

Report of: The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel**Date: 7th April 2020****Emergency Police and Crime Plan 2020 - Variation to the West Midlands Police and Crime Plan 2016-20****Introduction**

- 1.1 In accordance with section 28 (3) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Panel must review any changes to the Police and Crime Plan and make a report to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).
- 1.2 On 1 April 2020 West Midlands Police and Crime Panel members were sent a copy of the West Midlands Emergency Police and Crime Plan 2020 for consideration.

2 Panel Decision

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Plan is an important document setting out the PCC's policing and crime objectives and this additional emergency chapter will set out the criteria by which the Panel will hold the PCC to account during the COVID-19 outbreak.
- 2.2 The Panel supports the 4 objectives in this additional emergency chapter of the West Midlands Police and Crime Plan. We believe the plan is thorough and will be effective.
- 2.3 We acknowledge the considerable challenge of responding to the pandemic and the difficult and unprecedented circumstances that the PCC and the Force and its officers and staff must operate within to effectively support our communities.
- 2.4 We welcome the proactive work to support the most vulnerable in our communities, particularly those at risk of domestic abuse and also young people and children, to ensure they are still able to get the help and support they need during the coronavirus lockdown. We welcome the PCC's ongoing support to funded organisations and groups supporting victims and working to reduce crime.
- 2.5 At this time of national emergency, the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel wishes to express its support to the Police and Crime Commissioner, West Midlands Police and its officers and staff.

3 Next Steps

- 3.1 The Panel looks forward to the PCC's response to this report.
- 3.2 The Panel will publish this report on their website - www.westmidlandspcp.co.uk

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