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Strategic Policing and Crime Board

24th January 2023

Questions from the Board on Matters not on the Agenda

1. How will the Chief Constable adapt the current model of neighbourhood policing? What difference will the public see and feel?

(To be asked by Cath Hannon)

2. How do West Midlands Police respond to reports of drink and needle spiking?

Can West Midlands Police detail how many reports of drink and needle spiking were reported over the Christmas and New Year period and the outcomes?

What safety advice would they give to the public?

(To be asked by Cath Hannon)

3. Money laundering is central to the success of serious organised crime groups, and the misery they cause in our communities. Is WMP satisfied that enough is being done to tackling money laundering in the West Midlands, including efforts to gather intelligence by West Midlands Police and enforcement action taken by the National Crime Agency?

(To be asked by Tom McNeil)

4. I've been out to see joint operations in Washwood Heath between West Midlands Police and Birmingham City Council to successfully tackle multiple parking infringements, including selfish drivers who block busy pavements for children, older people and people with disabilities. Does West Midlands Police run joint operations across Birmingham and the wider West Midlands, to ensure there is a coordinated effort on issues like this where best practice is replicated?

(To be asked by Tom McNeil)

5. There's growing evidence about the strong link between gambling addiction and crimes such as theft, and missed opportunities to prevent crime through gambling addiction services. Does West Midlands Police screen for gambling addiction for people coming into custody? If not, will West Midlands Police commit to looking at this issue?

(To be asked by Tom McNeil)

6. Chief Constable, after the launch of our "don't cross the line campaign" during the World Cup last month, did WMP record an increase in DA related offences following England matches?

(To be asked by Nicky Brennan)