



STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD

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Questions from Members of the Board

- 1) In light of recent dog attacks on people including in the West Midlands, does West Midlands Police think the right regulatory framework is in place to prevent more dangerous incidents? For instance, is the regulation of owners of potentially dangerous breeds sufficient, or is there a view on whether certain dog types that are not currently unlawful, should be banned?

(To be asked by Tom McNeil)

- 2) When car theft started getting out of control in the West Midlands we called for a specialist task force to get a grip, and West Midlands Police delivered that leading to hundreds of arrests. Car theft is still extremely high - can the Chief Constable provide an update on how West Midlands Police are clamping down?

(To be asked by Tom McNeil)

- 3) It is recently reported that data breaches by Police Service of Northern Ireland and suspected breach by the Metropolitan Police revealed the personal details of thousands of police officers and staff, potentially putting their safety in jeopardy. What assurance can West Midlands Police give us that the same will not happen here?

(To be asked by Tom McNeil)

- 4) According to the latest media reports Retail crime is on the increase. This particular crime is affecting businesses so hard that staff are now not feeling safe in their work place. Can the Chief constable please explain the following:

- What are the retail crime figures for west Midlands?
- What is WMP doing to tackle this issue?
- Is there evidence that the cost of living crisis is impacting on retail crime?

(To be asked by Bhupinder Gakhal)

- 5) Given the level of public concern about the issue, the level of concern in communities in the WM and at a national level, the risk of permanent neurological disability, the concern re: the

connection with use whilst in control of a vehicle and associated ASB – why is WMP not taking effective action to enforce against unscrupulous retailers who are plainly selling Nitrous Oxide unlawfully?

(To be asked by Simon Foster)