



STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD
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Police and Crime Plan

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To outline the steps and approach that will be taken to produce a new Police and Crime Plan for the 2016 – 2020 term of office.

BACKGROUND

2. Under section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 a Police and Crime Commissioner must issue a police and crime plan (“the Plan”) within the financial year in which an ordinary election is held (i.e. in this case, before 31 March 2017). A 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

A Plan covers the term of office of a Commissioner, although it is possible to vary the Plan during this period.

Before publishing a Police and Crime Plan the Commissioner must:

- prepare a draft of the Plan

- consult the Chief Constable
- send the Plan to West Midlands Police and Crime Panel (“the Panel”)
- have regard to any report or recommendation by the Panel
- give the Panel a response to any report or recommendations, and
- publish any such response

The Commissioner has stated his commitment to develop the Plan to a timetable which complements and works in line with the production of a Medium Term Financial Plan for West Midlands Police and takes account of and influences the WMP2020 programme with AccentureUK.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN

3. The Commissioner will follow a similar process to that used for the variation to the Plan agreed in March 2015 and continue to take full ownership of the Plan.
4. The Plan will be a public-facing document that West Midlands Police and partners can use as they plan ahead. Development of the content of the Plan will now proceed along the below timeline:
 - Priorities consultation beginning on June 3rd 2016, including specific engagement work targeting victims of crime, businesses and young people. The consultation will end after six weeks.
 - Workshop SPCB during June Group Meeting
 - Workshop with WMP Command Team in June
 - Proposed consideration of the Plan by the Panel at the September meeting
 - Proposed Autumn publication and final decision following receipt and consideration of the Panel’s comments
 - In addition to dates set-out there will be on-going meetings between the OPCC and WMP and within the OPCC to assist the production of the Police and Crime Plan.
5. The process to produce the Plan will include a comprehensive literature review and consultation with the public and will also take account of the following also (some of the below are unfinished work streams):
 - Manifesto / election pledges of the Police and Crime Commissioner
 - Target Operating Model Refresh
 - WMP Strategic Assessment
 - Medium Term Financial Plan

- Economic Development Strategy
- Work of the Commission on Gangs and Violence
- Victims Commission Strategy
- Restorative Justice Strategy
- Local policing plans
- Strategic needs assessment of local authorities
- Work of the Preventing Violence Alliance
- OPCC Mental Health Strategy
- External Auditors Report
- HMIC inspections
- OPCC Young people's strategy
- OPCC Business Strategy
- Development of West Midlands Combined Authority
- Changes to the statutory framework for PCCs, notably the Policing and Crime Bill's provisions relating to emergency services collaboration and police complaints
- The Strategic Policing Requirement
- Other relevant documents and publications

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The process to produce the Police and Crime Plan will take account of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The legal position of the Plan and the consideration of the Police and Crime Panel are covered in the background section to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. The Board is asked to consider the report and support the approach it outlines in respect of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.

Richard Costello
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