
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

6th April 2011

Report of

Cllr Sucha Bains

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Police Authority 2010-2011

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of West Midlands Police Authority over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the contents of this report and that this appointment is made through the West Midlands Joint Committee.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Police Authority has a number of functions and the main ones include:

- Maintaining the effectiveness and efficiency of West Midlands Police.
- Overseeing police accountability to the community, and checking that the force is achieving its targets and offering value for money.
- Agreeing the budget for policing in the area.
- We also work with Community Safety Partnerships to help reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. The Authority has a lead member that sits on all the 7 partnerships across the West Midlands.

The Authority is a strategic body and the Chief Constable is responsible for operational matters. Please see attached report at Annex 1 for a more detailed outline of the work of the Authority.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 The City Council has a seat on the strategic body to which the Chief Constable is accountable for policing matters and therefore can raise issues that arise locally as well as influencing the Strategic Policing Plan for the region, and the performance targets that are

set alongside the plan. The City Council, as a precepting authority also has important representation during the discussions around precept setting during budgetary discussions.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1 Attendance currently stands at 75% and remuneration for the appointment is £11,620.

List of background papers

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