
Report To: Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee **Date:** 16th February 2017

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Subject: Scottish Police Authority- Annual Review of Policing 2016/17 Feedback

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise the Sub-Committee of an engagement request from the Scottish Police Authority in respect of the forthcoming annual review of policing 2016/17.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 In mid-2017 the SPA will publish its 'Annual Review of Policing 2016/17' and the purpose of the review is to give the Scottish Government and other stakeholders a clear position of progress against the Strategic Priorities set in 2012 and a statement on the direction for the next year of operation.
- 2.3 The SPA are seeking the views and experiences of Scrutiny Committees on activity between April 2016 and early 2017 in order to ensure that the Annual Review of 2016/17 is informed by the views and knowledge of scrutiny committee members across Scotland. The response to the consultation is attached at Appendix 1.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to approve the response to the consultation on the annual review of policing attached at Appendix 1.

Martin McNab,
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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 states that the SPA must prepare an annual report as soon as practicable after the end of each reporting year. The Annual Review of Policing should set out an assessment of the Authority's performance in carrying out its functions, an assessment of Police Scotland's performance and how both are working towards achieving the objectives of the Strategic Police Plan.

4.2 The current priorities that inform the current SPA Strategic Policing Plan are:

1. **Make communities safer and reduce harm by tackling and investigating crime and demonstrating pioneering approaches to prevention and collaboration at a national and local level.**
2. **Strengthening Scotland's reputation as a successful and safe country by demonstrating excellence in effectively planning for and responding to major events and threats.**
3. **Provide an efficient, effective service focused on protecting frontline services, delivering the benefits of police reform and promoting continuous improvement.**
4. **Make communities stronger and improve wellbeing by increasing public confidence and reducing fear of crime, making the new Police Scotland an exemplar of visible, ethical and responsible policing.**

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

5.1

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

Legal

5.2 None.

Human Resources

5.3 None.

Equalities

5.4 None.

Repopulation

5.5 None.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.

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**Annual Review of Policing 2016/17 feedback form**

Name of Local Authority: Inverclyde

1. To what extent are you satisfied with policing's engagement with communities and with the local authority since April 2016, on local priority setting?

The Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee are satisfied with the engagement of Police Scotland at the Scrutiny meetings. During the meeting cycle of 2016/17 there has been senior representation from Police Scotland including the Chief Constable, Divisional Commander, Local Area Commander and board representation from the Scottish Police Authority to discuss the issues impacting on local priority setting for Inverclyde. Elected Members across the authority also recognise the engagement by Police Scotland with various community groups including Community Councils and Tenants and Residents Associations. However the Scrutiny Sub Committee note that in the September 2016 Police Scotland #yourviewcounts the relatively small number of responses from the Inverclyde area (219) and would be keen for Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority to look at how to increase this form of engagement with communities especially on its weighting towards local priority setting.

2. To what extent do you consider that Police Scotland's local reporting against these priorities over the course of 2016/17 has been effective in supporting your scrutiny of local policing.

In broad terms elected members are satisfied that the sub-committee is the appropriate place for local priority setting to be discussed. The local key priorities of antisocial behaviour/disorder, drug dealing/drug misuse, violent crime, homes being broken into and rowdy drunken behaviour are areas of concern raised by communities across Inverclyde. The sub-committee appreciate the commentary at the end of each crime type to better understand the issues impacting locally.

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3. To what extent do you think that Police Scotland's engagement with your scrutiny committee during 2016, and support for local scrutiny processes, has been effective?

As noted in the response to question 1 the scrutiny committee is satisfied with the engagement from Police Scotland.

4. Are there any examples of good practice in your area, or suggestions for future improvement, that you would like to share?

Representatives from the scrutiny committee were recently invited to and subsequently visited the Police Service Centre in Govan and were able to see at first hand the police service centre, control room and events suite. It would be useful to reprise this visit following the 2017 local government elections to ensure that new member of the sub-committee are given a similar opportunity.

5. How would you describe your local scrutiny committee?

- Dedicated Policing or Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

The scrutiny committee is a Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee. It sits as a sub-committee of the Education and Communities Committee within Inverclyde Council with the convenor of the parent Committee also convenor of the Sub-Committee.

6. How many elected members are regularly involved in the scrutiny process?

The Committee is made up of 11 members and supported by the Head of Service for Safer & Inclusive Communities.

7. Is there any additional information or feedback you would like to offer?

None.

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Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback and information. Responses should be sent to SPACommunityAccountability@spa.pnn.police.uk by **Wednesday 15th February 2017.**

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