



**STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD  
5th November 2013**

**WMP INCOME 2013/14**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. This report presents an analysis of the sources of income available to West Midlands Police other than central funding and Council Tax.

**BACKGROUND**

2. The majority of funding received is from Police Grant and Council Tax Precept with income generation representing 3% of the budgeted income total.
3. Income generated is monitored regularly by the Finance Department as part of the monthly budget monitoring cycle.

**INCOME FOR WEST MIDLANDS POLICE WITHIN VfM PROFILE CATEGORIES**

4. The main sources of income that West Midlands Police receives, which constitute 80% of the total income are explained below and shown within the HMIC VfM profile categories. The forecast outturn for these income areas at the end of September 2013 can be found at Appendix 1.

**Sales, Fees, Charges & Rents**

**Statutory Vehicle Fee Income (£3,000,000) and Vehicle Recovery Income (£476,000)**

5. These charges relate to the Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Sums and Charges) Amendment Regulations 1993. The Regulations give the police the power to remove or order the removal of vehicles that are illegally, obstructively, or dangerously parked, abandoned or broken down. The Act authorises the police to recover from the vehicle owner prescribed charges for removal, storage and disposal. The physical tasks of removal, storage and disposal are carried out on behalf of the police by contracted recovery operators. Although this service is carried out by contracted recovery operators the transactions are required to come through the Police accounts for VAT purposes. Therefore, the contracted recovery operators invoice the Force for the cost of removal (£3m plus VAT expenditure) and reimburse the force for the matching

income received (£3m plus VAT income), resulting in no overall effect to the Force bottom line but correct VAT accounting. In addition to this paper-based VAT accounting transaction, the Force receives genuine income through a management fee from the recovery operators for carrying out the removal which is currently £476,000.

DAT Income £1,475,300

6. WMP employ Arrest Referral Workers on behalf of the Drug Action Teams in Birmingham (4) and Solihull (1) to work with people in relation to the treatment for drug and alcohol misuse. The costs are recovered on a quarterly basis and cover the cost of the Arrest Referral Workers along with the running costs of the Birmingham and Solihull teams.

Training Income £701,200

7. Training income comprises £630,000 Speed Awareness Course income and £71,200 income for Public Order Training at RAF Cosford. The Speed Awareness income supports the running of the Camera Enforcement Unit. The income is received from members of the public, caught speeding by camera, who pay a fine and undertake a speed awareness course. WMP receive the money on a monthly basis via an invoice from NDORS LTD who run the courses. The POT income is from Staffordshire, Warwickshire and West Mercia Police.

General Rents £496,400

8. This income stream comprises of £277,000 from CTU buildings and the remainder is from the rental of single quarters, the rental of police houses, the rental of advertising board space (Park Lane), and the rental of mast sites.

**Partnership Income**

Safer Travel CENTRO Funding £725,700

9. This represents part funding towards the Safer Travel Team. Centro currently fund 48.65% of the total net costs, along with one off contributions from National Express (£90,000) and the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF), (£138,400). The funding is for fourteen Police officers, sixteen PSCO's, two support staff and associated non pay cost for the team, premises and vehicles.

**Reimbursed Income – excluding collaboration**

DBS Income £1,335,500

10. This is the annual external funding for the Disclosure Unit based at Aqua House. The funds cover the pay costs and the day to day running of the department. The funding comes from the Disclosure & Barring Service (formerly Criminal Records Bureau) and an invoice is sent to them on a monthly basis by completing a monthly budget return.

POCA Incentivisation £1,120,000

11. Proceeds of Crime Act income is paid by the Home Office quarterly in arrears and relates to a proportion of seized money that WMP has passed on to the Home Office. The funding is to support further asset recovery activities and crime prevention activities. The majority of this income is used to fund Financial Investigator posts, with a smaller budget being set aside for ideas generated within the Force.

Seconded Officers £973,400

12. This is income for Police Officers and Police Staff who are seconded to other Police Forces or external organisations. Invoices are raised to the relevant organisation in line with the individual's secondment agreement. All income is used to offset the pay and associated costs of that officer or staff member.

**Special Police Services**

Airport Income £2,700,000

13. An annual invoice is raised to Birmingham International Airport Ltd for the cost of the policing unit which is dedicated to the airport site. £2.7m is the value which was mutually agreed in 2012, and is fixed for 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15. The charge covers the cost of the police officers and staff who are based at the policing unit, together with vehicle costs, running costs and overhead charges.

Private Hire Football Matches £974,500

14. This is income from the football clubs in the WMP area: Aston Villa FC, Birmingham City FC, Walsall FC, West Bromwich Albion FC, Wolverhampton Wanderers FC. This covers policing of home matches. Also covered are subsistence and hospitality costs and accommodation costs for away matches where police officers attend as spotters.

**Government Grants / Various**

NABIS Funding £1,665,000

15. WMP acts as the host force for the National Ballistics Intelligence Service. This funding pays for the payroll, accommodation and operating costs of the service. NABIS funding is agreed by ACPO Chief Constable Council and is funded by the 43 forces of England and Wales via an annual subscription model on a pro rata basis linked to an individual force's gun crime reported figures.

Other Income £3,900,000

16. This is a composite of all the other income sources for WMP. It includes prosecution costs recovered, accident reports, immigration prisoner income, alien certificates, sale of seized vehicles, low value vehicle sales, alarm inspectorate.

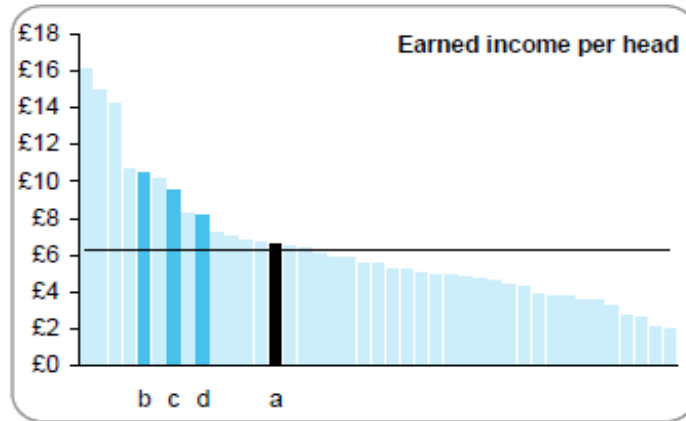
**HMIC VALUE FOR MONEY (VfM) PROFILES**

17. The draft HMIC VfM study, due for final publication in October 2013, suggests that WMP generates a below average level of income per head of population when compared to the most similar group of forces. It is important, however, to note that when making comparisons some variances arise due to Forces not classifying items consistently.
18. The comparison Forces used within our most similar group are as follows and the key remains the same for all HMIC tables shown:-

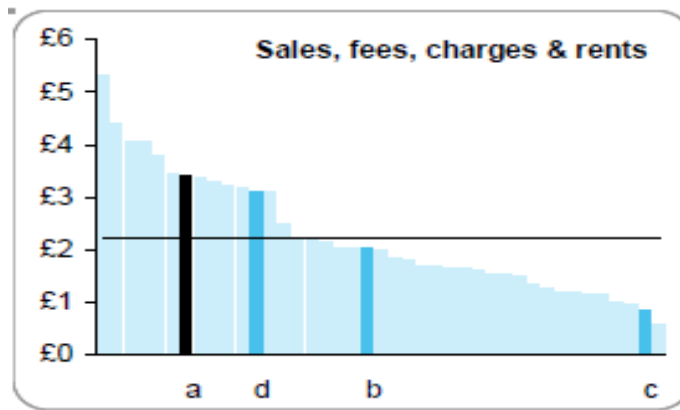
<b>Key</b>	<b>Force</b>
<b>a</b>	West Midlands
<b>b</b>	Greater Manchester (GMP)
<b>c</b>	Merseyside
<b>d</b>	West Yorkshire

19. Overall the report shows that West Midlands Police generates £6.60 income per head of population which is broadly the same as all Forces whose average income

generation is £6.30 per head but below our most similar Forces who average £8.70 per head. This is illustrated in the following diagram:-

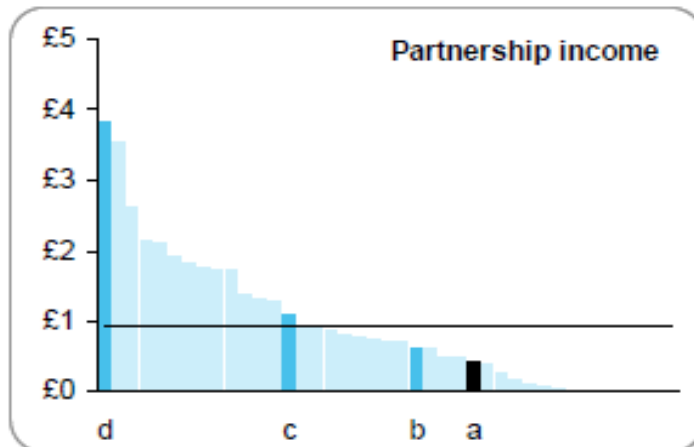


Sales, Fees, Charges & Rents



20. In this area WMP generates approximately £3.40 per head of income compared to our most similar group generating around £2.30 per head. The average for all Forces is £2.20 per head. For WMP it includes income streams such as statutory vehicles fees and training as described in paragraphs 5-9.

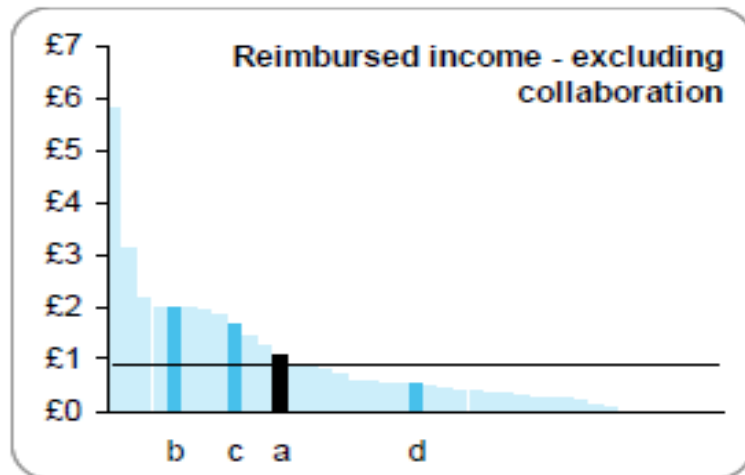
Partnership Income



21. For WMP partnership income generation is low at 40p per head in comparison to the most similar forces who average £1.50 per head. West Yorkshire generates

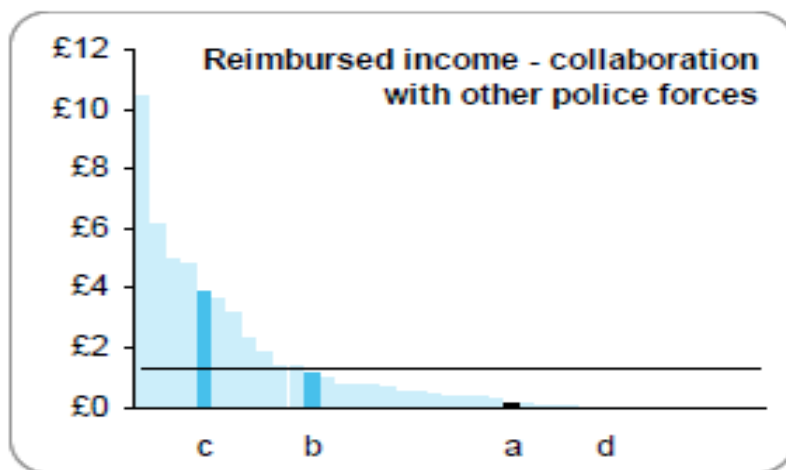
the most income in this area due to the fact that they receive income of £4m mostly from Local Authority partners to fund 30% of their PCSOs. They also receive £1.2m safer schools funding for Police officers. Merseyside also receive funding from local authorities for PCSOs. In addition both of these Forces receive in excess of £1m each for Camera Safety Partnerships, whilst for WMP we receive £0.6m for Speed Awareness which is categorised in sales, fees and charges as detailed in paragraph 7.

Reimbursed Income – Excluding Collaboration



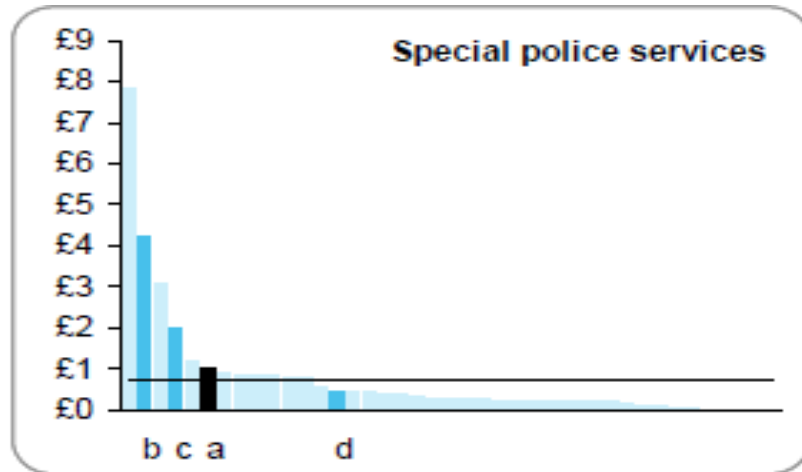
22. Within this category WMP is slightly above the average of all forces where income is £1.10 per head compared to the average of all forces, including the most similar at 90p per head. This area includes income from POCA, seconded officers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Reimbursed Income – Collaboration With Other Police Forces



23. This chart reflects the fact that WMP has very few collaborative projects with other Forces. The income shown represents collaboration in relation to Regional Organised Crime Units.

## Special Police Services



24. The position on Special Police Services income is to be expected given that it reflects private hire at football clubs. The higher levels generated by GMP and Merseyside reflect the football clubs within the Force area. GMP also receive around £7m for airport policing compared to £2.7m for WMP.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

25. There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

26. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

27. The Board is asked to consider the levels of income anticipated for 2013/14

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### Income Generation 2013/14 (September 2013 Forecast)

	2013/14	September	2013/14
Description	Current Budget £m	Current Actual £m	Estimated Outturn £m
STATUTORY VEHICLE FEE INCOME	-3.0	-0.8	-3.0
AIRPORT INCOME	-2.7	-2.7	-2.7
NABIP FUNDING	-1.7	-1.8	-2.0
DAT INCOME	-1.5	-0.5	-1.5
DBS INCOME (CRB)	-1.3	-0.5	-1.3
POCA INCENTIVISATION	-1.1	-0.3	-1.1
PRIVATE HIRE FOOTBALL MATCHES	-1.0	-0.4	-1.1
SECONDED OFFICERS	-1.0	-0.5	-1.1
SAFER TRAVEL CENTRO FUNDING	-0.7	-0.2	-0.7
TRAINING INCOME	-0.7	-0.3	-0.9
GENERAL RENTS	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4
VEHICLE RECOVERY INCOME	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4
OTHER INCOME	-3.9	-2.8	-5.4
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>-19.5</b>	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>-21.8</b>