

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: POLICE SCOTLAND LOCAL PLAN 2014-2017
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report will:

- Present the final draft of the local police plan, submitted by the Divisional Commander, covering the period 2014-2017
- Outline some of the key points raised by Members at the recent briefing on the local plan; and
- Remind Members of the scrutiny arrangements we have in place to hold the Police Scotland to account, for the delivery and performance on the local plan.

1.2 Police Scotland became operational on 1 April 2013, under the terms of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. The national priorities set out for Police Scotland are included within the Strategic Police Plan and the Chief Constable's own plan. The priorities include:

- Making communities safer and reduce crime by demonstrating pioneering approaches to partnership at a national and a local level;
- Strengthening Scotland's reputation as a successful and safe country by demonstrating excellence in effectively planning for and responding to major national events and threats;
- Providing an efficient, effective service and deliver the benefits of reform; and
- Making communities stronger by increasing public confidence and reducing fear of crime, making the Police Service of Scotland an exemplar of visible and responsive policing.

1.3 The police locally have a duty to prepare and submit a local policing for consideration by Members. This policing plan has been submitted by the divisional commander for the Forth Valley Division of Police Scotland is Chief Superintendent David Flynn. He is assisted by the local commander for the Falkirk Council area being Temporary Chief Inspector Mandy Paterson.

2. THE LOCAL POLICE PLAN 2014 - 2017

2.1 The local police plan has been developed within a common national framework. A copy of the final draft plan is attached at Appendix 1. Information has been sourced from the refreshment of the Community Safety Strategic Assessment to help develop the final draft. The proposed priorities are therefore as follows:

- Protecting people and places;
- Dealing with anti social behaviour;
- Violent crime;
- Disrupting organised crime;
- Crime of dishonesty; and
- Making roads safer.

2.2 The local police plan takes account of our local outcomes and priorities, set out within our Strategic Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). It also takes account of national priorities determined by Scottish Ministers, the Scottish Police Authority and the Chief Constable. Section 4 of the plan provides more detail on the process and sources which were utilised in the determination of local priorities. Local priorities have also been informed by the views of local people, Elected Members and partner organisations which work alongside the police. Appendix A, integral to the plan, outlines the community consultation undertaken and how feedback from this has been reflected in the final draft. The plan makes specific mention of the contributions Police Scotland will make to each of our six thematic outcomes, set out in our SOA. Appendix B within the plan sets out the key partners which make a contribution to local Police Scotland priorities.

2.3 Elected Members provided feedback to the police at a recent briefing on the local plan. Details of some of the key points raised and how these have been reflected in the local police plan follow:

- Stronger emphasis on the contribution partners make to local policing priorities;
- Better clarity on local engagement processes which support the plan, including engagement with Elected Members;
- How we manage the impact of the outcomes arising from the review of the traffic wardens service;
- Improving the linkage of activity to SOA outcomes;
- How consultation on national review outcomes can be improved;
- Priority being given to emergency planning; and
- The commitment to local neighbourhood policing.

2.4 Each of the proposed priorities, sets out sub priorities in terms of which specific issues, people and places, will be focused on as well as what Police Scotland:

- Aims to do;
- Means by this. This provides clarification on any technical aspects of the relevant section of the plan;
- Can be measured on in terms of performance, and what success will look like; and
- Will do in terms of specific action.

3. SCRUTINISING POLICE SCOTLAND

3.1 The local police plan sets out:

- Priorities and objectives for Police Scotland for the carrying out of its functions within a local authority area and on delivery of local priorities;
- The reason for selection priorities and objectives and how they will be delivered;
- Outcomes against which priorities and objectives can be measured, as well as how these will contribute to relevant local outcomes; and
- Any other relevant matters.

3.2 The divisional commander submits a performance report to the Council's Scrutiny Committee every quarter, which sets out the following:

- Performance and progress on the local plan; and
- Any additional information requested by the Committee.

4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 This report sets out the medium term priorities and outcomes for the Police Scotland for the next three years and how they relate to our local outcomes. The Service will continue to be monitored through the Council's Scrutiny Committee on a regular basis. Police Scotland continues to be a key partner of the Council and we recognise the contribution it can make to achieve our 20 year vision.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- 5.1 **Notes the feedback on key issues arising from the recent briefing for Elected Members, summarised at 2.3; and**
- 5.2 **Considers whether to approve the local police plan for the Falkirk Council area, as attached at Appendix 1;**

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. None

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone Falkirk 01324 506046 and ask for Andrew Wilson.