



**STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD  
11 June 2013**

**West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner's  
Annual Report**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The Commissioner is required by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to produce an annual report. The Board is asked to consider the attached draft annual report from the Commissioner, which covers his first four months in office, together with the preceding eight-month period from April 2012 to November 2012 when governance of the Force was the responsibility of West Midlands Police Authority. The Commissioner is required to present his annual report to the Police and Crime Panel. This is scheduled to form part of the agenda of the Panel's meeting to be held on 24 June 2013.

**BACKGROUND**

2. Publication of an annual report is a statutory requirement. Part 1, Chapter 3, Paragraph 12 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 states,  
  
"Each elected local policing body must produce a report (an "annual report") on —  
(a) the exercise of the body's functions in each financial year, and (b) the progress which has been made in the financial year in meeting the police and crime objectives in the body's police and crime plan"
3. This first annual report is exceptional in that for the majority of the year West Midlands Police Authority remained the local governing body for West Midlands Police. Furthermore, the police and crime plan was only issued on 31 March 2013, the end of the period covered by this annual report. The content of the annual report therefore reflects this split between the Commissioner and the Authority.
4. Once agreed, it is also a statutory requirement that the report is shared with the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel:  
  
"2) As soon as practicable after producing an annual report, the elected local policing body must send the report to the relevant police and crime panel.

(3)The elected local policing body must attend before the panel at the public meeting arranged by the panel...to— (a) present the report to the panel, and (b) answer the panel's questions on the report.

(4)The elected local policing body must— (a) give the panel a response to any report or recommendations on the annual report...and (b) publish any such response"

5. The meeting of the Police and Crime Panel at which the annual report will be considered is scheduled for 24 June 2013.
6. Finally, it is a statutory requirement to publish the annual report, and it is for the Commissioner to "determine the manner" of publication. It is proposed that the annual report will be published on the Commissioner's website, and promoted via social media, media releases, and the West Midlands Police intranet. There will be direct electronic dissemination to West Midlands MPs and councillors. A limited print run will enable copies to be sent to central libraries across the West Midlands.
7. Copies of the annual report in large print, other languages and alternative formats will be provided on request. Any typographical and formatting corrections required will be made by the office of the police and crime commissioner prior to final publication and dissemination.
8. Board members were provided with a draft of the report at their informal meeting held on 28 May 2013. In addition, as the report covers the work of the predecessor Police Authority, a draft has been shared with the members of the former authority for comment.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. The annual report was designed and produced by the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime therefore no external costs have been incurred in its preparation. Electronic dissemination incurs no additional costs. The cost of the limited print run will be met from within existing budgets.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. The production of an annual report ensures compliance with the requirements of Part 1, Chapter 3, Paragraph 12 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

11. The Board is asked to consider the annual report attached.

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