

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
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COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Annual Report 2013-14

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

This decision would approve the annual report for 2013-14 attached and decide the manner of its dissemination.

DECISION

To approve the annual report 2013-14, 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.....David Jamieson.....

Date.....25 September 2014.....

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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 report concerns 2013-14, the last full financial year of the incumbency of Bob Jones, who passed away on 1 July 2014. It therefore reflects the work of Bob Jones as Police and Crime Commissioner, but includes a foreword by the current Commissioner.

As recommended during consideration of the 2012-13 Annual Report, it includes a summary of West Midlands Police operational activity.

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 8 September 2014 and produced a report with recommendations on 15 September 2014. 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, media releases, 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 and produced by the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime therefore no external costs have been incurred in its preparation. Electronic dissemination incurs no additional costs. The cost 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 for 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.

Annex A

Report of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel



Report of: The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Report to: The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 15th September 2014

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2013-2014

1. Introduction

In accordance with Section 28 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Panel must review the Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report and make a report or recommendations to the PCC.

On 8 September 2014 the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel considered the 2013-2014 Annual Report.

2. Members Present

Councillors Sucha Bains, Darren Cooper, Sean Coughlan, Peter Douglas-Osborn, David Hosell, Ann Lucas, Elias Mattu, Jess Phillips, Joe Tildesley, Paul Tilsley and Dave Tyler.

Nick Drew and Lionel Walker – Independent co-opted members

3. Panel Comments

a) Police and Crime Plan and Performance Milestones

We acknowledge that this Annual Report covers the period office of PCC, Bob Jones and records his work and progress towards the Police and Crime Plan objectives before his sad death on 1 July 2014. We note your intention not to make any in-year changes to the Police and Crime Plan or the budget.

We look forward to receiving clarification on the performance indicators and target data relating to violence with injury.

b) Engagement, Summits and Correspondence

We note your proposed changes to the style of engagement and the way you will deal with correspondence. We understand your intent is to reduce the number of summits in order to get better outcomes. We would support greater clarity about the outcomes of summits. We note that you will not be undertaking individual casework in order to focus on strategic issues and engagement with legitimate interest groups across the West Midlands.

c) PCC Decision - Technology Innovation and Integration Partner

We note the progress made since the annual report was finalised on the Technology Innovation and Integration Partner and the appointment of Accenture. We note your assurances that this is not about privatisation but using technology to gain efficiencies. We further note the Chief Constable's assurance that the risks can be managed by the way in which the contract has been set up.

d) The Year in Numbers

Thank you for agreeing to provide more information on the outcomes of the 61,000+ arrests made during the year.

e) Neighbourhood Watch

Given the principle of policing by consent and the need for effective engagement, could you give some consideration as to how to strengthen the Neighbourhood Watch offer across the West Midlands?

f) Budget

We note the budget pressures that you are under and are aware you may have to make difficult decisions in the coming term. We would welcome more in-depth discussion with you before final decisions are taken.

g) Final comments

No changes to this annual report are required. As you recall comment was made about the style of the report and we are happy to have a discussion with you about the style of future reports towards the end of the year.

The Panel hope that you consider this feedback helpful and recognise our intent to be supportive of your work. The Panel looks forward to your response to this report.

The Panel will publish this report on www.westmidlandspcp.co.uk



Councillor Darren Cooper

Chair West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Annex B

Copy of response from West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner to Cllr Darren Cooper, 25 September 2014

Dear Darren

Thank you for your committee's constructive report dated 15 September 2014.

My office has confirmed that there was a typographical error in the Violence with Injury data, which will be rectified in the final version. The correct figure for 2013/14 is 19,393 offences recorded.

We will work together on the other issues raised in the report to ensure that they are covered in the committee's work in the coming year.

Yours

David Jamieson
Police and Crime Commissioner