



**Strategic Policing and Crime Board**

**26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Questions from the Board on Matters not on the Agenda**

- 1) How many Police officers are currently on light duties and what are these light duties? How do we monitor this? Do we have regular meetings with officers on light duties if so how frequently do we have these meetings?

**(To be asked by Bhupinder Gakhal)**

- 2) Can the Chief Constable explain how West Midlands Police are tackling female genital mutilation and how they are working with local agencies and communities?

**(To be asked by Cath Hannon)**

- 3) What is the driving force for the rise in serious youth violence? Is there a relationship between youth theft and serious youth violence/crime?

**(To be asked by Charmaine Burton)**

- 4) The Centre for Social Justice estimated recently that there are about 1 million people in England borrowing from illegal lenders. This is 700,000 more people than the last official study. Research showed this was as a result of the increasing cost of living including energy bills and parents struggling for basic necessities for babies, putting them at risk of extortion.

- *What is WMP doing to tackle these predatory and exploitative loan sharks?*
- *Given the risk embarrassment or the potentially secretive nature of illegal borrowing making the crime more hidden, is WMP ensuring it is giving this horrible crime proper attention?*
- *Has WMP looked at working with partners to help prevent this crime, by steering people towards support services, debt advice and responsible lenders, such as through targeted social media campaigns or leafleting campaigns?*

**(To be asked by Tom McNeil)**

- 5) Can WMP explain the issue with the publication of police.uk data and set out a timeline for when it will be resolved?

**(To be asked by Simon Foster)**