



STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD
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**Update on Work with West Midlands Mayor
and Combined Authority**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report provides information on the current working relationship between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and the West Midlands Mayor and Combined Authority (WMCA). It includes information on proposed areas for future joint working.

GOVERNANCE ENGAGEMENT

2. The Police and Crime Commissioner has had observer (non-voting) status at WMCA since 11 March 2016.
3. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is represented on the following WMCA committees and bodies:
 - a. WMCA Board
 - b. WMCA Programme Board
 - c. Public Service Reform Board
 - d. Well Being Board
 - e. Mental Health Commission
 - f. West Midlands Strategic Transportation Co-ordination Group
4. SPCB member Dr Sarah Marwick has offered to participate in the Mayor's Homelessness Taskforce, given that she is a General Practitioner with Special Interest with healthcare for the homeless.
5. The OPCC will seek representation on the WMCA Devolution Strategy Group, which develops proposals for future devolution deals.
6. The OPCC has invited, or will invite, WMCA to be part of the following OPCC committees and bodies:

- a. West Midlands Local Criminal Justice Board
- b. West Midlands Community Safety Partnership

7. The Police and Crime Commissioner will meet the Mayor informally every two months.

BUDGETS FOR WMCA RELATED ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY THE OPCC IN 2017-18

8. Contribution to core budget:

- a. Observer status. Budget in 2017-18: £21,250 (includes early payment discount)

9. Mental Health Commission:

- a. Director of Implementation. The OPCC pays a third of the salary of a seconded West Midlands Police Superintendent, with WMCA and the NHS paying the balance. OPCC budget allocation in 2017-18: £30,000
- b. The “Through the Gate” project has been established as a pilot in Featherstone Prison to identify a cohort of individuals (n=24) who will be released back into the Wolverhampton area, providing a support package for the last 6 weeks of the prison sentence and for 6 -12 weeks within the community setting. The programme seeks to reduce reoffending rates by creating a more effective transition back into the community and using peer networks to support the individual into housing, primary care and employment. This programme will commence in October 2017. OPCC budget allocation in 2017-18: £80,000
- c. Mental Health Treatment Referrals Pilot. With the support of probation colleagues a number of MHTR’s (11) have been successfully delivered to date. Two further pilots in Coventry and the Black Country will commence in autumn 2017. OPCC budget allocation in 2017-18: £120,000

10. Public Service Reform:

- a. “New Chance” project. New Chance is a whole systems approach to responding to women in custody across Birmingham and Sandwell. The project is working with women who have complex needs and have seen approximately 300 women. To date, 100% of clients at Birmingham have been the victim of domestic abuse/violence. Large number of clients also experienced mental health issues. The project has been more successful for those that have a range of issues rather than clients with a single issue. OPCC budget allocation in 2017-18: £100,000
- b. New Chance project evaluation by the University of Birmingham. Early indications are very positive. OPCC budget allocation in 2017-18: £9,000

11. 2017 Mayoral election:

- a. Support for www.wmcaelects.co.uk. OPCC budget allocation in 2017-18: £500

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE SUPPORT FOR WMCA ACTIVITIES

12. West Midlands Police has:

- a. Released a Superintendent on full-time secondment to serve as Director of Implementation for the Mental Health Commission
- b. Nominated a Chief Superintendent to support the Public Service Reform strand
- c. Facilitated engagement and support from Accenture UK in the Public Service Reform work stream
- d. Engaged with Birmingham City Council and WMCA in the development of proposals for hosting the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

13. The OPCC is agreeing with WMCA, the Mayor, and West Midlands Police an operational protocol for the provision of information relating to policing and community safety matters, and communications activity in response to major incidents.

AREAS FOR FUTURE WORKING WITH THE MAYOR & WMCA

14. Transport:

- a. Network resilience and traffic management
- b. Uninsured vehicles
- c. Safer Travel
- d. Reducing the number of people Killed and Seriously Injured on our roads

15. Land Commission:

- a. Unauthorised encampments and Travellers

16. Economic development:

- a. Public Sector procurement policies
- b. Reducing youth unemployment
- c. Support for social enterprise
- d. Mentoring schemes

17. Community safety:

- a. Urban street gangs and violence
- b. Protecting businesses against organised crime and cybercrime
- c. Tackling drug and substance misuse
- d. Promoting social cohesion and reducing violent extremism

18. Public Service Reform

- a. Public sector data: collation, visualisation, predictive analytics and inter-organisational data sharing
- b. Safer detention: secure accommodation for children
- c. Blue light services collaboration
- d. Criminal Justice System devolution
- e. Violence reduction
- f. One Public Estate

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

19. Total OPCC budget in support of WMCA related activity in 2017-18 is £360,750.
20. There are additional costs associated with OPCC staff time allocated to WMCA related work.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

21. Payments in support of projects are made as “Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants” in accordance with Section 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
22. Other payments are made in accordance with Standing Orders.

RECOMMENDATIONS

23. The Board is asked to note this report

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