
- Develop a joined up strategic assessment process to identify joint priorities and to help achieve focus and value for money
- Ensure good practice in the West Midlands on strategic crime reduction issues is appropriately identified and communicated.

- Assist in the sharing of information between organisations and understanding of key crime reduction programmes taking place across the force area
- Lobby for change and seek to secure/maintain funding for the West Midlands to achieve crime reduction.

The WMCSP will

- Make budgetary recommendations to the Commissioner in response to the strategic priorities of the Board
- Receive updates on the delivery of WMCSP priorities
- Receive updates on key crime and disorder issues including key policy changes or significant events
- Receive updates on the performance of West Midlands Police and key decisions taken by the PCC with a focus on how these contribute to the wider strategic and operational needs of all WMCSP partners
- Receive updates on the performance of the 7 local authority CSPs.

Membership

- Representatives must be at a senior level from each organisation.
- Membership of the partnership can be reviewed at any time by the Commissioner

The Police and Crime Commissioner (Chair)

Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner

Mayoralty representative

West Midlands Police

X 7 Local Authority representatives

National Probation Service

WM Community Rehabilitation Company

Department of Public Health/Clinical Commissioning Group (representative for the West Midlands)

Youth Offending representative (who will have responsibility for representing and feeding back to all West Midlands Youth Offending Teams)

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service

Chamber of Commerce

Representatives from the West Midlands voluntary sector may be invited as and when required.

Governance

Partners will retain their individual governance and accountability arrangements, but come together through the Board to consider their common interests in community safety and policing priorities.

Local authority representatives will ensure consideration of local issues at a strategic level.

The Chair may establish sub-groups of the Board for the more effective achievement of overall objectives.

There are several other West Midlands Partnerships/Boards and programmes that are linked into the WMCSP

- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hubs (MASH),
- The Victims Commission
- Local Criminal Justice Board/West Midlands Reducing Reoffending Steering Group
- 7 CSPs
- Others to be determined

Secretariat support will be provided to the Board by existing officers of the PCC's office who will administer meetings and ensure papers and agendas are distributed to members one week prior to a meeting.

Access to Information

- The WMCSPP may receive any papers or documents of the PCC's office or stakeholder bodies.
- The WMCSPP may, at its discretion, invite private individuals, representatives and others to make presentations to its meetings or provide written submissions where, in the opinion of the Board, it would assist in achieving the overall objectives.

Financial Implications

The PCC has a Community Safety Budget allocation of circa £3,863,308 for 2018/19 for which the WMCSPP will have responsibility to make recommendations on spend. The Commissioner has ultimate responsibility for decision making.

Other linked budgets:

- External Funding budget circa £4,000,000
- Victims Fund allocation circa £3,321,000

Total PCC's budgets under consideration through the different funding structures for 2018/19 is £11,184,308. This also presents an opportunity to align budgets and spending resources to ensure efficiencies across all areas of PCC commissioning.

Conduct

Members of the Board will be expected to act in a manner consistent with accepted standards of conduct in public life and to observe appropriate standards of confidentiality and integrity in relation to matters before the Board.

Consultation Process

This consultation is taking place to determine the make-up and membership of the WMCSPP. Representatives from the PCCs office will attend each Community Safety Partnership meeting during July. In addition there will be a consultation meeting with Lay members of the 7 Boards and a regional meeting in Birmingham which will feedback the outcomes of the consultation.

Consultation Process				
Local Authority Area	Date	Time	Venue	OPCC representative
Solihull	Weds 5 July	4 - 6	Solihull Council House	Jonathan Jardine, CEX Alethea Fuller (AF), Policy and Commissioning Manager
Sandwell	Thursday 6 July	10 -1	Oldbury Council House	Mark Kenyon (MK), Chief Financial Officer, AF
Birmingham	Thursday 6 July	2.30 - 4.30	Lloyd House, Queensway, Birmingham	MK
Coventry	Thursday 6 July	2-4	Diamond Rm 2, Council House	AF
Walsall	Thursday 13 July	2-4	Walsall Council House	MK, AF
Wolverhampton	Tuesday 18 July	10-12	Committee Rm 3, Council House	MK, AF
Dudley	Monday 24 July	4.30-6.30	Conference Room, Brierley Hill Police Station DY5	MK

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Regional Meeting x 7 Partnerships – consultation feedback	Monday 12 September	9-1	Conference Room G2 Lloyd House	
Formal Decision by the PCC	October 2017			
Partnership Summit	Tuesday 24 October	10-3	Aston University Meeting Suites Birmingham	
Shadow Board meetings	Nov 2017 Jan 2018 Mar 2018		Lloyd House	

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