



STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD

Tuesday 15th September 2020
1000 – 1200 hrs

Remote Access Meeting (using Zoom Technology)

AGENDA

1	10.00	Apologies and PCC Update The Police and Crime Commissioner will provide a general update.	Verbal
2	10:05	Notes of the Last Meeting The notes of the Board meeting held on Tuesday 18th August 2020 are attached to this agenda. The notes include actions in bold, with the steps taken to address those actions included in italics. The notes carry forward any outstanding actions from previous Board meetings to ensure that the Board is regularly updated on progress. Safer Travel – For Information Report Action: The Force to investigate the ethnic data of those bus drivers who have been assaulted, in order to assess if these are hate crimes. Emergency Chapter Report Action: The Force to gather information regarding the total of Special Constables who are eligible for a bonus allowance. Safer Travel – For Information Report Action: The Force to investigate the ethnic data of those bus drivers who have been assaulted, in order to assess if these are hate crimes. Emergency Chapter Report: Action: The Force to gather information regarding the total of Special Constables who are eligible for a bonus allowance.	
3	10:15	Questions from Members of the Public The Police and Crime Commissioner will consider questions from members of the public (other than police officers and staff) who live, work or study in the West Midlands relating to the duties and responsibilities of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any questions have to be submitted in writing to the Commissioner at least seven working days before the meeting. Members of the public may submit one question per meeting. Members of the public are reminded that it is also possible to ask questions of West Midlands Police and Crime Panel whose role is to support and review the work of the West Midlands	

		Police and Crime Commissioner. For further information go to the Panel's website http://westmidlandspcp.co.uk	
4	10:20	Questions from the Board on matters not on the agenda This item is for Board Members to ask particular questions on matters that have arisen between Board meetings and which are not connected with the reports on this agenda. A copy of the questions will be circulated at the meeting and will be made available on the Commissioner's website at www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk .	
		Reducing Reoffending (focus on Recovery - other reporting is by exception)	
5	10:40	Criminal Justice: Leading and supporting a partnership response to the national emergency. Independent Custody Visitors, Appropriate Adults Presented by Meg Jones, Head of Policy, Sarah Gilbert, Regional Policy Officer, Sarah Matta, Volunteer Coordinator	Written Report
6	11:00	Emergency Chapter To be presented by Chief Superintendent Claire Bell on behalf of ACC Jayne Meir.	Written Report
7	11:20	Finance Budget Monitoring To be presented by Mark Kenyon.	Written Report
8	11:40	Chief Constable Update The Chief Constable will give a verbal update on operational policing matters which can be discussed in the public domain.	Verbal update
9	11.50	SPCB Work Plan	Written Report
10	11.55	Date of Next Meeting: 20th October 2020	For Noting



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Notes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 18th August 2020 10:00am – 12:00pm

Remote Access Meeting (using Zoom Technology)

Attendees:

Waheed SALEEM	:	Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Claire BELL	:	Chief Superintendent
Cath HANNON	:	Board Member
Jonathan JARDINE	:	Chief Executive
Vanessa JARDINE	:	Deputy Chief Constable
Leigh JONES	:	Assistant Director
Gurinder Singh JOSAN	:	Board Member
Mark KENYON	:	Chief Finance Officer
Thomas MCNEIL	:	Strategic Advisor/Board Member
Jayne MEIR	:	Assistant Chief Constable
Anne SHAW	:	Transport for West Midlands
David STURMAN	:	Chief Superintendent
David THOMPSON	:	Chief Constable
David TWYFORD	:	Superintendent
Brendan WARNER-SOUTHWELL	:	Policy Manager

Plus three observers and one note taker.

Please Note:

1. *This meeting was recorded and the entire discussion can be found here:*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvbcAJ4ipQ>
2. *The reports referred to throughout this meeting can be viewed here:*
<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/archive/spcb-august-2020/>
3. *Actions arising from the discussion during the meeting are highlighted in bold text.*

076/20	<p>Item 1: Apologies and DPCC Update</p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David JAMIESON - Police and Crime Commissioner• Neil CHAMBERLAIN – Director• Brendan CONNOR – Board Member• Alethea FULLER – Deputy Chief Executive• Chris JOHNSON - Assistant Chief Constable• Danny LONG – Assistant Chief Constable• Sarah MARKWICK – Board Member• Nicola PRICE – Director• Matt WARD - Assistant Chief Constable <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Deputy Commissioner highlighted that the Commissioner has been working extremely hard in leading and responding to the internal and external Recovery Plan.• The Deputy Commissioner congratulated the Chief Constable on his 30 years of service to the police.
077/20	<p>Item 2: Notes of the Last Meeting – 21st July 2020</p> <p>The notes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting. The results of the action regarding Intel Analysis and Hate Crime has been sent to all members and has therefore closed.</p>

078/20	<p>Item 3: Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p>There were no public questions.</p>
<p>SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p>	
079/20	<p>Economic Strategy</p> <p>This report was presented and summarised by Brendan Warner Southwell, and the following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are between 35,000 and 45,000 people 18-24 that could be made unemployed as a result of the pandemic, and as a result could be more vulnerable to becoming a victim or perpetrator of crime. • The Recovery Report is solution focused and covers a myriad of issues the OPCC is trying to address. It focuses on what the OPCC can offer to the West Midlands, along with what is needed from partners in order to remedy the issues. • The New Generations Deal Report focuses on what needs to be implemented at a Government level in order to mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19 towards the younger generation. • In partnership with Birmingham City University, a report will be published in September 2020 detailing recommendations which need to be implemented in order to address the failing national agenda regarding fraud. • Maintaining connections and partnerships within the private sector involves an interpersonal level of engagement and communication. • Enterprise for Employment Project is being set up, with different partnerships invited. • SCP's are presently discussing methods to protect and support businesses and localised lockdowns. This is part of Combined Authority agenda. • The response to Action Fraud is set to change. The OPCC is taking the lead towards tackling action fraud issues, and is communicating with Home Office officials. • The changing economic climate will have an inevitable impact on crime levels. • The Deputy Commissioner raised concerns of the impact unemployment will have on mental health.
080/20	<p>Safer Travel – For Information</p> <p>This report was presented and summarised by David Thompson and David Twyford, and the following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Force are seizing one uninsured vehicle an hour. • The Harm Reduction Team are promoting cycling safety. Their practice has since been copied by other Forces. • The public have raised concerns towards speeding vehicles on 20 mph roads. As a result, the Force are continuing to work with Neighbourhood Policing Units and organising speed watch sessions. • The Force can gain effective evidence through dashboard camera footage. • Offences against bus drivers have risen. Operationally, the Force can capture the DNA of offenders using 'spit kits'. The confidence of bus drivers has since increased, along with the number of complaints.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In last 12 months, 911 people have been seriously injured including 44 fatalities. • The Force dedicate a family liaison officer to make contact with families who have suffered from a loss of a family member. The Officer stays with the family throughout the criminal justice process, or for as long as the support is needed. • Regional Transport Coordination Centre opened earlier this year and is working with 7 local authorities in order to support and manage traffic flows. • Incidents can now be managed in real time, due to advanced notice of congestion and alternate routes as a result of broader communication with the public. • Over the last 12 months, roads policing officers have seized criminal assets from vehicles stopped worth over £26 million, in addition to 154 weapons. • The Force are catching an increase of speeding drivers on routes where cameras have been installed. The Force does not profit from fines, with the money going to central government. <p>Action: The Force to investigate the ethnic data of those bus drivers who have been assaulted, in order to assess if these are hate crimes.</p>
EMERGENCY POLICE AND CRIME PLAN	
081/20	<p>Emergency Chapter</p> <p>This report was presented and summarised by Jonathan Jardine, and the following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chapter was agreed in April 2020, in order to ensure the OPCC continued their statutory functions throughout the crisis period and beyond. • Appropriate Adult and Custody visits have continued throughout the pandemic. • Racism, inequality, disproportionality and confidence within the police has all been prevalent throughout the pandemic. Updates on progression will be brought to each Board meeting. • Maintaining services for victims of crime has proved challenging, as services rely on face to face contact. Short term funding has been allocated and received from the MOJ, contributing to preserving and maintaining provision of victim services. • The funding also supports remote working equipment and PPE. • Victim services are expecting a surge in demand as lockdown restrictions ease. • The Enterprise for Employment scheme to aims to support those involved in pre-criminality and those who have been through the Criminal Justice System. • The work concerning disproportionality addresses the issues and challenges within society and policing. The leadership of this was commended. • The Deputy Commissioner encouraged the public to read the Emergency Chapter in order to understand the work the OPCC are completing and the leadership the Commissioner has shown.

082/20	<p>Emergency Chapter</p> <p>This report was presented and summarised by Jayne Meir, and the following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime has returned to average levels and seasonal demand is as expected. • Since 1st May 2020, over 3,000 outdoor parties and unlicensed music events have been reported. Operational policing has prioritized the destruction of these events. The Government has intentions to increase police enforcement for such events. • The increase in the mandatory need for face coverings has resulted in the Force issuing 900 directions to leave, 3 fixed penalty notices and one arrest. • The Force have efficient levels of PPE, and have issued equipment to all front line staff and those on the transport network. The guidance from the Government and Public Health England is constantly being reviewed. • Oldbury Custody faced an outbreak of COVID-19. This related to 3 positive cases and 50 staff needing to self-isolate due to the nature of the custody environment. Public Health England commended the Force for their actions towards this. • The Force are presently supporting Sandwell through their localised lockdown. • 5.2% of the Force are abstracted, and currently 373 people are self-isolating. • The enforcement of 'Track and Trace' is managed by the Force Support Unit. • 800 people have been removed from Public Transport. The Safer Travel Team were congratulated for their work. • Virtual engagement with the Force has proved effective and successful. <p>Action: The Force to gather information regarding the total of Special Constables who are eligible for a bonus allowance.</p>
083/20	<p>Procurement Strategy</p> <p>This report was presented and summarised by David Thompson and Leigh Jones, and the following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This report was developed alongside the Police and Crime Commissioner, the contracting body for the Force. • The Force are aiming to increase the local spend in procurement. National arrangements are being put in place, including the work completed by Bluelight Commercial. • The policing presence at Birmingham Airport has decreased. • Regarding the social value assessment, social contracts extend to contracts above £100,000 which is the threshold for the Force and Police and Crime Commissioner. • Increasing the social value of procurement evaluations is dependent upon the contracts on a tendering cycle. The assessment of whether the 10% is a determinant factor for suppliers is subject to review. The Force are willing to engage with the Commissioner's office to explore this. • A sustainability strategy, exemplifying carbon neutrality and reducing emissions, needs to be discussed with the Commissioner. • A new Energy Lead has been recruited.
<p>EMERGING ITEMS</p>	

084/20	<p>Commonwealth Games</p> <p>This report was presented and summarised by David Sturman, and the following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning arrangements are presently fully funded. The staff at West Midlands Police are talented, and are collaborating with the committee. • Currently 31 staff have been hired. This is forecast to rise to roughly 100 when the games take place. • The Team haven't planned for a critical level of threat, as this would require a national response. The Government would become involved if this was the case. • Joint Threat Assessment Centre will continue to update the level of threat and security throughout the games. • Those in the local voluntary sector and armed services are keen to volunteer. The Force also wish for a significant deployment of special constables and cadets. • The Team aim to recruit volunteers who may not be attracted to joining the police force. • The games will generate 40,000 jobs or volunteering opportunities in total. • In relation to governance arrangements, the Team are collaborating with the diversity and inclusion unit in order to make team more reflective of the community we service. • The current security budget for the games is £174 million (including £41 million contingency). This is being reviewed with Government in the autumn. • The Chief Constable emphasised how impressive this level of work is and congratulated Dave and his Team.
085/20	<p>Chief Constable Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chief Constable understands the public's magnified irritation towards non-compliance and urges the community to maintain good vigilance. • The Force's approach to engage, educate and encourage continues. • The Chief Constable appeals to young people that large unlicensed gatherings are dangerous, in terms of COVID-19. This is compounded with the desire for drug and weapon use. The public have a responsibility to not attend these events. The Constable commends the work of West Midlands Police. • Section 60 operations have been implemented within Birmingham in order to deter gang violence. • Domestic violence reports are also increasing. • The Chief Constable also urged the public to be patient with 101 and 999 phone calls, expressing how busy the Force are. The Force are trying hard to meet the needs of those under threat. • The Deputy Commissioner highlighted how the public must support the Police and comply with regulations, as challenges and demand have increased during the summer period.
086/20	SPCB Work Plan

	<p>The work plan continues to reflect the priorities in the existing Police and Crime Plan, with the addition of the Emergency Chapters.</p>
087/20	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 15th September 2020</p> <p>The Deputy Commissioner thanked the Chief Constable, the Force and the Board Members for their attendance, detailed reports and discussion. He also praised and thanked staff for their continued hard work.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 11:56.</p>