

**Report to:** The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel  
**Report of:** The Secretary of the West Midland Police and Crime Panel  
**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012

## 1. Introduction

This report sets out an indicative work programme for 2012/13. It envisages that the 2012/13 year will continue until the West Midlands Joint Committee AGM in June 2013. Dates will be circulated following discussion with the Panel and the PCC.

## 2. Recommendations

That Panel Members:

- Note the indicative work programme;
- Suggest additional items
- Note potential issues for Member briefings and suggest priorities
- Give consideration to a short induction session on the Police and Crime Plan on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.

## 3 Indicative Meeting Schedule

Timeline	Action/Decision
<b>November 2012</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> November	To hold confirmation hearing for appointment of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.
	Introductory Session with the new Police and Crime Commissioner
<b>December 2012</b>	Information Briefings to assist in preparations for scrutiny of: - Police and Crime Plan - Police Budget and Precepts
	Report on principles of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft budget,</li> <li>• Impact on precept and</li> <li>• Police and crime plan (including distribution of crime and disorder reduction grants)</li> <li>• Business Partnering</li> </ul>
<b>January / February 2013</b> (Latest date this should happen is between 1st and 8 <sup>th</sup> February)	Formal scrutiny of budget, precept and police and crime plan.
<b>February 2013</b> Date to be reserved at the latest between 15 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	To review revised precept if the panel has vetoed the precept
<b>March 2013</b>	Meeting to agree reports and recommendations
<b>June 2013</b>	First annual meeting of the Panel with renewed membership - Elect Chairman/Vice-Chairman - agree annual work programme - To consider Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report
<b>As required</b>	To hold confirmatory hearings for appointment of key posts (e.g. Chief Constable, Chief Executive and Finance Officer)

## 4 Topic Briefings

This section sets out a range of issues which members may want to cover in an induction programme or through briefings during the year. Some topic areas may also lend themselves to agenda items during the year.

1. The links between the SPR and wider emergency planning in an area.
2. The Police and Crime Plan, including the panel's role in making recommendations to it, the fact it should take account of community safety partnership priorities, and the role of the annual report as a means of holding the PCC to account against it.
3. Police budgets, pressures on force budgets, moves to make policing more efficient and effective and what that means for the precept.
4. The precept setting process and what happens if the PCC's precept is vetoed.
5. The role of the PCC in commissioning community safety and services for victims and witnesses of crimes, and the links to commissioning of other services in particular health.
6. Collaboration agreements between the force and neighbouring forces and how work on these areas might be scrutinised with other police and crime panels.
7. Force performance
8. The role of the panel in the appointment of the chief constable, Deputy PCC and the PCC's chief executive and finance officer, including the requirement for public confirmation hearings and what happens if the panel exercises its veto of the chief constable appointment.
9. Complaints - The role the panel has in handling complaints against the PCC, and how it is proposed these are dealt with.
10. The links between the panel and other local scrutiny arrangements including crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committees and new health scrutiny structures.
11. Health and Wellbeing Boards
12. Wider local authority links
13. Wider partnership links
14. Engagement – how is the PCC doing this?
15. Data – factual and perception. What is available and what is used?