

COUNCIL

11 JANUARY 2024

VISIT OF THE WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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 which is a joint committee of all the principal authorities in the West Mercia police area. The Council's representative on that Panel is Cllr James Stanley.

2. Mr John Champion, the PCC for West Mercia has agreed to attend this meeting to give a brief presentation on the priorities and local policing plans and answer questions asked by councillors. He will be accompanied by West Mercia's Temporary Chief Constable, Alex Murray.

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