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AGENDA ITEM 5

Accountability and Governance Board
25th March 2025

Questions from the Board on Matters not on the Agenda

Question 1: To be asked by Wasim Ali

The Plan for Neighbourhoods, announced by the Labour government on 4th March this year, will offer £1.5Bn of funding to foster stronger, better connected and healthier communities across the UK. Five of those neighbourhoods to receive funding are in the West Midlands – Bilston, Darlaston, Dudley, Smethwick, and Sutton Coldfield.

What would the Chief Constable ask local partners to consider as their top priorities for investment in Policing and safer communities with this funding?

Question 2: To be asked by Wasim Ali

We have submitted our proposal to the Home Office for 150 brand new officers, 20 PCSOs above the March baseline and 139 officers to be moved into more neighbourhood specific roles.

What impact is the Chief Constable expecting the public to see, and when can we expect to see a difference on the high streets and where we live?