



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

**Strategic Policing and Crime Board  
Work Plan**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. This report sets out the draft work plan for Board meetings through to the end of 2014. It is a working document and will be revised as and when necessary. It provides a point of reference for Board members when they consider future frequency of reporting, whether additional reports might be required and where they would best fit into the work plan. It also provides a vehicle for making the work plan available in the public domain.

**BACKGROUND**

2. At the Board meeting on 14 May 2013, during the discussion on the frequency and content of future performance updates, it was agreed that thought should be given to the wider work plan for future Board meetings.
3. The Commissioner and the Chief Constable discussed the proposed cycle of reports from the Force to the Board before the first meeting of the Board on 30 April 2013. The work plan attached at **Annex A** reflects the outcome of those discussions. It also includes reports that will be presented to the Board from the Joint Audit Committee, the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime (WMOPC), the Deputy and Assistant Police and Crime Commissioners, and other ad hoc reports.

**BASIS OF THE WORK PLAN**

4. 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.

5. The reports presented at the Board meetings are therefore intended to help the Board carry out its role in supporting the Commissioner. The intention is to have the following cycle of reports.
  - A monthly finance report
  - A monthly performance report
  - A quarterly Human Resources report
  - A quarterly Professional Standards Department report
  - Two reports a year from each of the members of the Command Team on their portfolio of work, ie:
    - Deputy Chief Constable
    - ACC Crime
    - ACC Local Policing and Service Improvement
    - ACC Operations
    - ACC Protection
    - Director of Resources
    - Chief Information Officer
  - An annual report from the Chaplaincy
  - Two reports a year from the Deputy and Assistant Police and Crime Commissioners
  - A quarterly report from WMOPC on complaints to the Commissioner
  - An annual report from WMOPC on custody visiting
  - Periodic reports from the Joint Audit Committee
  - The Commissioner's Annual Report
6. The Board will also have a variety of one-off reports on a specific subject, including reports on topics on which the Commissioner has to make a decision.

## **REVIEW OF THE WORK PLAN**

7. The work plan will be under constant review and will be circulated to Board members for their monthly informal meetings. The work plan will also be discussed on a regular basis between the Commissioner and the Chief Constable and their respective offices to ensure the effective operation of the Board.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. There are no financial implications associated with this report. Financial implications will be addressed in each report provided to the Board.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. Under section 36 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the chief constable must give the Commissioner such information on policing that the Commissioner may require the Chief Constable to give. Information must be in the form specified by the Commissioner. .

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

10. Board members are asked to note the report and the attached work plan.

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