

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE  
AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER**

NON-CONFIDENTIAL

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

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**Title: Dip Sampling of Completed Complaints Files**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The proposal is to introduce a new system for dip sampling completed complaints files.

**DECISION**

I approve the proposed new system for dip sampling completed complaints files.

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**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.....Bob Jones.....

Date.....7 February 2014.....

**NON - CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME**

## **COMMISSIONER**

### **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1. The proposed system of dip sampling completed complaints files is intended to assist the Commissioner and the Strategic Policing and Crime Board in their responsibility to ensure that the system for dealing with complaints against the police is effective and that it is well managed.
2. It is proposed that the dip sampling be undertaken by all members of the Strategic Policing and Crime Board three times each year, following the process set out in the Report to the Strategic Policing and Crime Board on 4 February 2014.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3. The administrative costs associated with the proposed dip sampling exercise can be contained within the budget for the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) were appointed as a result of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Their responsibilities under the Act include duties to:
  - secure an efficient and effective police for their area; and
  - hold him the Chief Constable to account for running the force

### **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

5. There are no equality implications directly arising from this decision.

### **Schedule of Background Papers**

6. None.

### **Public Access to Information**

7. 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.