



**Philip Secombe
Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire**

Decision Application WPCC20112

PUBLIC PRIORITIES SURVEY

Application Date:	Jan 2020	Name of Applicant:	D. Patterson
Application Decision Reference: WPCC20112			
1. Summary of the application To contract SMSR Ltd, a market research and analysis company, to conduct a Public Priorities Survey (PPS) on behalf of both the Warwickshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Warwickshire Police .			
2. Background information: The drivers for the PPS to be conducted are twofold: - I. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) The Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) term of office ends on the 13 th May 2020. Whilst the current Police and Crime Plan technically extends until 2021, a PPS serves to inform the content of the next plan which will also need to reflect the priorities set out in the newly elected PCC's manifesto for which he / she has a mandate to deliver on behalf of the electorate. In addition, Section 96 (1) of the Police Act 1996 as amended by Section 14 (3) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 states that the PCC must consult with the community and victims of crime from their policing area on the priorities for a new police and crime plan. II. Warwickshire Police (WP) With West Mercia Police's decision to terminate its strategic alliance with WP, it has been necessary for WP to determine its future direction and policing model. Public consultation on these strategic issues is essential in order to more fully inform the decisions that need to be made. This need was also identified by HMICFRS during their Integrated PEEL Inspection 2019 of the force, where the following cause for concern was made: -			

- *The force has not yet defined how all of its services to the public will operate in the future, nor has it agreed a smooth transition to a future operating model. And it has not consulted with the public on these important matters.*

This cause for concern was accompanied by the following recommendation: -

- *The force should improve its arrangements both to consult with the public about business planning and to feedback on changes made to service delivery as a result of such consultation.*

In addition, with an ever changing policing landscape WP must take cognisance of current public perceptions and expectations regarding local policing concerns.

The PPS has been contracted to address these concerns and to achieve the desired outcome of public engagement and consultation to better understand the emerging police and crime priorities for the residents and communities of Warwickshire and their views in shaping the future of Warwickshire Police as it enters a new and uncharted chapter in its long history

3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application

- Yes

List of additional information/report

- I. Quote Prepared by SMSR Research
- II Contract 10331
- III Public Priorities Survey v7

5. Impact of not approving the application

Unable to satisfy legislative requirements, HMICFRS recommendations/cause for concern and public expectations.

6. Costs

Revenue: £9,950 + VAT

Costs split 50% / 50% between the OPCC and WP

Capital: Nil

7. Savings: Nil

8. Equality and Diversity Implications: Considered: -

The sample of residents for the survey will also be representative reflection of the demographics of Warwickshire, with factors such as age, gender, ethnicity and disability taken into account to reflect the most recent data from the Office of National Statistics. BME and minority groups are to be prioritised to ensure in as far as is reasonably possible they are proportionately represented in the results.

9. Treasurer's comments

The share of costs (£4,975 excl VAT) being financed by the PCC can be met from within the existing 2019/20 PCC budget. A virement will be actioned with the force to finance the work under a single purchase order. The work should be completed in 2019/20.

10. Monitoring Officer's comments

As set out in this notice, the survey will enable the PCC to meet his statutory obligations with regards to consulting the public. It will also help to address the recommendation/cause for concern in the latest HMICFRS PEEL inspection report (detailed earlier in this notice) and the findings of the survey will be taken in to consideration when the new police and crime plan for 2021/25 is drafted.

11. Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Agreed

PCC Signature:

Paul Jenkinson

Date of Decision:

9th March 2020.