

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE  
AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER**

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**NOTICE OF DECISION**

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**Title: Changes to the Outstanding Citizen Award Scheme**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Young Citizen Award Scheme was introduced in 2013 to provide a means for the PCC to recognise people who have made an outstanding contribution to community safety in their community.

This decision updates the Scheme and introduces some changes. The most significant changes to the Scheme are as follows:

1. The number of award categories will be increased and will include:
  - Outstanding Citizen
  - Outstanding Young Citizen
  - Outstanding Community Project
  - Outstanding Community Initiatives Fund
2. Members of the Strategic Policing and Crime Board will be asked to work with their Local Policing and Crime Board to seek nominations for the awards.
3. Awards will be allocated by the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner supported by the Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner.
4. Awards will be presented at an event in June 2015, which will be a joint event with the Custody Visitor Annual Meeting.

## **NON - CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

### **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1. The Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Young Citizen Award Scheme was introduced by PCC decision 034/2013. Local Policing and Crime Boards in each of the 7 local authority areas were asked to seek nominations and inform the PCC of their selected award winners. The PCC then attended a meeting or event in the Local Authority area in order to present the Award.

2. Whilst the awards were an excellent means of saying thank you to public spirited community members, in practice the take-up of the awards was limited, with only 3 of the Local Policing and Crime Boards selecting awards winners.

3. Some improvements to the Scheme have been introduced for 2015 in order to encourage more nominations and to have an Award Ceremony which appropriately recognises the contribution of the award winners. The revised Scheme is attached at the appendix.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. The resources required to plan and manage the revised Scheme shall be met from within the existing staff support resource of the Commissioner.

5. The costs of the award ceremony will be kept to a minimum by combining this event with the Custody Visitor Annual Meeting. The costs of the combined event have not yet been finalised but are likely to be in the region of £2000.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

### **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

7. The Commissioner will ensure that the operation of this process ensures that consideration is given to all equality implications.

### **Schedule of Background Papers**

8. PCC decision 034/2013

### **Public Access to Information**

9. Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.

### **Timing of the awards for 2015**

Publicity and invite nominations: December 2014 – February 2015

Closing date for nominations – March 2015

Consideration of nominations and selection of award winners – April 2015

Notification to award winners – April/May 2015

Awards Ceremony – June 2015

### **Police and Crime Commissioner Special Awards**

In addition to the Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Young Citizen Awards, the PCC may choose to make a special award to an individual or to a local group or organisation, who, in his opinion, has made an exceptional contribution that deserves recognition.