

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: POLICE SCOTLAND – FALKIRK AREA COMMAND
PERFORMANCE REPORT**
Meeting: SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Following the establishment of Police Scotland on 1 April 2013 under the provisions of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, local commanders are required to report on performance with regard to the local policing plan. A new local Police Plan covering the period 2014 – 2017 was considered and approved by Falkirk Council on 25 June 2014. The Local Plan is noted as background to this report.
- 1.2 This report is the fourth performance report to the Scrutiny Committee, covering the period April 2014 to June 2014, and highlights the performance of local policing across the Falkirk Council area, in accordance with the local policing plan. The reports will be presented by David Flynn, Chief Superintendent, Forth Valley Area Division who will also answer any questions Members may have on the attached reports.
- 1.3 A summary report is provided by Police Scotland at Appendix 1. The implementation of the new local Police Plan has resulted in a change in the indicators the police will report performance on. These changes are outlined at Appendix 1a. In addition to this police colleagues also propose a new style of report to account for performance on the local plan. This is attached at appendix 2, although the traditional report Members have received is provided at appendix 3. The proposed new format is designed to improve presentation and clarity and will be used to report scrutiny across all 3 Councils within the Forth Valley area.
- 1.4 Additional information on:
 - Road traffic collisions has been provided at appendices 4 and 5;
 - The deployment of armed officers and traffic wardens has been provided at appendices 6 and 7; and
 - The impact of the Commonwealth Games on local policing has been provided at appendix 8.
- 1.5 The Falkirk Area Commander submitted a report to the Community Planning Leadership Board in June 2014. This outlined a new structure to support the Community Safety Partnership, and is presented to Members for information. The report is attached at appendix 9.

2. CONCLUSION

- 2.1 This report provides an opportunity for Members to fulfil their scrutiny role on local policing as set out in the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee note

- 3.1 **Performance on the local policing plan and supporting appendices;**
- 3.2 **And comment on the new proposed performance report, attached at appendix 2;**
- 3.3 **The additional information provided on, road traffic collisions, armed policing, traffic wardens and the impact of the Commonwealth Games; and**
- 3.4 **The Community Safety Partnership structure approved by the Community Planning Leadership Board in June 2014.**

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Police Scotland Local Plan 2014 - 2017

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