

E28. Police Scotland – Falkirk Area Performance

The committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided, as an appendix to the report, a briefing from the Chief Superintendent. Fiona Campbell provided an overview of the report. The committee then heard from Steven McAllister who provided an overview of his submission.

The committee discussed the situation regarding the Bandeath dog shelter. Steven McAllister advised that Police Scotland was no longer part of the general partnership. A new local service provider had been operating since 1 January 2017 and a press release would be released shortly with information already available online. He stated that a first class service was being provided at a lower cost.

Members sought an update on the situation regarding parking enforcement. Damian Armstrong stated that Police Scotland's position had not changed and that parking had not been decriminalised in Falkirk. Responsibility therefore sat with Police Scotland but there was no traffic warden provision. However, dangerous parking and misuse of disabled bays were a priority for the service.

The committee noted and welcomed the increased levels of Police Officer attendance at Community Councils.

Members asked if Police Scotland had involvement in road safety, particularly in relation to road planning and design. Damian Armstrong stated that the service engaged with the roads department in relation to speeding or parking. The Road Policing Department, a national team, with expertise in roads also worked closely with the Council. The Road Safety and Road Crime Group discussed crime and harm reduction including the targeting of travelling criminals.

Decision

The committee approved the report and acknowledged progress by Police Scotland in meeting their priorities.