

Report of: The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Date: 13 November 2023

Title: West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2022-23

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 13 November 2023, the Panel considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's draft Annual Report 2022-2023. The Panel wishes to extend its thanks to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for their presentation at the meeting and for responding to questions raised by Members.

2 Members Present

- 2.1 The members in attendance were:
- Councillor Jasbir Jaspal - City of Wolverhampton (Chair)
 - Cllr Shabina Bano - Birmingham City Council
 - Cllr Heather Delaney – Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Cllr Alan Feeney – Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Cllr Sam Forsyth – Birmingham City Council
 - Derek French – Independent Member
 - Cllr Gareth Moore – Birmingham City Council
 - Kristina Murphy – Independent Member (Vice Chair)
 - Cllr Garry Perry – Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

3 Panel Feedback

- 3.1 The Panel invites the Police and Crime Commissioner to consider the following points when finalising his Annual Report 2022 - 2023:
- 3.2 **Tackling Drugs** – Your Police and Crime Plan includes several objectives that focus on tackling drug related crime and reducing the harm caused by drugs, and we note the statement in your Annual Report that it is estimated that half of all homicides and acquisitive crimes are drug related. However, we believe your Annual Report should include more information for the public about the range of drug intervention activities you oversee, together with details of progress to demonstrate the impact of this work.
- 3.3 **Road Safety** – We suggest the Annual Report includes more detail of activities you have undertaken towards meeting your road safety objectives, together with information demonstrating the impact of this work.
- 3.4 **Performance Data** - We note that a link to the performance dashboard is included in the Annual Report and welcome this additional data on how your Police and Crime Plan objectives are being met. However, we suggest the way data is presented in the Annual Report is reviewed, with a view to streamlining the text and providing at-a-glance

information. We believe this will improve clarity to the public on progress and the trajectory of performance and trends.

- 3.5 **Foreword** – We would suggest that you consider removing references to political issues made in the Annual Report foreword and wider body text so that it has greater focus on the delivery of your Police and Crime Plan.

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.org.uk

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