



REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

WEST MERCIA POLICE
AND CRIME PANEL
21 July 2015

PROPOSED VARIATION TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN FOR WEST MERCIA 1st APRIL 2013 TO 31 MARCH 2017

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To formally present a proposed variation to the Police and Crime Plan for West Mercia in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Under Section 5 (5) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Police and Crime Commissioner (the PCC) is required to send a proposed variation of the police and crime plan to the Police and Crime Panel for consideration.
- 2.2 The PCC must then have regard to any report or recommendation made by the panel in relation to the variation; give the panel a response to any such report or recommendations and publish this response prior to publishing the plan with the variation.
- 2.3 Initial work with the Warwickshire PCC to more closely align the wording of both Police and Crime plans to reflect shared outcomes across the alliance has not progressed, following the Warwickshire PCC's decision not to progress this work.

3 VARIATION DETAILS

- 3.1 The PCC has chosen to vary the plan to:

- reflect changes to the Strategic Policing Requirement. This was reissued in March 2015 by the Home Secretary and now includes child sexual abuse as an additional national threat; and
- provide a more up to date picture of activity and actions required against each objective, in part to reflect changing policing demands.
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It should be noted that the aims and objectives of the plan are unchanged.

- 3.2 As required under the Act, the Chief Constable has been consulted on the proposed variation.

4. RECOMMENDATION

Members of the Panel are asked to review the Plan and to make any recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner for consideration.