

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee**Thursday 18 February 2016 at 2.30pm**

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and Ms S Lang (for Head of Legal & Property Services).

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent J Downie and Detective Chief Inspector C Henderson, Police Scotland, Group Manager P Nelis and Station Manager K Hughes, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and Mr D Yates, Scottish Police Authority.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Sub-Committee.

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| 110 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 110 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jones, McEleny and Wilson. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 111 | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report | 111 |
| | There was submitted a report on Fire and Rescue performance and related activities during the period 1 July to 30 September 2015, together with supplementary report providing further information in relation to crewing levels and the organisation of resources. | |
| | Decided: that the information contained in the report and supplementary report be noted. | |
| 112 | Mr Paul Nelis | 112 |
| | The Sub-Committee was advised that Group Commander Paul Nelis would be retiring from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in April 2016 and on behalf of Members, Councillor Loughran extended his best wishes to Mr Nelis for the future. | |
| 113 | Police Scotland Performance Report | 113 |
| | There was submitted a performance report for the Inverclyde local Policing area covering the period 1 April to 31 December 2015. | |
| | Decided: that the report be noted. | |

114 Consultations on Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) Scrutiny Plan 2016-17 and the Review of Scottish Strategic Police Priorities 114

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities advising the Sub-Committee of a review of Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) consultation on its Scrutiny Plan 2016-17 and the Scottish Government’s Review of Scottish Strategic Police Priorities.

Decided:

(1) that the Sub-Committee note the content of the Scrutiny Plan 2016-17; and
(2) that the Sub-Committee confirm its agreement to continuing the existing priorities detailed at page 2 of the consultation document (Appendix 2) and, in view of the concern expressed by Councillors and the public over issues such as closing public counters, merging of police divisions, etc. recommend the following addition:

“In the interests of transparency and accessibility, commit to comprehensive and timely prior consultation with Local Authorities and communities on all proposals which affect access to Policing resources or confidence in the capacity of the local Policing resource to respond to local priorities”.

115 Draft Annual Police Plan 2016/17 115

There was submitted draft Annual Police Plan 2016/17 together with accompanying letter from the Divisional Commander seeking feedback from the Sub-Committee.

Decided: that an early meeting of the Sub-Group comprising Councillors Loughran, Brennan, Brooks and Shepherd be arranged with the Area Commander with a view to discussing the contents of the draft plan and making representations as appropriate to Police Scotland.