



VARIATIONS TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

PURPOSE

1. This report seeks the comments of the Police and Crime Panel on the variations which the Commissioner proposes to make to his Police and Crime Plan issued on 28 March 2013.

BACKGROUND

2. As outlined in the report to the Panel at its meeting held on 20 January 2014, by virtue of section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Commissioner is required to issue a police and crime plan (the Plan) within the financial year in which the election is held i.e. 31 March 2013. The plan is required to cover the:
 - Commissioner's police and crime objectives
 - policing which the Chief Constable is to provide
 - financial and other resources which the Commissioner will provide to the Chief Constable
 - means by which the Chief Constable will report to the Commissioner on the provision of policing
 - means by which the Chief Constable's performance will be measured
 - crime and disorder reduction grants which the Commissioner is to make and the conditions to which such grants are to be made
3. The Plan is required to cover the term of office of the Commissioner, although it is possible to vary the Plan during this period. In approving the Plan the Commissioner indicated that he expected to revisit the Plan annually to take account of future financial settlements and ensure that the Plan continues to reflect the needs of local people. The Panel was informed of this intention in the process to agree the Plan last year.
4. The Act places requirements on the Commissioner should he wish to vary the Plan. Before varying his Plan he must:
 - prepare a draft of the variation
 - consult the relevant chief constable in preparing the variation

- send the variation to West Midlands Police and Crime Panel
- have regard to any report or recommendation by the Panel in relation to the variation
- give the Panel a response to any report or recommendations, and
- publish any such response

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5. The Panel were provided with a summary of the issues which have been raised with the Commissioner as a result of his engagement with partners through the Partnership Summit held in November 2013. The summary was provided to the Panel at its last meeting. Therefore the Commissioner has had the benefit of making variations to the Plan cognisant of the priorities that would be included in local policing and crime plans.
6. Attached to this report at **Annex A** is a copy of the Plan which varies the Plan approved last year. The report contains a summary of the variations which have been made to the milestones and objectives. The sections which follow the summary provide a narrative to support the proposed milestones and objectives.
7. The Commissioner intends to use the Plan as a vehicle for monitoring the action plans which have resulted from the various summits that he has held since taking office. To this end a copy of the action plans, as agreed by the Commissioner following consideration by his Strategic Policing and Crime Board, are appended to the Plan which accompanies this report. Any further action plans agreed by the year will also be added.
8. The Panel will also be aware that the Commissioner is committed to a planning process which is driven by 'bottom-up' priorities arising from the public of the West Midlands. To this end his Plan is underpinned by the local police and crime plans developed through the local policing and crime boards which have now been established in each of the seven local authority areas. These plans will also be appended to the Plan once agreed locally.
9. The Plan has also been varied in the context of the budget in which the Commissioner has to work. The Panel will be giving separate consideration to the setting of the precept by the Commissioner.
10. The proposed varied Plan is to be considered by the Commissioner's Strategic Police and Crime Board at its meeting on 4 February 2014. The Board will be provided with an oral report on the views of the Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. The Panel is asked to consider the proposed Police and Crime Plan as varied by the Commissioner and to make its recommendations in respect of the varied Plan.