



STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD
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**West Midlands
Safer Travel Plan**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the West Midlands Strategic Policing and Crime Board (the Board) of the work being undertaken in producing a Safer Travel Plan for the West Midlands.

BACKGROUND

2. As part of his Safer Travel Manifesto the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Bob Jones, committed to providing a Safer Travel Plan for the West Midlands.
3. The key body in delivering on this is the Safer Travel Partnership which consists of Centro, West Midlands Police, British Transport Police and Transport Operators. Its aim is "make public transport in the West Midlands even safer." This remit operates beyond West Midlands Police force area where required.
4. The Safer Travel Partnership has reduced crime and anti-social behaviour on the West Midlands' transport system. Further consultation with partners will continue and ensure that this work contributes to further development of this Plan.
5. This work also forms part of the PCC's aim to work with partners in agreeing and delivering the joint benefits of a cohesive local transport strategy to make public transport even safer. This has been included within the Police and Crime Plan (Objective 3.1 Creating stronger partnerships and Objective 3.9 Supporting stronger communities). http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/209038/police_and_crime_plan_2013.pdf.
6. The initial scope of the Safer Travel Plan was reflected in the Joint Transport Policing Plan Statement of Intent which was discussed and agreed at the Integrated Transport

Authority (ITA) on 15 April 2013.

<http://www.centro.org.uk/corporateinformation/Committees/ITA.aspx>.

7. In addition to the review at the ITA the Safer travel Plan has also had the oversight by: Stephen Rhodes (Centro), Councillor Kath Hartley (ITA), Chief Superintendent Chris McKeogh, Superintendent Rick Burgess and Inspector Karl Agg (West Midlands Police) Chief Superintendent Peter Davies, Superintendent Allan Gregory and Inspector Lee Gordon (British Transport Police).
8. The Draft Safer Travel is attached at Annex A and has been presented to the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel on 25 June 2013 and further debated by members of the ITA later the same day.
9. Following this meeting the Safer Travel Plan will go to the Putting Passenger First Committee (July 2013) and ITA (September 2013) for final agreement. There will also be public consultation, details of which are yet to be agreed.
10. The Safer Travel Plan has also been shared with the British Transport Police Authority as part of its governance and scrutiny role.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no specific financial implications relating to this report as the resource required have already been factored into existing budgets.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

13. The Board is asked to note this update on the progress of the Safer Travel Plan

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