



Questions from the Board on Matters not on the Agenda

Question 1: Aston Villa FC v Maccabi Tel Aviv FC (To be asked by PCC Simon Foster)

Context: The Aston Villa football fixture with Maccabi Tel Aviv on 6 November 2025 has become a subject of wide public debate. Concerns have been raised about the intelligence used by West Midlands police, that led to the ban on Maccabi Tel Aviv fans, from attending Villa Park to watch the match.

Question: Is the Chief Constable able to provide assurances on the credibility, reliability, and provenance of the policing intelligence relied upon by West Midlands Police, that was provided to the Birmingham Safety Advisory Group, and that led to the ban on Maccabi Tel Aviv fans, from attending the football game at Villa Park on 6 November 2025?

Question 2: Theft and Assault of Delivery Drivers (To be asked by DPCC Wasim Ali)

I recently attended a meeting with over 100 delivery drivers in south Birmingham who reported facing repeated attacks and thefts by organised gangs stealing their bikes and phones while they work. What steps is West Midlands Police taking to protect these workers and prevent these crimes?

Question 3: Winter of Action (WoA) (To be asked by VA Natalie Queiroz)

Context: The Home Office's Winter of Action national initiative went 'live' on the 1st December. Indeed, it was launched by the Policing Minister here in Birmingham.

It requires a focussed partnership approach to the prevention, reduction and enforcement re Nighttime Economy issues and Violence Against Women and Girls, as well as a focus on ASB and Retail crime, and is being delivered in areas across the WMP Force Area. Winter of Action runs to the end of January 2026.

The West Midlands Winter of Action Plans build on the existing and ongoing work of the Force to address these key issues. It follows on from the Home Office's 'Safer Streets Summer Initiative'. OPCC and WMP are holding a joint review of both initiatives, with our Local Authority Community Safety partners, in March 2026.

Question: What do you see as the key successes and learning for WMP in delivering the Safer Streets Summer Initiative and the Winter of Action so far? And how can this partnership delivery approach be used to improve ongoing prevention, harm reduction and enforcement delivery across WMP?