

# West Mercia Police and Crime Panel

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Mr John Campion  
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner  
Hindlip Hall  
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7 August 2023

Dear Mr Campion

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I write to confirm that the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel received your draft Annual Report on 27 July 2023 in a public meeting at County Hall, Worcester. Thank you for attending and answering questions.

As required in the Act, please accept this letter as the report of the Panel following its consideration of your draft Annual Report 2022-23)

During the consideration of the draft report, the Panel:

noted the improvements highlighted in your report and shared your frustration about the pace of the delivery of improvement and change within some areas of West Mercia Police)

Welcomed the additional 100 police officers that had been recruited (nevertheless highlighted the need for more visible policing in towns, parishes and rural areas to improve public confidence and perception). Members of the Panel were grateful to you for your offer to work with them to improve public perception.

Noted the success of the partnership working with the Lord of the Wrekin Council to deliver the Safer Stronger Communities programme).

The Panel raised a couple of points for which a response is normally requested.

Page 1 of your report refers to the 100 police officers that have been recruited' and you confirmed during the meeting that the number of police officers is the highest establishment in the region.

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