

Report to: West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner
Report of: The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel
Date: 24 November 2022

Title: Panel Review of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2021-22

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel is required by [Section 28 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#) to review the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report and make a report and recommendations.
- 1.2 On 14 November 2022, the Panel considered the draft Police and Crime Commissioner's 2021-2022 Annual Report. The Panel wishes to extend its thanks to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for their detailed presentation.

2 Members Present

- 2.1 The members in attendance to the meeting were:
- Councillor Suky Samra (Walsall - Panel Chair)
 - Councillor Alex Aitken (Birmingham)
 - Councillor Paul Bradley (Dudley)
 - Councillor Alan Feeney (Solihull)
 - Councillor Jasbir Jaspal (Wolverhampton)
 - Councillor Abdul Khan (Coventry)
 - Councillor Richard McVittie (Sandwell)
 - Councillor Gareth Moore (Birmingham)
 - Councillor Waheed Rasab (Walsall)
 - Councillor Kath Scott (Birmingham)
 - Councillor Patricia Seaman (Coventry)
 - Kristina Murphy (Independent Panel Member)

3 Panel Feedback

- 3.1 The Panel invites the Police and Crime Commissioner to consider the following points when finalising the 2021- 2022 Annual Report:
- 3.2 **Demonstrating Impact** - The report contains a rich narrative of the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the wide-ranging activities taking place across the West Midlands. However, we believe the final report would benefit from the inclusion of more information demonstrating the impact of this work. Specifically, the Panel highlighted more detailed performance data and case study examples.
- 3.3 The Panel notes that a performance dashboard will be included in the final version of the report. We will welcome this additional data on how Police and Crime Plan objectives are being met.

- 3.4 We also suggest the report foreword is expanded to include some examples of police and crime plan objectives delivered within the reporting period. This would balance the reflections on the funding environment the Police and Crime Commissioner is operating within and highlight actions and outcomes that have been achieved in spite of it.
- 3.5 **Performance Trends** - We suggest longer timescales in trend data are included in the final report. This provides the public with a fuller picture of performance and trends. The unique impact of the COVID pandemic may not provide the best platform for comparative performance. Therefore, the Panel propose including pre-pandemic data will provide a clearer picture. This was specifically raised in relation to Stop and Search and demand for service.
- 3.6 **Stop and Search** - We welcome the Police and Crime Commissioner's commitment to improving the use and oversight of Stop and Search. However, we are concerned at the extent of progress (+0.7%) within the reporting period towards the 50% Stop and Search positive outcome rate objective, and the continuing negative trend in the disproportionality of those that are subject to a Stop and Search.
- 3.7 We note the draft Annual Report describes your scrutiny mechanisms in place around stop and search. We suggest this information is expanded to provide the public with further reassurance that regular monitoring of data is undertaken, and what plans have been put in place as a result of scrutiny by the Commissioner to address both issues.

4 Final Comments

- 4.1 The Panel hope the Police and Crime Commissioner considers this feedback helpful and looks forward to receiving a response.
- 4.2 A copy of this report and the Commissioner's response will be published on the Panel website www.westmidlandspcp.co.uk

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