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**Police and Crime Panel  
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## **Local Police and Crime Plans**

Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to outline the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioners plans for developing local policing plans.

### **Background**

Under the Police Reform and Social responsibility Act the Commissioner is required to issue a Police and Crime Plan. The plan is required to cover:

- The Commissioner's police and crime objectives
- The policing which the Chief Constable will provide
- The financial and other resources which the Commissioner will provide to the Chief Constable to meet the Force's mission of 'Serving our communities, protecting them from harm'.
- The means by which the Chief Constable will report to the Commissioner on the provision of policing and how Force performance will be measured
- How the Commissioner intends to make crime and disorder reduction grants to partners without whom the delivery of aspects of this plan would not be possible.

In addition, the Commissioner wants his Plan to capture the voice of the public. The Plan has West Midland's wide outcomes and measures but will be built upon by local plans for each of the local authorities within the Force area.

The Commissioner plans to set up local police and crime boards to take responsibility for local police and crime plans in each local authority area. Appendix 1 shows a diagrammatic representation of how the Commissioner intends the planning process to operate.

### **Local Police and Crime Boards**

Local Police and Crime Boards at local authority level will build on the West Midlands Police local policing model and encourage politicians, community representatives, partners and the public to come together to better understand local policing arrangements and influence the way policing is delivered. It is envisaged that the local police and crime boards would take

responsibility for local consultation, develop a local policing and crime plan and monitor the implementation of the plan within their area.

### **Local consultation**

Local consultation will eventually become the responsibility of local police and crime boards. However, while these are in development during the first year that the Commissioner is in office, local policing units (LPU) have carried out consultation in order to prepare local policing plans.

To assist with the consultation a structured internet survey was developed for each LPU asking the following questions:

- What do you think are the top 3 issues in your neighbourhood?
- On a scale of 1-10, how important is it for West Midlands Police to deal with the following issues in order to make your neighbourhood a safer place to live?

(Details of the questions are given in Appendix 2)

Over 2100 responses were received to the questionnaire at Force level across all LPUs. Each individual LPU will have different results but to give an indication of the responses the results at Force level are given below:

### **What do you think are the top 3 issues in your neighbourhood?**

Burglary	17%
Drug dealing/drug use	13%
Inconsiderate parking	10%
Speeding	9%
Teenagers hanging around	9%

### **How important is it for West Midlands Police to deal with the following issues in order to make your neighbourhood a safer place to live.**

The areas that were rated the highest priority i.e. those responding scored these as 10, and in order of importance were as follows:

1	Vulnerable victim crime
2	Burglary
3	Organised crime
4	Violent crime
5	Anti-social behaviour
6	Terrorism
7	Domestic abuse

In addition to the survey, LPUs have been actively seeking feedback through:

- Key individual networks
- Social networking
- Local partners, neighbourhood groups and forums
- Community leaders

## Local Police and Crime Plans

The resulting consultation enabled LPUs to develop their individual local policing plans based on the range of feedback they received in their specific area. Draft LPU plans are due to be collated by Wednesday 6 February for moderation in relation to the Draft Police and Crime Plan.

The priorities for those LPU plans available at the time of writing are as follows:

### **Birmingham West and Central LPU**

- Drugs
- Burglary
- Speeding and inconsiderate parking
- Anti-social behaviour
- Robbery
- Problem neighbours
- Serious crime

### **Birmingham North LPU**

#### Community consultation priorities

- Traffic management/speeding
- Litter/environmental concerns
- Youth provision
- Anti-social behaviour & social harm

#### Crime priorities

- Alcohol related offending/licensing
- Burglary/robbery/vehicle crime/business crime
- Sexual exploitation/domestic abuse/hate crime
- Youth gang violence/night time economy

#### Partnership Projects

- Partnership working
- Long term problem solving
- Public confidence
- Long term regeneration/transformation projects

### **Birmingham South LPU**

- Anti-social behaviour
- Burglary
- Drugs
- Speeding and Inconsiderate parking
- Prostitution
- Vehicle crime

### **Coventry LPU**

- Reduce total offending
- Problem places
- Anti-social behaviour
- Offender management
- Understand our victims
- Quality of service
- Violent crime
- Sexual offences

### Vision



### Consultation Questions

Below are the two main questions asked as part of the internet consultation survey.

**Of the following, what do you think are the top **THREE** issues in your neighbourhood?  
(please select **UP TO THREE** options)**

- Burglary
- Dangerous dogs
- Drug dealing/drug use
  
- Drunk/rowdy people in public places
- Graffiti/Litter/Dog fouling
- Hate Crime (incident motivated by prejudice or hate)
- Inconsiderate parking
- Joy riders/mini mopeds
- Mugging
- Neighbours - problem or noisy neighbours
- Prostitution/kerb crawling
- Serious crime (involving gangs, guns or knives)
- Speeding
- Teenagers hanging around
- Theft of vehicles
- Theft from vehicles
- Vandalism
- Other

**On a scale of 1 - 10, in which **10 = TOP PRIORITY**, how important is it for  
West Midlands Police to deal with the following issues in order to make your  
neighbourhood a safer place to live**

- Anti-social behaviour
- Burglary
- Domestic Abuse
- Organised Crime (including drugs & firearms)
- Terrorism
- Violent Crime
- Vulnerable Victim Crime (eg. child abuse & exploitation, human trafficking, rape, sexual offences, hate crime)
- Other Issue - 1
- Other Issue - 2
- Other Issue - 3