



**STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD**

**Notes of meeting held on Tuesday, 11 June 2013  
in the Main Committee Room, Lloyd House**

- Present: Jones, Bob – Police and Crime Commissioner  
Abbott, Cllr Faye – Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner  
Connor, Brendan – Non-executive  
Foster, Cllr Judy – Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner  
Hannon, Cath – Non- executive  
Mosquito, Cllr Yvonne – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner  
Nazir, Cllr Mohammed – Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner  
Sawdon, Cllr Tim – Non-executive
- In attendance: Courtney, Jacky – Chief Executive  
Fuller, Alethea – Policy Manager  
Hands, Dawn – Managing Director, BMG Research  
Hickman, Fiona – Committee Manager  
Jardine, Jonathan – Policy Manager  
Leyland, Derek – Strategic Planning Manager  
Robinson, Chief Supt Mark – Chair, Force Confidence Board  
Thompson, David – Deputy Chief Constable  
Wilkin, David – Director of Resources
- Observers: Approximately 3 members of the public

**023/13 Conflicts of Interest 023/13**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**023/13 Apologies 023/13**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Ernie Hendricks, the Commissioner's Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Constable.

**024/13 Notes of the Last Meeting**

**024/13**

The Board approved the notes of:

- a) the meeting held on 14 May 2013 in public, subject to noting that, in relation to note 017/13, arrangements had been made for the Force to update Board members on how the Force FOI backlog was being managed at their informal Group meeting on 25 June 2013;

*The proposed briefing scheduled for 25 June 2013 was deferred and will take place on 16 July 2013.*

- b) the meeting held on 14 May 2013 in private.

**025/13 Public Questions**

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No questions from the public had been received.

**026/13 Finance: Provisional Revenue and Capital Outturn 2012/13**

**026/13**

The Director of Resources introduced the report which presented the provisional outturn position for revenue and capital expenditure for the financial year 2012/13, subject to any final accounting or external audit adjustments.

The Board considered the report and the discussion focused on the matter of reserves. The Joint Audit Committee would want to be in a position to make a clear statement that it was satisfied that the reserves were adequately categorised and were proportionate to the risks faced by the organisation.

**ACTION. Non-Executive Board members should inform the Chief Executive of any specific information that they considered the Audit Committee should have in that regard so that it could be included in the papers for the Audit Committee meeting on 26 June 2013.**

*No issues were raised with the Chief Executive.*

**027/13 Performance against the 2013-14 Police and Crime Plan**

**027/13**

The Deputy Chief Constable introduced the report which outlined performance against the reduction and satisfaction milestones in the 2013/14 Police and Crime Plan which would be provided on a monthly basis.

The Board considered the report and noted that:

- in relation to the increase in business crime, the Force would be looking at focusing on discussions with particular retail stores and their national policies. The Association of Police and Crime

Commissioners (APCC) would also be looking at how it could support national discussions about business crime;

- although the increase in total recorded crime was marginal, it should be monitored for any signs of it becoming a trend.

The Commissioner congratulated the Force on its performance, particularly as it had achieved these figures working with fewer resources.

## **028/13 Feeling the Difference**

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The Deputy Chief Constable and the Strategic Planning Manager introduced the report which provided an overview of how the Feeling the Difference survey was conducted and the key results. Two presentations were then delivered and hard copies circulated:

- Feeling the Difference Survey – presented by Dawn Hands, Managing Director of BMG Research. This presentation provided details relating to waves 32 and 33 of the survey
- Force Confidence Board – presented by Chief Superintendent Mark Robinson. This presentation provided the Force response to the survey and a copy of the Force Confidence Plan was circulated.

During the discussion a number of observations were made, including:

- While the role of neighbourhood policing was key to increasing public confidence in the police, it was also important that the Force communicate with the public on other aspects of policing, for example metal theft, the work of the Public Protection Unit and such like.
- The Force put more resources in the more deprived constituencies than in the more affluent constituencies.
- Some organisations were moving away from using the MOSAIC methodology to distinguish between different communities. Cllr Foster offered to speak to the Force about other methodologies.
- The new survey provided more granularity than the previous survey which would enable the Force to focus on particular drivers of confidence in particular constituencies.
- The new Local Policing and Crime Boards would have a role to play in increasing public confidence in the police.

Performance data at individual Local Policing Unit level was already provided to Board members at their informal Group meetings.

**ACTION Board members would inform the Chief Executive if there was any additional information they required.**

*The Chief Executive has not received any requests for additional information.*

The Deputy Chief Constable thanked all those who had been involved in the presentations and this was echoed by the Board.

**029/13 Director of Resources Portfolio Update**

**029/13**

The Director of Resources introduced the report which provided an overview of his portfolio.

The Board considered the report and during the discussion noted that:

- In relation to the Human Resources aspects of the portfolio, the Deputy Commissioner commended the Force on the excellent work it had done in respect of the career progression of women officers and staff. She wished to know if this had been mirrored in the Force's approach to the progression of officers and staff in the BME group.

**ACTION. A report would be provided at the 02 September 2013 meeting.**

*The work plan has been updated accordingly.*

- In relation to accommodation sharing (paragraph 15), the Walsall model would be replicated as much as possible across the Force area where opportunities arose. The Director of Resources noted that there were time constraints in relation to Coventry.

The Commissioner congratulated the Force on the achievements outlined in paragraph 13.

**030/13 Update on the Community Safety Fund and Community Safety Partnership Spending Plans 2013-14**

**030/13**

Alethea Fuller introduced the report which provided an update on the spending plans for the Community Safety Fund monies allocated to each of the seven Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) by the Commissioner.

The Board considered the report and noted that:

- The monies from the fund had already been allocated
- The Commissioner had taken a light touch approach to accountability. The grant conditions required the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)/Local Policing and Crime Boards to submit a brief report at the end of the financial year outlining

what had been achieved with the grant and a statement of expenditure.

- The Assistant Police and Crime Commissioners would attend Local Policing and Crime Board meetings. If they wished to raise any issues concerning the spending of the funds, they could do this through the Chief Executive's report which was submitted to the Board members' informal Group meetings.
- The Commissioner was able, under current legislation, to ask for reports from local CSPs at any time.

**031/13 West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 031/13**

Jonathan Jardine introduced the report to which was attached the draft Annual Report from the Commissioner that he was required to present to the Police and Crime Panel on 24 June 2013.

The Board considered the Annual Report.

**ACTION The Annual Report would be forwarded to the Police and Crime Panel after a final proof read.**

*The Annual Report was sent to the Police and Crime Panel for consideration at its meeting on 24 June 2013.*

The Board noted that there was no longer a requirement for the Force to produce an Annual Report. The Commissioner would consider, therefore, whether to include information about police operational areas in future annual reports.

**032/13 Strategic Policing and Crime Board Work Plan 032/13**

The Chief Executive introduced the report which provided the work plan for future meetings through to 2014.

The Board considered the report and during the discussion noted that two further reports had now been added to the work plan:

- Decision: Motor Vehicle Body Repair Contract at the 2 July 2013 meeting
- BME Progression and Promotion at the 2 September 2013 meeting

**ACTION. The work plan would be updated accordingly.**

*The work plan was updated following the meeting and circulated to Board members and the Force.*

**033/13 Decision 033/13**

There was one draft decision for discussion:

## West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner – Community Initiative Fund Process

Alethea Fuller introduced the report which asked the Board to consider the proposed process to determine the award of grants made by the Commissioner from his Community Initiative Fund (CIF).

The Board considered the report and noted that where applicants were unsuccessful in obtaining funds from the Commissioner, the Office for Policing and Crime would suggest other organisations or schemes to which they might also consider applying for funding. There was also a fact sheet outlining other sources of funding on the Commissioner's website.

The Board supported the proposed process for the award of grants from the Commissioner's CIF, subject to the proviso that the Commissioner should have the discretion to make awards outside of the proposed panel meeting cycle should an application need urgent consideration.

### **ACTION The Commissioner would make a formal decision to approve the process which would include the proviso.**

*The Commissioner made the decision on 12 June 2013. Decision WMPCC 024 2013 Process for the Award of Grants from Community Initiative Fund 2013-14 can be found on the Commissioner's website [www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)*

## 034/13 Referrals from Local Policing and Crime Boards, Police and Crime Panel and partner bodies 034/13

There were no referrals from Local Policing and Crime Boards, the Police and Crime Panel or partner bodies. No thematic issues had yet been raised by any members of the Board.

	<b>Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings</b>	
007/13	Force Performance 2012-13	007/13
	The data that the Force could now track at neighbourhood level was very good. It would be worth the Board having a full presentation on this; <b>ACTION: Chief Executive to arrange for Board to be briefed.</b>	
C002/13	Chief Constable Briefing	C002/13
	<b>ACTION. The Chief Constable would work on providing an operational update that could be made available at future meetings of the Board held in public. He would welcome suggestions from Board members.</b>  <i>Neither the Chief Executive nor the Chief Constable have received any suggestions</i>	

016/13	Professional Standards Department, Quality of Service	<b>016/13</b>
	West Midlands Police Working Group on disproportionality. The Board welcome the work being done on disproportionality. <b>ACTION The Force would circulate the action plan to members of the Board.</b>	