

**From:** Jonathan Jardine  
**Sent:** 06 November 2023 14:44  
**To:** Craig Guildford [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Scott Gree [REDACTED]

**Subject:** PCC letters

Chief Constable

The PCC's letter to the Mayor can be found here: [Open letter to Mayor Street - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)

The PCC's letter to the Home Secretary can be found here: [Open letter to Home Secretary - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)

Thanks

Jonathan

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**From:** Jonathan Jardine  
**Sent:** 26 June 2023 08:44  
**To:** Craig Guildford [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Scott Green [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** West Midlands Combined Authority - Warwickshire County Council

Chief Constable –

I have it from very credible sources that Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet will be taking a public report to its meeting on 13 July considering constituent membership of West Midlands Combined Authority.

If the Cabinet decides to go down this route, it likely prevents even consideration of a policing governance transfer.

The two are not possible simultaneously as we have discussed: mayoral and police boundaries have to align. It could seem perverse to be running a programme group for police governance transfer when Warwickshire's membership is running along, on the off chance it stumbles at some point.

I'll find out more and brief further.

Was there any discussion on this point when you spoke with the Mayor recently?

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**From:** Jonathan Jardine [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 06 February 2024 20:03

**To:** Craig Guildford [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: [External]: Letter from the Home Secretary to the West Midlands PCC - PCC transfer

Chief Constable

Letter from the Home Secretary indicating his intention to proceed with the mayoral transfer. Mayoral consent will come tonight or tomorrow, and the SI will start its parliamentary process tomorrow.

Jonathan



**From:** Jonathan Jardine  
**Sent:** 08 December 2023 17:06  
**To:** Craig Guildford [REDACTED] Scott Green

**Subject:** RE: CONFIDENTIAL Mayoral transition - judicial review

Chief Constable –

The letters are attached. They have been sent to the Mayor, WMCA, Home Secretary and each constituent member of WMCA as interested parties.

The Commissioner's press release and statement are also attached.

Thanks

Jonathan

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**From:** Jonathan Jardine  
**Sent:** 08 December 2023 14:54  
**To:** Craig Guildford

Scott Green

**Subject:** RE: CONFIDENTIAL Mayoral transition - judicial review

Chief Constable – I can confirm that a pre-action letter and accompanying publicity is to be expected in the next hour or so.

I will share final versions.

Jonathan

**From:** Jonathan Jardine  
**Sent:** 07 December 2023 12:57

**Subject:** CONFIDENTIAL Mayoral transition - judicial review  
**Importance:** High

Chief Constable

The Commissioner has sought Counsel's advice of late regarding the transition process. He has been advised that there are grounds for challenge.

It is likely that the PCC will issue a pre-action letter to the Mayor, WMCA and Home Secretary tomorrow (Friday), regarding potential judicial review of the mayor's decision to seek the transfer of the PCC powers. As far as I know, this will come as a surprise to WMCA *et al.*

I expect the PCC will publicise that he has done so.

I will share with you the letter as soon as I can, but it probably won't be until morning.

The pre-action letter will likely prompt reactions from WMCA, the Mayor and other interested parties, such as the Home Secretary. I would ask that, if asked, you convey that this is the PCC's decision. I would emphasise that my staff will continue to engage fully and positively with the transition programme in accordance with the overarching principles we have agreed.

Regards

Jonathan

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From: Jonathan Jardine  
Sent: 26 June 2023 13:45  
To: Scott Green [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Updates

Thanks Scott – as you'll have seen from my email to the Chief Constable, the position has become more fluid than we expected. The potential for Warwickshire County Council to join WMCA has been nurtured in some secrecy, I'd suggest. When Craig and I met with [REDACTED], it wasn't raised; [REDACTED] is very straight and I'd be surprised if she was aware.

The question will be how much of a police governance transition programme there will be if Warwickshire County Council are actively seeking full membership. There will be pressure to keep the programme at least ticking over as a reserve, but this feels hard to justify.  
Jonathan

From: Scott Green  
Sent: 23 June 2023 10:43  
To: Jonathan Jardine [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: Updates

Jonathan,

I will be personal speaking to [REDACTED] to support the transition from the OPCC to a Mayoral/Combined Authority model (from Monday 17 July). He will also support a couples of other bits of review work that need overseeing. He will be line managed on paper by me.

Perhaps we can discuss the role after the CC/PCC meeting on Monday 17 July? As I'm on leave for the first 2-weeks of July.

Regards,

**Scott Green** *BEng (Hons), MSc, FCMI, FRSA* | Deputy Chief Constable  
Force Executive Team | West Midlands Police

*National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) Lead for Alcohol Licensing and Harm Reduction*

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**From:** Jonathan Jardine  
**Sent:** 19 September 2023 09:30  
**To:** Scott Green [Redacted]

Update –

Amendment 307A was passed by peers last night. <https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2023-09-18/debates/DA13EB9C-6BB6-47FA-AF16-154E8DE28027/Levelling-UpAndRegenerationBill#contribution-E1D6D3C0-943F-4485-89F0-28D930F7F253>

If the amendment stays in the Bill, this means there will be separate PCC and mayoral elections in May 2024, and we will continue to have both a PCC and a Mayor, probably until 2028 at least.

Government may try to remove the amendment at what is called the “ping pong” or “consideration of amendments” stage, which is the last stage before Royal Assent.

Thus we won't know right up until the days before Royal Assent whether the police governance transfer will potentially go ahead. We expect this to be late October or early November. There is a cut off on 7 November by which the Bill must either have become law or fall altogether.

We have a meeting with Home Office tomorrow that may give us some idea of whether government intends to seek the removal of the amendment, though it's more likely that it will not be clear to Home Office officials at this point.

The Third Reading in the Lords, the short debate before consideration of amendments, may also tell us something about whether government intends to challenge the amendment.

The Levelling and Regeneration Bill is a very large and complex piece of legislation. There have been many amendments made in the Lords, and it is not clear what priority the government will give to our issue.

However, whereas previously I saw the balance of probability weighting heavily towards the transfer taking place, I feel this new development reduces the likelihood to something like 50/50.

Jonathan

**From:** Jonathan Jardine  
**Sent:** 18 September 2023 09:06  
**To:** Scott Gree [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

Hi everyone

The LURB is at Lords Report Stage, where peers review the Bill line-by-line.

There is a tabled amendment, 307A, which would delay implementation of the power for a combined authority mayor to seek police governance powers by nine months. If Peers were to hold a vote and decide to make this amendment become part of the Bill, and then the Commons left it to become part of the Act, it would mean that the transfer could not take place at the point of the elections next May. If, however, the amendment is either not subject to a vote, or there is a vote and it is defeated, then it becomes very likely that the new power for the mayor will come into force. This would make transfer very likely.

The Lords are considering the LURB today, in what could be the last day of the Report Stage. 307A is very near the end of the list of amendments to be considered. If this is to be the last day of Report Stage, the session could run very late into the night, or even into the early hours of the morning. It is also possible that there will not be enough time to consider all the amendments (there are about sixty for peers to consider today) and there will be a further day of Report Stage added.

We have a catch up with the peers proposing 307A later today, and I will brief tomorrow on the outcome of today's session.

Thanks

Jonathan

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From: Jane Heppel

Sent: 17 November 2023 16:38

To:

[Redacted] Jonathan Jardine  
[Redacted] Peter Gillett [Redacted]

Subject: Audit Committee - governance update

Hi [Redacted]

I hope this finds you well?

As you know the Mayor has written to the Secretary of State to request the transfer of PCC powers from after the next Mayoral election, and we expect that there will be an answer soon. Hopefully what will then shortly follow is sight of the draft statutory instrument.

Can I just test an idea with you, please?

We have developed a risk register around the transfer and we will bring that to the December audit committee, as has been requested, and we are just finalising that now.

In addition we are drafting an update to the code of governance, in case there is a change of function. If we hear back in enough time that the SI is likely to be laid, may we bring that to the audit committee in December as well? Or meet as a subgroup to discuss it?

I'm pleased that this is in our hands as it puts us firmly in charge of the arrangements and governance: the CA intend to adopt our revision under delegation from 7 May, until they can change it. And I want to seize that opportunity to ensure we get our views of what good looks like in place if we can.

With that in mind I have been working with [REDACTED] to establish how we ensure that the right reports go to the right oversight body, from day one of any new arrangements. I'd be very glad for your assistance in making sure that we have got this exactly right.

Kind regards

Jane Heppel B Soc Sci, FCPFA | Treasurer

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From: Jane Heppel

Sent: 05 January 2024 17:16

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Peter Gillett [REDACTED]

Subject: WMCA Governance transfer consultation

Dear all

My apologies for not writing sooner, however we were only advised on the day that the consultation went live on 21<sup>st</sup> December that it was going to be taking place.

The Home Secretary has decided to hold a 6 week consultation on the views of the general public on whether or not the transfer of PCC powers to the WMCA and Mayor of the West Midlands should go ahead.

The consultation is here:

[West Midlands police and crime commissioner functions transfer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

And the oPCC website page on the matter is here:

[Have your say on the future of police governance - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

In practical terms this continues to push back the date on which the SI can be laid in Parliament which is creating pressure on timescales for a successful transfer.

However we are continuing to engage positively and energetically with the WMCA around that transfer, assuming that if it does go ahead we must put time and energy into ensuring that this happens seamlessly and effectively.

Kind regards

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