

Public Service Reform Board

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Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Public Service Reform Board is recommended to:

- (1) Note and endorse the joint areas for collaboration between the offices.
- (2) Identify any areas which the Board wishes the WMCA and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to explore further joint work on.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This paper outlines the key priorities identified in the Mayoral and Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)'s manifesto's and the ongoing joint work and priorities between the WMCA and OPCC.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Mayor and the PCC, as well as the WMCA and the OPCC have a strong track record of collaboration on key policy areas including violence reduction, safer travel, ANPR, childhood adversity, youth justice, mental health, reducing reoffending, whole system approaches to women and girls and domestic abuse.
- 2.2 It is more important than ever for us to work together to take action on crime and the causes of crime. Crime of all types is strongly associated with wider social determinants such as unemployment, income and gender inequality, limited educational opportunities cultural, social and gender norms, and weak governance. The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the significant inequalities which exist in the West Midlands and how some households, communities, children and families have been disproportionately affected. The WMCA's Health of the Region report highlighted a number of these inequalities alongside the WMCA's Community Recovery Roadmap which detailed the impact of the pandemic and demand in specific areas including mental health, domestic abuse, homelessness and criminal justice.
- 2.3 The Mayoral WMCA and the PCC share the same geographic boundary and serve the same electorate. Both the Mayor and the PCC share the ambition to address the issues which reduce life chances, create inequality and lead to unnecessary demand and dependency on public services. We will do this by adopting a data and evidence led, public health approach and tackling wider determinants in a co-ordinated, collaborative and strategic way.

3. Areas for joint collaboration between WMCA and OPCC

- 3.1 The Mayor, WMCA and the PCC will continue to support key regional governance structures including the WMCA Board, Public Service Reform Board, Local Criminal Justice Board, Violence Reduction Board and Community Safety.
- 3.2 The Mayor and the PCC will work together, and with other partners in response to critical incidents and issues of concern as and when appropriate.
- 3.3 There are a number of key policy areas where the Mayor, WMCA and PCC have identified opportunities for collaboration and began to develop, or further, programmes of work within these areas.

3.4 Regular meetings between the Mayor and the Police and Crime Commissioner have recommenced following the election. A significant partnership programme of work at officer level has been developed and is awaiting formal sign off by the Mayor and the Police and Crime Commissioner which will then feed into the Police and Crime Plan and will be jointly presented to the Public Service Reform Board in December. The partnership programme includes continuing and driving existing areas of work including the Violence Reduction Unit and the Safer Tavel partnership as well as new approaches and initiatives.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The WMCA budget agreed in February includes a focus on Police and fire collaboration. No additional resource is required. There are no other direct spend or budgetary implications as a result of the recommendations within this report.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 There are no identified legal implications as a result of the recommendations within this report. Opportunities to transfer power to the West Midlands will be presented to the appropriate governance forums should they be identified and progressed.

6. Equalities Implications to update

6.1 The Mayor, the WMCA and the PCC have a shared ambition around tackling inequalities in race and ethnicity and will use the levers they have to impact on policy, strategy and delivery in their respective areas of responsibility.

7. Inclusive Growth Implications

7.1 A number of the opportunities identified through the joint programme of work contribute to indicators on the inclusive growth framework. Achieving improvements through this joint programme will positively impact on the ability of the region to manifest our vision for inclusive growth.

8. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

8.1 The work of the Public Service Reform Board applies to relevant activity across both Constituent and Non-constituent areas.

9. Other Implications

9.1 None.

10. Schedule of Background Papers

10.1 None.

11. Appendices