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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Local Police &amp; Fire Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>6 June 2019</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>P&amp;F/10/19/HS</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Scottish Police Authority Annual Review of Policing 2018-19 (Consultation Response)</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the consultation response to the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) in respect of the Annual Review of Policing 2018-19.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Council, in its capacity as a scrutiny board, has been invited by the SPA to respond to the annual review of Policing for the period 2018-19, attached as appendix 1. The response was due on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, however the SPA have granted an extension for submission following the Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee meeting.
- 2.2 The Scottish Police Authority must prepare an annual review of policing, to be laid before the Scottish Parliament in Autumn 2019. This must include an assessment of Police Scotland's and the Scottish Police Authority's performance during the year.
- 2.3 A brief set of questions was attached to assist the Scottish Police Authority to gather the views of local scrutiny boards across Scotland.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the Committee approves the response to the consultation.

**Ruth Binks**  
**Corporate Director- Education, Communities & Organisational Development**

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) was established under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 to maintain policing, promote policing principles and continuous improvement of policing, and to hold the Chief Constable to account. It holds both the Chief Constable to account for the policing of Scotland, and the Chief Officer of the SPA to account for its role as employer of staff and the delivery of services to the board and policing
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## 5.0 THE CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The consultation seeks the views of local Police and Fire scrutiny committees around a number of issues ranging from local scrutiny arrangements to local police plans. The responses to questions have been taken from the Council committee cycle 2018/19.
- 5.2 The response to the consultation is attached as appendix 1.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Finance

There are no financial implications.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/(savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With effect from	Annual net impact £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

### 6.2 Legal

There are no legal implications.

### 6.3 Human Resources

This report does not impact on Human Resources.

### 6.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
X	NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

## **6.5 Repopulation**

This structure is intended to protect and assist the local communities.

## **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 This is a response to a consultation

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 There are no background papers.



## Local authority views on the year in policing 2018/19

Name of your local authority: **Inverclyde Council**

During 2018/19 -

1. How effective do you think Police Scotland's support for local scrutiny and engagement with your committee has been, in the past year?

The Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee are satisfied with the support and engagement from Police Scotland during the current committee cycle. At each meeting there has been an appropriate level of representation from Police Scotland.

2. How well do you think your local police plan reflected local priorities in 2018/19?

The Local Police Plan 2017-2020 was approved by the previous Inverclyde Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

In respect of protecting people at risk of harm there have been regular updates during the current committee cycle. Members are aware of the growing proportion of non-recent sexual crimes as a result of wider national campaigns as well as the growing trend in relation to cyber-related crimes around issues such as child grooming, the sharing of self-generated indecent imagery, and internet facilitated sexual assaults. The updates provided by Police Scotland has helped the committee understand the complex nature of these issues, the response by Police Scotland and the need for partnership working.

In respect of Serious and Organised Crime the Committee have been provided with updates during the committee cycle regarding pro-active activity around serious and organised crime. The Committee have raised concerns around the prevalence of drug misuse and the impact it has on local communities and will continue to support any work in this area.

In respect of violence, antisocial behaviour and disorder the Committee receive regular updates from Police Scotland relating to issues and

responses across the authority. At the meeting of the Committee in April a report titled 'Spotlight on Violence in Inverclyde' was presented by Police and provided members with an update on activity in Inverclyde during the previous year. The Committee have also been made aware of a proposed roll-out of a Community Safety and Violence Prevention Initiative with Police Scotland and partners and will look forward to receiving further updates in the current and next Committee Cycle.

In respect of road safety and road crime following the publication of The Local Police Plan 2017-2020 the Divisional Road Policing Unit based in Inverclyde and Renfrewshire changed and is now based in Glasgow. Concern was raised by the Committee regarding the impact this would have on the delivery of roads policing in Inverclyde.

In respect of Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism there have been no specific issues raised during the current committee cycle.

3. How effective has Police Scotland's reporting against the priorities in your local police plan been, in helping you understand how policing is performing?

During 2018/19 Police Scotland have provided two distinct reports to Committee in helping to understand how policing is performing. There has been a regular report setting out figures around particular crimes as well as a narrative in respect around particular crimes as well as Police and partnership responses to crimes. At the Police and Fire Scrutiny meeting in April 2019 a paper (attached) was presented 'Police Scotland- Spotlight on Violence in Inverclyde 2018/19' noting issues around violence.

4. During 2018/19, do you think policing's performance in your area has improved, stayed about the same, or has dipped?

We have seen some increase from Police Scotland around the policing of community related concerns and the increased promotion of awareness raising to our communities.

5. What are the top three things about policing in your area, which are working really well?

- During the current committee cycle there has been numerous comments in relation to the Community Policing Model in operation across Inverclyde.

- The Committee acknowledge the levels of communication from Police Scotland advising of community safety issues.
  - There is regular joint partnership working on an operational and strategic basis.
6. What are your top three priorities for improvement, linked to policing in your local area?
- Road Safety Policing Unit (specifically its deployment out with the Division)
  - Armed Policing Deployment Model (including deployment and use of Taser)
  - A consistent approach to senior management deployment within the Sub-Division (specifically the frequent change of Area Commander within KC in 2018)
7. Are there any examples of good practice or innovation in your local area you want to highlight, and that could be adopted as good practice in other council areas? Please provide details below.

Whilst Police Scotland will report on performance within Inverclyde in relation to the Local Police Plan, Council Officers do provide an update of national issues and the impact these may have on the local plan. This paper includes updates from, but is not limited to, the Scottish Police Authority and Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Constabulary and other bodies with an interest in policing.

8. What would you like to see the SPA to do more of, to help you in your scrutiny role and to support better local outcomes?
- Supporting Scrutiny Committees in enhancing partnership working across the local plans (Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP)/Local Police Plan)
  - A commitment for equal funding made available for public space CCTV across Scotland.

### **About your local scrutiny arrangements**

9. How would you describe your local scrutiny arrangements for policing?
- Dedicated Policing or Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee/ Sub Committee

The Committee will discuss other issues linked to Policing/Fire and Rescue related activity as well as other community safety issues.

10. How many elected members are regularly involved in your local police scrutiny processes?

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11. Is there any additional information or feedback you would like to share?

The Committee welcomed the opportunity to meet with SPA Board representatives during the current committee cycle.

### **What we do with this information.**

Data you provide will inform an overview in the Annual Review of Policing.

The information provided will not be disseminated to any other third party out with the Scottish Police Authority without written permission. As in previous years we would appreciate your participation in allowing the authority to publish your examples and feedback within the Annual Review of Policing.

### **Please select below:**

I am happy for the information provided to inform the Annual Review of Policing

**Yes/ ~~No~~**

I am happy for specific examples and feedback from this local authority to be included in the Annual Review.

**Yes/~~No~~**

Details of our Privacy Statement can be found at:

<http://www.spa.police.uk/about-us/privacy/>

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback. Responses and any queries should be sent to [SPACommunityAccountability@spa.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SPACommunityAccountability@spa.pnn.police.uk) by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**.

If you have any queries or comments about the process, please contact the Community Accountability Team Eleanor Gaw, 01786 896886 or Fiona Miller 01786 896 966.