

**COUNCIL**  
**10 NOVEMBER 2016****VISIT OF THE WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME**  
**COMMISSIONER**

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1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduced significant changes in police governance and accountability, in particular replacing the structure of Police Authorities with directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC). The public accountability for the delivery and performance of the police service within each force area is placed into the hands of the PCC on behalf of their electorate. The PCC sets and shapes the strategic objectives of their force area in consultation with the Chief Constable. The West Mercia PCC is scrutinised by the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel. The Council's representative on that Panel is Mr Tony Miller.

2. Mr John Champion was elected as the PCC for West Mercia earlier this year. He has agreed to attend this meeting to give a brief presentation on the priorities within his draft Safer West Mercia Plan 2016 - 2021 and answer questions asked by councillors. He will be accompanied by West Mercia's new Chief Constable, Mr Anthony Bangham.

**Supporting Information**

The draft Safer West Mercia Plan 2016 – 2021 which can be accessed at <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Safer-West-Mercia-Plan- Draft .pdf>

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