

Report to: West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Report of: The Secretary of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Date: 21 January 2013

Other Police and Crime Commissioner Priorities

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report seeks agreement on the panel's response to the Police and Crime Commissioner's letter of 2nd January 2013 (appended).
- 1.2 The PCC will give a verbal update on his priorities.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the letter to the Chair it is expected that the PCC will make a decision on the proposed West Midlands Strategic Policing and Crime Board (WMSPCB). The letter invites a Panel Member to be involved in the selection of candidates. It is possible that there will be two selection panels – one for the Assistant PCCs and one for the non-executive members.
- 2.2 There is also an invitation for a member of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel to be an observer at WMSPCB meetings.
- 2.2 This report seeks Panel agreement on the response to the PCC.

3. Considerations

- 3.1 The options regarding the selection panel are:
 - A WMPCP member sits on the selection panel;
 - A WMPCP member observes the appointment process to ensure it is carried out appropriately; or
 - The Panel chooses not to be involved if it would jeopardise its independence.
- 3.2 If there are two selection panels the WMPCP needs to agree if they need a different response.
- 3.3 The invitation to observe WMSPCB meetings is likely to be useful and the Panel may want to consider which Member be nominated and if one or more substitutes are required.
- 3.4 In the Panel's meeting with the PCC 26th November he noted that he wished to involve the Panel in the pre-scrutiny of major decisions.

4. Recommendation

That the Panel agrees on:

- i. The options in 3.1 relating to the selection panel;**
- ii. Whether it wishes to accept the invitation of an observer to attend WMSPCB meetings and, if so, who will be nominated.**
- iii. The extent to which it wishes to be involved in pre-decision scrutiny; and**
- iv. Which items to add to the work programme for further discussion following the PCC's update.**

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