



## STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

### Operation Belvedere

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report is to provide an update to the Strategic Police and Crime Board on the West Midlands Police resources that were deployed and/or funded in response to supporting the increase in threat level to critical on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

#### BACKGROUND

2. On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 0820hrs the Metropolitan Police Service was called to respond to a partially exploded IED on a tube train at Parsons Green station. This was declared as a terrorist incident at 0920hrs.
3. In anticipation of a requirement for an increased visible policing presence in the West Midlands a command structure was put in place led by ACC Gary Cann to facilitate the local response to this incident. The operation was Op Belvedere and its initial focus was to develop an armed and unarmed patrol strategy to provide reassurance to the communities of the West Midlands in anticipation of a change in the National Threat Level. Significant lessons had been learnt since the period post-Manchester attack and the force was able to quickly develop and implement a plan to deliver this function.
4. To ensure there was an armed policing presence in crowded places and iconic sites on the Saturday, rest days were cancelled for Firearms officers and duties were extended to 12 hours. Some Operational Support Unit, Force Response and Force Support Unit officers were retained on duty and all Neighbourhood Team officers were mobilised to their respective City Centres to provide a visible presence.
5. At approximately 2030hrs the Prime Minister declared that JTAC had revised the national threat level to CRITICAL and that partial implementation of Operation Temperer had been authorised. The aspect of Op Temperer that was authorised was the military backfill of Ministry of Defence and Civil Nuclear Constabulary resources to release a Strategic Armed Policing Reserve that forces could then bid for as part of a protective security guarding operation. West Midlands Police had already assessed how and where to use any national firearms assets and a plan was quickly drawn together to bid for an uplift in resources. In

the interim a plan was developed using West Midlands Police firearms officers to patrol at key sites.

## RESOURCES DEPLOYED

6. The table below summarises the resources that were deployed by WMP in response to Operation Belvedeere and the estimated financial impact on the Force:

|                                                         | <b>Hours</b> | <b>£</b>       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Officer and Staff time (No Payments):</b>            |              |                |
| Officers redeployed from "BAU" to support Op Belvedeere | 1,225        | 244,116        |
| Senior Officers Deployed                                | 269          | 15,690         |
| <b>Total Duty Time/No additional payments</b>           | <b>1,494</b> | <b>259,806</b> |
| <b>Officer and Staff time (Payment due):</b>            |              |                |
| Extended Hours                                          | 773          | 102,937        |
| Recorded OT ~(inc Cancelled RD's)                       | 1,021        | 38,546         |
| <b>Total additional time payments</b>                   | <b>1,894</b> | <b>141,482</b> |
| <b>Non Pay Ancillary Costs:</b>                         |              |                |
| Accommodation*                                          |              | 12,886         |
| External Vehicle Hire**                                 |              | 0              |
| <b>Total Non Pay Costs</b>                              |              | <b>12,886</b>  |
| <b>Total Payments Expected</b>                          |              | <b>154,368</b> |
| <b>Total Resource Deployed</b>                          | <b>3,288</b> | <b>414,174</b> |

\*This is the cost of accommodating the MOD/CNC firearms officers. Original cost was £19,836, but negotiations with the contracted Hotels enabled us to reduce our commitment at short notice.

\*\*Although arrangements had been put in place with local contracted suppliers to provide external vehicle support (minibuses), no costs were incurred as we were able to cancel at short notice once the threat level was reduced.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Included within the report.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified

## RECOMMENDATIONS

SPCB note the WMP approach to operation Belevedeere and the associated cost of resourcing the response to the increase in threat level

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