

## **WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

### **17 NOVEMBER 2023**

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

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### **Summary**

1. From time to time the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP) will review its work programme and consider which issues should be investigated as a priority.

### **Background**

2. Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Panel is responsible for scrutinising the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) exercise of their statutory functions. This includes:
  - (a) The power of veto, by a two-thirds majority of the total panel membership, over the level of the PCC's proposed precept;
  - (b) The power to review the Police and Crime Plan and make recommendations to the PCC who must have regard to them;
  - (c) The power to review the PCC's annual report and make recommendations at a public meeting, which the PCC must attend;
  - (d) The power to require the PCC to attend the Panel to answer questions.
3. Some of these functions are carried out at a specific time of year – for example the precept must be considered and a view given to the PCC by 8 February each year.
4. As a Scrutiny body the Panel reviews decisions made by the PCC, performance and issues of concern or interest. It is not possible to carry out all these functions in detail and the Panel needs to plan its workload and agree its priorities.
5. The enclosed work programme takes into account 'routine' items, items which are required to be considered by the Panel at particular points in the year and topics for which the Panel has asked the PCC to provide a report.

### **Budget Sub-Group**

6. A Budget Sub-Group will take place in December/January. All Members have been invited to express an interest if they wished to serve on this Sub-Group. The Panel will be informed which members have put themselves forward for the role.

## **Dates of Future Meetings**

7. Dates and details of future meetings are available on the County Council website. The next planned Panel meeting is on 7 February 2024.

[Browse meetings - West Mercia Police and Crime Panel - Worcestershire County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk)

## **Purpose of the Meeting**

8. The Panel is asked to consider the 2023/24 Work Programme and agree whether it would wish to make any amendments. The Panel will wish to retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise.
9. The Panel is asked to confirm the membership of the Budget Sub-Group.

## **Supporting Information**

Appendix 1: West Mercia Police and Crime Panel Work Programme

## **Specific Contact Points for this Report**

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.

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