



west midlands
police and crime
commissioner

STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD

30 April 2013

RULES OF PROCEDURE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The Commissioner seeks the views of the Board on the proposed rules of procedure under which the Board will operate.

BACKGROUND

2. The purpose of the Strategic Policing and Crime Board is to ensure that the Commissioner is able to effectively engage and represent all areas of the West Midlands and to support the Commissioner in his role of ensuring an efficient and effective police service for the West Midlands through the setting of the strategic direction for the Force and holding the Chief Constable to account for the exercise of his functions.
3. The Board comprises 9 members whose members are as follows:
 - Bob Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner
 - Councillor Yvonne Mosquito, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (with geographic responsibility for Birmingham)
 - Councillor Faye Abbott, Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner (with geographic responsibility for Coventry and Solihull)
 - Councillor Judy Foster, Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner (with geographic responsibility for Dudley and Sandwell)
 - Councillor Mohammed Nazir, Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner (with geographic responsibilities for Walsall and Wolverhampton)
 - Brendan Connor, Non-Executive Board Member
 - Cath Hannon, Non-Executive Board Member
 - Councillor Ernie Hendricks, Non-Executive Board Member
 - Councillor Tim Sawdon, Non-Executive Board Member
4. The four Non-Executive Board members also form part of the membership of the Joint Audit Committee as required under the statutory Financial Code of Practice.
5. It is expected that the Board will meet on a monthly basis. Dates agreed by the Commissioner for 2013 are as follows:

Date and Time	Venue
Tuesday, 30 Apr, 10:00-12.00	Main Committee Room, Lloyd House
Tuesday, 14 May, 10:00-12.00	Main Committee Room, Lloyd House
Tuesday, 11 Jun, 10:00-12.00	Main Committee Room, Lloyd House
Tuesday, 02 July, 10:00-12.00	Main Committee Room, Lloyd House
Tuesday, 03 Sep, 10:00-12.00	Main Committee Room, Lloyd House
Tuesday, 01 Oct, 10:00-12.00	Main Committee Room, Lloyd House
Tuesday, 05 Nov, 10:00-12.00	Main Committee Room, Lloyd House
Tuesday, 03 Dec, 10:00-12.00	Main Committee Room, Lloyd House

BOARD'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

6. The principal terms of reference of the Board are:-

- To maintain an overview of the implementation of the Commissioner's manifesto in order to ensure consistency in approach but having regard to the differing needs in the West Midlands
- To monitor the implementation and achievement of the Police and Crime Plan and support the Commissioner in any work required to vary the Plan during his term of office
- To scrutinise, support and challenge the overall performance of the force including against the priorities agreed within the Plan
- To advise the Commissioner is exercising his functions in setting the budget and precept
- To ensure the effective working of arrangements for consulting with and engaging local residents, communities and victims of crime
- To ensure effective working with the local policing and crime boards and advise the Commissioner on their effectiveness in achieving the outcomes from his award of crime and disorder reduction grants.
- To advise and support the Commissioner in his decision making role and in holding the Chief Constable to account

- To support the Commissioner more generally in the fulfilment of his statutory duties, to include equalities and human rights obligations.

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7. The Commissioner seeks the views of the Board on the proposed rules of procedure which are attached at **Annex A**. These rules will be used to govern the work of the Board in the conduct of its business during its meetings held in public. The Board does not have decision making powers but the Commissioner will use the work of the Board to inform his decision making.
8. The public meetings of the Board will be followed by an informal meeting of the Board. This informal meeting will provide the opportunity for the Commissioner to discuss issues which, under the proposed rules of procedure, are not considered appropriate for public consideration. The public will be aware that such matters are to be considered through information published on the website with a record of this part of the meeting also to be made available in the public domain.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The costs for the Board remain as those set out in the decisions taken by the Commissioner to establish and appoint members to the Strategic Policing and Crime Board. This information is available on the Commissioner's website www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk. The relevant decisions are numbered WMOPC 003/2013 and WMOPC 014/2013.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The Commissioner has power under paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act) to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the PCC. This includes entering into contracts.
11. The Commissioner may delegate to individual Board members under Section 18 of the Act which provides that a Commissioner may arrange for any person (who is not the DPCC) to exercise any function of the Commissioner. The legislation does not provide for decisions to be delegated to the Board itself.
12. The Commissioner will consider the recommendations of the Board when making his decision to approve rules of procedure for the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

13. The Board is asked to discuss the proposed rules of procedures attached at Annex A making recommendations to the Commissioner as appropriate.

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