

LETTER SENT BY EMAIL

To: Conveners and Elected Member leads, local scrutiny of policing

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Annual Review of Policing 2017/18: local scrutiny input

The SPA is currently preparing the Annual Review of Policing for 2017/18, to be laid before the Scottish Parliament in autumn 2018. This must include an assessment of Police Scotland's and SPA's performance during the year and it can also include such other information as SPA considers appropriate.

I am keen to make sure that this review is informed by, and can reflect, the experience and insights of local committees and elected members across Scotland who are responsible for the scrutiny of policing in their local communities. I would therefore like to invite your input.

A brief set of questions is attached to assist us in gathering your views and I would be very grateful if you could take the time to reflect and offer input from your local committee in response.

I very much appreciated the opportunity to speak with many of you at the meeting of the COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners' Forum in February. Following those discussions a joint working group has been set up involving the SPA, COSLA, Police Scotland and SOLACE to strengthen the connection between local and national scrutiny, develop a shared evidence base, and support service improvement.

The SPA Board is itself in a significant period of refresh, with a number of new members recently appointed by the Cabinet Secretary, and work is progressing to drive forward rapid improvement across all aspects of the Authority's internal operations and its outward engagement.

More detail on recent developments is available in my report, and the report of SPA Interim Chief Officer Kenneth Hogg, to the SPA Board on 29th March 2018. This reports are now standing items on SPA Board agendas, and may provide a useful summary update in future.

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Kind regards

Susan Deacon, CBE
Chair, Scottish Police Authority



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Name of Local Scrutiny Committee:

1. 2017/18, how effective has Police Scotland's support for local scrutiny and engagement with your scrutiny committee been?
2. How well do you think your local police plan reflects community priorities?
3. How effective do you think Police Scotland's reporting against local priorities been, in supporting your scrutiny?
4. What are the top three things about policing in your area which you think are working really well?
5. What are your top three priorities for improvement?
6. Are there any examples of good practice in your local area you want to highlight? Please provide details below.
7. What would you like to see the SPA to do more of, to help you in your role and to support better local outcomes?

About your local scrutiny arrangements

8. How would you describe your local scrutiny arrangements for policing?
- Dedicated Policing or Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee or Sub Committee
 - Scrutiny committee looking at wider range of services
 - Community Safety Committee / Community Planning Sub Committee
 - Full Council
 - Political lead and strategic discussion at full council or committee, and local discussion at area / neighbourhood level
 - Other – please describe
9. How many elected members are regularly involved in your local scrutiny process?
10. Is there any additional information or feedback you would like to share?

This response -

This response will inform the Annual Review of Policing, and local examples and comments will be included within the Review document.

Yes/ No

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback and information.

Responses should be sent to -

SPACommunityAccountability@spa.pnn.police.uk by Friday 29th June 2018.

If you have any queries or comments about the process, please contact Eleanor Gaw, SPA Community Accountability, eleanor.gaw@spa.pnn.police.uk Tel 01786 896886.