

## Section 60 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994

### Revised Best Use of Stop & Search Scheme

- Following proposals from the Home Office to temporarily vary the provisions of the Best Use of Stop & Search Scheme, consultation was carried out in the force in relation to changes to the WMP approach to authorities under S.60
- The force has made the following decisions in relation to the responses received following this consultation
- The Authority process will remain unchanged, with the authority level remaining at ACC level (except in cases of urgency)
- The criteria for authorisation of S.60 has changed from:

60(1) If a senior police officer reasonably believes -

that incidents involving serious violence **WILL** take place in any locality in his police area, and that it is expedient to give an authorisation under this section to prevent their occurrence ...

To:

60(1) If a senior police officer reasonably believes -

that incidents involving serious violence **MAY** take place in any locality in his police area, and that it is expedient to give an authorisation under this section to prevent their occurrence ...

- This reflects the letter of the law as shown in the Act of Parliament
- The period of any initial authority will remain at 15 hours, as per the current BUSS
- The flow chart for the authorising of S.60 is shown below.

