

**QUESTION TO THE PCC FROM MR S CHU, INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE POLICE
& CRIME PANEL, JANUARY 2019**

Was the Commissioner consulted before SYP asked for Sheffield derby football matches to be played in midweek in future? What does the Commissioner believe this says for the reputation of the Force, and confidence in it, when derbies in Manchester, Liverpool and Glasgow which have either bigger crowds or greater risk of violence, are routinely played at weekends?

RESPONSE FROM THE PCC

This was an operational decision taken by SYP to minimise the threat of disorder and to contain costs.

Football policing cost SYP £1.6m last season. This is a substantial amount of money taken from the budget which would otherwise be available for policing in communities.

This season SYP is taking measures to reduce the risks to the public and minimise the resources needed.