

'Policing in the 21st Century: Reconnecting Police and the People'

1. This Government White Paper attached with the Home Office letter as Appendix A and Appendix B requires responses by 20 September.
2. Attached as Appendix C is a proposed response on behalf of the Partnership. Geoff Lee and Darren Best had sight of an earlier draft and their comments have been incorporated.
3. The draft response to date appears as a marathon critique of the White Paper, seeking to show a balance between supporting some elements of the proposals and opposing others. It will also be necessary to make specific comments against all or most of the 23 Consultation Questions, which have been reproduced in the text of the draft response. In most cases this will involve pulling together the most relevant points from other parts of the response text.
4. It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Partnership endorses the draft response, offers any amendments, and agrees the resulting text, for final approval by the Chair of the Partnership prior to submission.
5. It is also **RECOMMENDED** that copies of the response be sent to Alex Cunningham MP and James Wharton MP.