AGENDA ITEM 11



STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD 3 December 2013

Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Summit

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide a summary of the Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Summit and the action plan developed as a result of the Summit.

BACKGROUND

- 2. The Summit took place on Tuesday 8 October at The Wolverhampton Science Park and was hosted by the Commissioner. The event was organised with the help of Mr Tom Duffin, and also Dr Martin Wright and Wolverhampton University who very generously allowed the use of the Auditorium and facilities of the Wolverhampton Science Park.
- Invitations were widely circulated and were aimed in particular to encourage attendance from professionals, representatives from the voluntary sector and others with an interest in Child Sexual Exploitation or Human Trafficking. 145 delegates attended on the day.
- 4. The Summit was an opportunity to make some real changes in the West Midlands and sought to address the following:
 - How can partners come together to do more on prevention and early intervention?
 - How can communities do more to flag up the issues?
 - How can we improve our collective understanding of the problems and the issues?
 - Future strategic planning for all the statutory agencies including West Midlands Police.
 - The role and perspective of the voluntary sector and its interface with the statutory agencies

5. The report of the Summit together with the action plan that summarises all of the recommendations from the day are attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The event was held at Wolverhampton Science Park and no charge was made for use of these facilities. The cost of the administrative arrangements associated with the Summit and the catering costs were met from within the budget of the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime.

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. The Board is asked to note the report of the Summit and consider the report and action plan.

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