

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 5 DECEMBER 2018

WITHDRAWAL OF WEST MERCIA FROM THE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE WITH WARWICKSHIRE – REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Summary

1. At the last meeting of the Board in October, the Lead Member for Crime and Disorder raised the implications of the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) recent decision to withdraw from the Strategic Alliance with Warwickshire Police. He informed Members that the Chairman of the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP) would be attending this meeting of the Board to update Members.

Background

2. The PCP scrutinises decisions of the PCC. Members are drawn from each local authority in the West Mercia area and the Worcestershire County Council's representative is Mr Stephen Mackay.
3. On 9 October 2018, the PCC and the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police announced that they would formally end the current Strategic Alliance between West Mercia Police and Warwickshire Police. In the light of concern about this decision the PCP held a special meeting on 29 October to find out more about the background and reasons for it. The Report from Mr Mackay is attached as Appendix 1 to this Report.

Purpose of the Meeting

4. The OSPB is invited to
 - consider the update report and
 - agree if it wishes to make any comments to the Council's representative on the PCP.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Report from the County Council's representative on the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel.

Specific Contact Points for this Report

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

The Agenda, Reports and Minutes of the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel are available on the County Council's website [here](#)