

Report of: The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Date: 3 February 2025

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel Review of the Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2023-2024

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 3 February 2025, the Panel considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's draft Annual Report 2023-2024. 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:
 - Cllr Jasbir Jaspal - City of Wolverhampton (Chair)
 - Adele Brown – (Independent Panel Member)
 - Cllr Abdul S Khan (Coventry City Council)
 - Cllr Izzy Knowles (Birmingham City Council)
 - Cllr Rashad Mahmood (Birmingham City Council)
 - Cllr Gareth Moore (Birmingham City Council)
 - Kristina Murphy (Independent Panel Member – Vice Chair)
 - Cllr Jackie Taylor (Sandwell Metropolitan Council)

3 Panel Feedback

- 3.1 The Panel acknowledges all the activity that is contained in the Annual Report and the diversity of projects undertaken during this period. The Panel notes the ongoing scrutiny to assess any disproportionality of Serious Violence Reductions Orders and looks forward to hearing the outcome of the pilot evaluation. Members also note the ongoing efforts with partners to encourage greater take up of Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programmes. The Panel also commend the work of the voluntary Independent Custody Visitors and Appropriate Adults service co-ordinated by the Police and Crime Commissioner to improve detainee dignity and support vulnerable adults detained.
- 3.2 When finalising his Annual Report 2023 – 2024 the Panel suggests that greater emphasis is given in the report to demonstrate the impact for the public that transpired from activity. For example, explaining how the Commissioner's efforts are having a knock on effect on police and partnership activities to reduce knife crime. The Panel note that project evaluations are routinely undertaken and so a range of data would be available.

- 3.3 The Panel further suggests that the layout of the information presented in the Annual Report is reviewed so to ensure that the final document is in an accessible format that the public can navigate and understand the content.

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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