

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Annual Report 2015/16

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Production and publication of an annual report (including an opportunity for recommendations from the Police and Crime Panel to which the Police and Crime Commissioner must respond) is a statutory requirement for Police and Crime Commissioners.

This decision approves the Annual Report for 2015/16 (attached) and decides the manner of its dissemination.

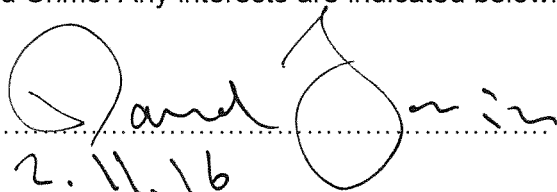
DECISION

To approve the Annual Report 2015/16 with electronic dissemination and the circulation of hard copies to central libraries in each local authority area.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....


2.11.16

Date.....

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Production of an annual report is a statutory requirement. Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 12 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 states:

“Each elected local policing body must produce a report (an ‘annual report’ on – (a) the exercise of the body’s functions in each financial year, and (b) the progress which has been made in the financial year in meeting the police and crime objectives in the body’s Police and Crime Plan”.

This decision relates to the Annual Report 2015/16.

It is also a statutory requirement that the report is shared with the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel:

(2) As soon as practicable after producing an annual report, the elected local policing body must send the report to the relevant Police and Crime Panel.

(3) The elected local policing body must attend before the panel at the public meeting arranged by the panel to – (a) present the report to the panel and (b) answer the panel’s questions on the report.

(4) The elected local policing body must – (a) give the panel a response to any report or recommendations on the annual report and (b) publish any such response.”

The Police and Crime Panel considered the Annual Report at its meeting on 5 September 2016 and produced a report with recommendations. This is at Annex A.

The Police and Crime Commissioner’s response to the Police and Crime Panel’s recommendations is at Annex B.

The Annual Report, incorporating revisions arising from the Police and Crime Panel’s recommendations is attached.

Dissemination

It is a statutory requirement to publish the Annual Report and it is for the Commissioner to ‘determine the manner’ of publication. It is proposed that the Annual Report will be

published on the Commissioner's website, and promoted via social media, news articles and the West Midlands Police intranet. There will be direct electronic dissemination to West Midlands MPs and councillors. A limited print run will enable copies to be sent to central libraries across the West Midlands.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Report was designed with the assistance of WMP's Design and Print team and produced by the West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, therefore no external costs have been incurred in its preparation. Electronic dissemination incurs no additional costs. The costs of a limited print run will be met from within existing budgets.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A decision to approve and then publish the Annual Report ensures compliance with the requirements of Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 12 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Copies of the Annual Report in large print, other languages and alternative formats will be provided on request and the electronic version on the Commissioner's website is accessible to the screen reader adapted to the site.

Schedule of Background Papers

None.

Public Access to Information

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.

