AT THE MEETING OF THE SHADOW WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL HELD AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM ON MONDAY 29 OCTOBER 2012 AT 1330 HOURS

PRESENT:-

Birmingham

Councillor Jess Phillips Councillor Paula Smith

Coventry

Councillor J Mutton Councillor S Bains

Dudley

Councillor D Sparks Councillor Safeena Arshad

Sandwell

Councillor D Cooper (Chairman)

Solihull

Councillor K Meeson

<u>Walsall</u>

Councillor Z Ali (Alternate)

Co-opted Independent Members

Mr N Drew Mr L Walker

APOLOGIES

10 Apologies were submitted on behalf of the following: -

Councillor R Lawrence - Wolverhampton Councillor M Whitby - Birmingham

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

11 Councillor Phillips declared a non-pecuniary interest as an employee of Sandwell Women's Aid.

Mr Drew declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item no. 10 – Criminal Justice in the West Midlands – A Shared Criminal Justice Narrative as a member of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2012, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF THE CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The following report of the Chair of the Interview Panel was submitted: -

(See document No. 1)

13 **RESOLVED**:-

That the following two candidates be appointed as Independent Co-opted Members of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel for the term ending in April 2016:

Mr Nicholas Drew

Mr Lionel Walker

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PANEL ARRANGEMENTS - RESPONSE FROM THE HOME OFFICE

John Polychronakis, Lead Chief Executive, reported that the Home Office had not yet approved the size of the Panel. When the Home Office decision was received, Panel members would be advised accordingly.

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That the report be noted.

TRANSITION UPDATE

Jacky Courtney, Chief Executive of the West Midlands Police Authority, attended the meeting and provided a transition update based on the following paper:

(See document No. 2)

Panel members expressed concern regarding the governance and financial structures that the Police and Crime Commissioner might adopt, as only a basic framework was set down in the Regulations. Members noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable would appoint to a shared Audit Committee, but would be bound by best practice.

RESOLVED:-

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That the report be noted.

MANAGING COMPLAINTS: WMPCP INTERIM COMPLAINTS AND MISCONDUCT PROCEDURE

The following report of the Secretary was submitted:-

(See document No. 3)

John Polychronakis, Lead Chief Executive, introduced the report, explaining that discussions were taking place with the Home Office to enable the Panel to delegate its functions with regard to complaints. The Panel noted that the Regulations did not currently provide for delegation of the initial handling of complaints to the Monitoring Officer of the Host Authority, therefore the draft protocol would have to be amended accordingly.

Members questioned whether the Host Authority had the capacity to handle complaints, and expressed concern regarding the possible cost implications. It was also suggested that the Panel might not wish to delegate all of its complaint functions to the Monitoring Officer, as there could be occasions when consideration of a complaint by a sub-committee of the Panel would be appropriate.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the interim complaints and misconduct procedure be approved; and
- (ii) that a further report on amendments required to the procedure and a revised protocol be presented to a future Panel meeting.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS: DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT PROTOCOL BETWEEN WMPCP AND THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

The following report of the Secretary was submitted: -

(See document No. 4)

John Polychronakis, Lead Chief Executive, introduced the report, suggesting that the Panel should give careful consideration to how it wished to conduct its business with the Police and Crime Commissioner. Panel members agreed that the ability to ensure that local priorities were reflected in the Police and Crime Plan was crucial.

17 **RESOLVED:**-

- (i) That the draft protocol be noted;
- (ii) that consultation be carried out with the Police and Crime Commissioner with regard to shared objectives and procedural issues; and
- (iii) that the Secretariat be requested to bring a further report to a future Panel meeting.

<u>LISTENING AND LEARNING: IMPROVING SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS IN THE</u> WEST MIDLANDS

The following report of the Victims' Services Advocates (VSA) project was submitted:-

(See document No. 5)

Jo Barber, Project Manager for Birmingham Residents' Antisocial Behaviour Victim Empowerment Project attended the meeting, and outlined the key findings of the report and its recommendations for improving support for victims for consideration by the incoming Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Panel welcomed the report and its proposals for ensuring that all victims of crime were dealt with sensitively.

RESOLVED:-

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That the report be noted.

<u>CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE WEST MIDLANDS – A SHARED CRIMINAL JUSTICE NARRATIVE</u>

Nicholas Drew declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as a member of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

The following report of the Secretary was submitted:-

(See document No. 6)

It was suggested that a briefing on restorative justice be presented to a future Panel meeting.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

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ISSUES AND CHALLENGES: THE VIEWPOINT OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY

The following report of the Chief Executive, West Midlands Police Authority was submitted:-

(See document No. 7)

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

INDICATIVE WORK PROGRAMME

The following report of the Secretary was submitted:-

(See document No. 8)

21 **RESOLVED**:-

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- (i) That the indicative work programme be noted;
- (ii) that the following issues be considered for inclusion in the work programme:-

Matters that the Panel will delegate to Host Authority officers and the associated resource implications

The link between gang violence and the 2011 riots

(iii) that the potential issues for Member briefings be noted.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the next meeting of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel be held on Monday, 26 November 2012 at 1330 hours in the Civic Suite, Solihull; and
- (ii) that future meetings be provisionally scheduled for 14 December 2012, 6 February 2013 and 19 February 2013 at a time and place to be determined by the Chairman.

URGENT BUSINESS

(A) <u>Precept-setting Regulations</u>

The following letter from the Chair, Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Panel was submitted:-

(See document No. 9)

23 **RESOLVED:**-

That a letter of support for the Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Panel's request for reconsideration of the timetable for precept-setting be sent to Rt Hon Theresa May MP, Home Secretary, on behalf of the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 1502 hours.	

CHAIRMAN			