Please ask for : Alethea Fuller Telephone Number: 0121 626 6060

Our Reference: 2024-00177 wmpcc@westmidlands.police.uk



Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **12 February** 2024 in which you asked:

'Please could you provide a copy of written correspondence regarding the West Midlands Average Speed Enforcement joint working agreement between the PCCs office, West Midlands Police and Dudley Council from 1st January 2022 to the present day.

Please could you also provide the draft text for this agreement, or if not available, confirmation of when the draft agreement is expected to be shared with partners?'

In response to your request, I can confirm that the OPCC does not hold any specific correspondence concerning the agreement with Dudley. However, I have attached document 'FOI-13-24 – WMASE Joint Agreement Attachment 1', which sets out the current arrangement. We are unable to provide the draft text for the working agreement from 2024 onwards as negotiations are still taking place on the contents of the agreement and we do not hold these. We are also unable to confirm when the draft agreement is expected to be shared with partners.

However, the OPCC does hold the following written correspondence, titled "FOI-13-24 – WMASE Joint Agreement Attachment 2" – a letter sent to local authorities.

You will note that the documents include redacted text. I can confirm that the redacted information is exempt for either of the following reasons. Information relates to third parties whose details are not in the public domain and is therefore exempt in accordance with Section 40 (2). This exemption covers the personal data of third parties, where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation. Or, release of such information may negatively affect driver behaviour, therefore compromising the health and safety of other road users, and is therefore exempt in accordance with Section 38. In line with Section 38, I am required to complete a Public Interest Test (PIT). Please find this PIT attached – 'FOI-13-24 – WMASE Joint Agreement Attachment 3'.

It may be the case that this request is more appropriately posed to West Midlands Police (WMP). You may also wish to contact Adam Cross from Dudley MBC for specific update from a Dudley perspective.

In order to be of some assistance, please see the following contact details should you wish to submit your request to West Midlands Police.

Freedom on Information Unit

West Midlands Police PO Box Box 52, Lloyd House Colmore Circus Queensway Birmingham B4 6NQ

E-mail: foi@westmidlands.police.uk

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Lloyd House Birmingham B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060

Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

Alethea Fuller

Deputy Chief Executive