
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

15 May 2018

Police and Fire and Rescue Committee

Title: **North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan 2018-2021**

Purpose: To enable the Committee to consider the North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan 2018-21 in advance of Council considering its approval.

Recommendation: The Committee is asked to consider the terms of the North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan 2018-2021 and make recommendations to Council regarding its approval.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan 2018-2021 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 In terms of Section 47 of the Police and Fire (Scotland) Act 2012 each Local Police Commander must prepare a Local Policing Plan setting out the main priorities and objectives for the policing of each Local Authority area. This must be approved by each Local Authority.
- 1.3 It is intended to submit the North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan 2018-2021 to Council for approval. This purpose of this report is to give the Committee an opportunity to consider the Plan and make recommendations to Council regarding its approval.

2. Background

- 2.1 In terms of Section 47 of the Police and Fire (Scotland) Act 2012, the Local Policing Plan must:-
 - set out the main priorities and objectives for the policing of the Local Authority area;
 - explain the reasons for selecting each of those priorities and objectives ;
 - set out the arrangements for the policing of the Local Authority's area and how these are expected to achieve the main priorities and objectives;
 - where reasonably practical, identify outcomes, against which the priorities and objectives can be measured; and
 - describe how those priorities, objectives and arrangements will contribute to the delivery of the outcomes of the Single Outcome Agreement.

- 2.2 When preparing the plan, the Local Commander must consult widely and the plan has been produced after local, public consultation and data gathering and engagement with the Community Planning Partnership. The plan highlights the “Locality Approach” tailored to meet local needs with a focus on prevention.
- 2.3 There are five policing priorities detailed in the Section 4 of the Plan. These are:-
- Drug dealing and misuse;
 - Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour;
 - Dishonesty;
 - Road Safety and
 - Protecting People at Risk of Harm
- 2.4 The Local Policing Plan for 2018-2021 aligns with Police Scotland’s 2026 Strategy and Annual Police Plan for 2018-19 which details wider policing priorities including those on Serious Organised Crime (SOC), Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism. At local level the police intend to work with partners to prevent the harm caused by SOC by:-
- Diverting people from becoming involved in SOC
 - Deterring Serious Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) by supporting partners and communities to protect themselves and others
 - Detect, identify and prosecute those involved in SOC
 - Disrupt SOCGs
- 2.5 The key priorities and objectives set out in the plan will be monitored and success measured in accordance with the national performance framework. Performance reports and updates will be reported to Committee through the Local Police Commander’s reports to Committee.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider the terms of the Local Policing Plan 2018-2021 and make recommendations to Council regarding its approval.

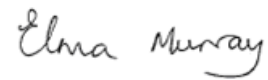
4. Implications

Financial:	There are no Financial Implications arising from this report.
Human Resources:	There are no Human Resources Implications arising from this report.

Legal:	There are no Legal Implications arising from this report.
Equality: Children and Young People:	Police Scotland will assess the plan for equality and diversity outcomes. The plan will benefit children and young people by addressing and preventing crime leading to safer environments and communities for children and young people.
Environmental & Sustainability:	There are no Environmental Implications arising from this report.
Key Priorities:	The Plan has implications for the Council priorities of working together to develop stronger communities and supporting all of our people to stay safe healthy and active.
Community Benefits:	N/A

5. Consultation

5.1 Police Scotland have consulted on the content of the Local Policing Plan



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Background Papers

Appendix 1

North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan 2018-2021

North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan

2018-2021

“North Ayrshire – A Better Life”

“Promoting a Safe and Secure North Ayrshire”

SECTION 1 - FOREWORD

Local Policing Commander – Chief Superintendent Paul Main

As Local Policing Commander for Ayrshire Division, I am delighted to introduce Police Scotland's Local Police Plan for North Ayrshire, for 2018 to 2021. The Plan will outline how Policing services will be delivered over the next three years in pursuit of locally identified policing priorities and how Police Scotland will work closely with partner agencies through the Community Planning process to improve safety and security in North Ayrshire. Crucially, it will also describe how Police Scotland will contribute to the Community Planning Partnership's 'Fair For All' strategy, and how we will work hard with other stakeholders to reduce inequalities in North Ayrshire.

We have a very strong foundation to build on. Crime and offending behaviour has fallen consistently in recent years and we have enjoyed a very productive working relationship with our Community Planning partners that has allowed us to develop innovative and effective approaches to preventing crime and addressing local issues. I am only too aware that communities and services face great challenges in a period of financial constraint and changing demand, but there are also real opportunities for us to improve service delivery and make a decisive shift towards preventing crime and harm. For example, we are currently working closely with partners, including Community Justice Ayrshire, to develop our understanding of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and the impact they can have on people as they grow up. This type of work will help to inform and enhance our service delivery in future and help us to improve the safety and well-being of people in Ayrshire.

Whilst the Plan cover the period from 2018 to 2021, it will be reviewed regularly to ensure its continued relevance. This will allow us to take heed of and reflect on the many developments ongoing in the Community Planning sphere and to ensure the Plan continues to align closely with the Community Planning Partnership's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).

I look forward to working closely with the people of North Ayrshire and with our partner agencies, to ensure that Police Scotland continues to deliver a locally focused service that helps to provide a better life for residents in and visitors to North Ayrshire.

SECTION 2 - INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The Police Service of Scotland, or Police Scotland as it is more commonly known, is responsible for policing across the length and breadth of the country and further detail on the national Policing 2026 strategy and Annual Police Plan can be found on the [Police Scotland website](#). However, Police Scotland retains a very clear commitment to local policing and ensuring that policing in each area is responsive, accountable and tailored to meet local needs.

Local Police Plans (LPPs) are key elements in ensuring that local policing is delivered effectively. This LPP sets out the local policing priorities and objectives for North Ayrshire over the next three years. It explains why these priorities and objectives have been selected and describes how Police Scotland will work towards achieving them. The plan also provides information on how performance will be measured and assessed.

The LPP is produced only after considerable local research, engagement and consultation, which is described in more detail in the plan. In summary, however, the plan relies heavily on the results of local, public consultation and also takes account of information and data from a wide variety of sources. In addition, it is inextricably linked to the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership's "Fair For All" strategy and Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), which defines the Partnership's ambition and priorities for the area.

Community Planning is the process through which a variety of service providers and other stakeholders work together to deliver effective and efficient local services. Police Scotland is absolutely committed to the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and to its vision, "North Ayrshire, A Better Life". Working in partnership has been an essential element of the significant progress made towards making North Ayrshire a safer and more secure place in recent years. This approach is crucial to improving the delivery of policing services in the area and it will continue to underpin and inform policing activity over the next three years and beyond. More information can be found on the [North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership website](#).

This is a three year plan and it will be regularly reviewed and updated as required to reflect changes in circumstances, such as the imminent development of an overarching CPP Community Safety strategy.



SECTION 3 - LOCALITY APPROACH

Police Scotland is committed to providing a high quality policing service that is tailored to meet local needs, has a real focus on prevention and seeks to address inequalities. To that end, Ayrshire division has been a strong supporter of the CPP's decision to move to a locality-based approach for community engagement and service planning and delivery.

The CPP has identified 6 Localities in North Ayrshire and partners in the CPP are working closely together to design and develop this approach.

CPP Localities in North Ayrshire

- Irvine
- Kilwinning
- Three Towns (i.e. Stevenston, Saltcoats and Ardrossan)
- Arran
- North Coast and Cumbraes and West Kilbride
- Garnock Valley



Each of the 6 Localities has a Locality Partnership Group that will formulate a Locality Plan to drive activity in the area. Police Scotland is a key member of these groups, which provides a real opportunity to improve public engagement, enhance partnership working and deliver better outcomes for communities in North Ayrshire. We have redesigned our community policing teams in North Ayrshire to better align with the locality model for service delivery. This new model saw the creation of 'Locality Policing Teams', which lie at the heart of multi-agency arrangements for service delivery and which will improve and enhance our local policing response.

SECTION 4 - POLICING PRIORITIES IN NORTH AYRSHIRE

A lot of work is undertaken by Communities and Community Planning partners, to ensure that local need is well understood. This work underpins the the CPP's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and it will be important to reflect that work and the outcomes of extensive public engagement in this Local Policing Plan, to ensure policing priorities are relevant to our communities.

Priority 1: Drug dealing and misuse

Our objectives are to:

- Tackle drug supply and misuse by detecting drugs supply offences
- Tackle misuse of drugs by detecting possession of drugs offences
- Deprive organised crime groups of resources by seizing assets through the use of relevant legislation (Proceeds of Crime Act 2002)

Priority 2: Violence and antisocial behaviour

Our objectives are to:

- Reduce the number of victims of violent crime
- Tackle domestic abuse by proactively targeting domestic abuse offenders
- Tackle rowdy and drunken behaviour in public places

Priority 3: Dishonesty

Our objectives are to:

- Increase our detection rate for crimes of housebreaking
- Promote home security in conjunction with partner agencies

Priority 4: Road Safety

Our objectives are to:

- Reduce the number of persons killed on our roads
- Reduce the number of persons seriously injured on our roads

Priority 5: Protecting People at the Risk of Harm

The demand on police services has grown in recent years and is increasingly focused towards addressing vulnerability and the consequences of inequalities. Quantifying this is challenging, particularly when issues are under reported and less visible, but protecting people at risk of harm is a national priority for Police Scotland and we will work closely with partners in North Ayrshire to protect people and prevent all forms of abuse,

neglect and exploitation. This will include those at significant risk from very harmful types of crimes such as domestic violence, the impact of which often extends well beyond victims.

We will focus on prevention and intervention and will work hard with stakeholders to improve our own and our joint practice. For example, Ayrshire Division has committed to becoming a 'Trauma Informed' Division and we look forward to working with a range of similarly minded partners to positively influence what we do and how we do it in North Ayrshire, to better meet the needs of vulnerable people in our communities.

SECTION 5 - NATIONAL OUTCOMES

Whilst this plan is a local one and is focused on North Ayrshire, it does align with Police Scotland's 2026 Strategy and Annual Police Plan for 2018-19. That Annual Plan provides detail on wider policing priorities such as 'Serious Organised Crime' (SOC); and 'Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism' and we will take appropriate steps locally to pursue these priorities.

At a local level, this means that we will work closely with our partners to prevent the harm caused by SOC. Our activities will be delivered in order to:

- Divert people from becoming involved in SOC and using its products.
- Deter Serious Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) by supporting private, public and third sector organisations to protect themselves and others.
- Detect, identify and prosecute those involved in SOC.
- Disrupt SOCGs.

The threat from terrorism continues to evolve, ranging from International Related Terrorism, with the emergence of the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the continued support for Northern Ireland Related Terrorism (NIRT), to the radicalisation of individuals embracing extreme religious or political views who may aspire to commit acts of terrorism. The threat is very real and requires Scotland's communities to remain vigilant. The UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST) has four strands; PURSUE, PREVENT, PROTECT and PREPARE (4Ps).

Protecting communities by reducing and mitigating the risk and impact of terrorism remains a priority for Police Scotland. Experience has shown that Scotland is not immune from such acts and Police Scotland must be ready to counter terrorism in all its forms. Our objectives support the four key elements of the CONTEST Strategy.

The activity we undertake in pursuit of our Local Police Plan will also contribute to a number of the National Outcomes contained within the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework, "Scotland Performs" (see www.scotland.gov.uk for further details). In particular, local

policing activity contributes towards National Outcome 9: “We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger” and supports National Outcome 16: “Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people’s needs”.

SECTION 6: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

Police Scotland has developed a national performance framework which allows the service to monitor activity and measure progress; accurately deploy resources; and demonstrate how successful we are in meeting our key priorities and objectives as set out in this plan. Police performance in North Ayrshire will be scrutinised by North Ayrshire Council’s Police and Fire & Rescue Committee. The Local Policing Commander will provide regular reports to this committee. In addition, Locality Policing supervisors and officers will attend Locality Partnership and other public meetings to provide updates on police performance.

SECTION 7 – LOCAL POLICE STATIONS

Police Stations in North Ayrshire	
Station	Public Counter Opening Times
Irvine Police Station 25 Kilwinning Road, Irvine KA12 8RR	7am to midnight, every day
Kilbirnie Police Station 19 Schoolwynd, Kilbirnie KA25 7AY	9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday Closed, Saturday and Sunday
Saltcoats Police Station Glencairn Street, Saltcoats KA21 5JJ	8am to 6pm, every day
Largs Police Station Court Street, Largs KA30 8BD	9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday Closed, Saturday and Sunday
Millport Police Station Muilburn Street, Isle of Cumbrae KA28 0EU	No public counter service. Station facilities available by appointment
Lamlash Police Station Main Street, Lamlash, Isle of Arran KA27 8NF	No public counter service. Station facilities available by appointment

SECTION 8 - LOCAL CONTACT DETAILS

- To contact Police Scotland in an **emergency**, call **999**
- To contact Police Scotland for **non-emergency** matters, call **101**
- If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call **CRIMESTOPPERS** on **0800 555 111**
- **Follow us on Twitter:** NorthAyrshirePolice @AyrshireNPolice
- **Follow us on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland
- **Police Scotland Website:** www.police.scotland.uk

North Ayrshire Locality Policing Teams		
Locality	Police Station Base	Email Address
Irvine	Irvine	LocalityPolicingTeamIrvine@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Kilwinning	Irvine	LocalityPolicingTeamKilwinning@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Garnock Valley	Kilbirnie	LocalityPolicingTeamGarnockValley@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Three Towns	Saltcoats	LocalityPolicingTeam3Towns@scotland.pnn.police.uk
North Coast & Cumbraes	Largs / Millport	LocalityPolicingTeamNorthCoast@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Arran	Lamlash	LocalityPolicingTeamArran@scotland.pnn.police.uk