

# Birmingham City Council

## City Council

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**Subject:** Lead Member Report: West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

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Not Relevant

### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the key activities of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel ("the Panel") in 2022 in its scrutiny of the Police and Crime Commissioner ("the Commissioner").

### 2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

### 3 Background

- 3.1 The Panel is a joint scrutiny body of the West Midland authorities with a dual role to 'support and challenge' the work of the Commissioner. Appendix A outlines the Panel's statutory functions.
- 3.2 The Panel consists of 12 councillors representing the seven West Midland districts and two independent members. Councillor membership reflects the political balance of the region. Member appointments are updated annually.
- 3.3 The Panel's work programme consists of statutory tasks and wider exploratory work. Examining key strategic policing, crime and community safety topics of public interest enables members to scrutinise the Commissioner on behalf of West Midlands communities.

- 3.4 Appendix 1 provides further information on key activities and developments during 2022.

## **4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal**

- 4.1 There are no options to be considered.

## **5 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

## **6 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

## **7 Public Sector Equality Duty**

- 7.1 The Panel considers the Public Sector Equality Duty when undertaking its work programme.

## **8 Other Implications**

### **8.1 How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?**

There are no recommended decisions within this report.

The Panel contributes towards the city's priorities and outcomes: A Safe Birmingham and in particular supporting its focus on making the city safer and safeguarding vulnerable citizens.

## **9 Background Papers**

- 9.1 [West Midlands Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025](#)

## **10 Appendices**

- 10.1 Appendix A – West Midlands Police and Crime Panel Key Activities 2022.