
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

17 August 2021

Police Fire and Rescue Committee

Title: Police Scotland Consultation on the Review of Development of Local Police Plans

Purpose: To advise the Committee of the consultation request and seek feedback to enable provision of a consultation response.

Recommendation: That the Committee provides feedback to enable the submission of a consultation response.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Council, along with the other local authorities and community planning partnerships, have been requested to participate in a review of Police Scotland's development of Local Police Plans for 2020-23 which is being taken forward jointly by the Scottish Police Authority (SPA), Police Scotland and COSLA.
- 1.2 The Committee is requested to provide feedback to enable the provision of a consultation response.

2. Background

- 2.1 Police Scotland, the Scottish Police Authority and COSLA have agreed to work together to undertake a review of the development of the Local Police Plans to identify areas of development and best practice which will then inform future local planning processes. The review seeks the views of local authority elected members leading on scrutiny of local policing and officials involved in the last planning cycle of local police plans.
- 2.2 Initial views will be collated through completion of a consultation response and Members and officials will thereafter be invited to take part in more detailed discussions to inform future development of local policing plans. It is anticipated that the review will conclude in 2021/22 allowing learning from the review to be incorporated into the planning process for the next round of Local Police Plans.
- 2.3 The review will seek to address the following questions:
 - How effectively do Police Scotland engage at local level in the development of LPPs?

- How effectively do Police Scotland demonstrate the benefit of access to national assets to local communities?
- How effectively do Police Scotland engage with you on changing local priorities?
- How effective do you consider current scrutiny of LPP delivery at local level to be?
- How can the process to produce a Local Police Plan be enhanced and improved?
- What measures could be used to strengthen the local relevance of Local Police Plans?

The full text of the questions comprising the survey can be found at Appendix 1 of this report.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 That the Committee provides feedback to the consultation questions and authorises the Head of Democratic Services to submit a response on behalf of the Committee in consultation with the Chair.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

- 4.2 There are no Human Resources implications arising from this report.

Legal

- 4.3 There are no Legal implications arising from this report.

Equality/Socio-economic

- 4.4 Police Scotland will assess the outcomes of the consultation exercise for equality, diversity and socio-economic outcomes.

Environmental and Sustainability

- 4.5 There are no Environmental implications arising from this report.

Key Priorities

- 4.6 The response to the consultation contributes to the Council's priorities of developing and promoting Aspiring Communities in North Ayrshire with active and strong communities where residents and communities are safe.

Community Wealth Building

- 4.7 There are no Community Wealth Building benefits arising from this report.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Police Scotland will consult on any actions they propose to take in response to the consultation responses received from members of the public and strategic partners.

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Background Papers

Appendix 1

Appendix 1 – Review of Local Police Plans

Theme	Question	Answer format
Setting local priorities, objectives and agreeing the Plan	Does Police Scotland share the findings and information used to determine local priorities and objectives for policing with you / your Local Authority	Yes / No / not sure
	How effectively do Police Scotland engage with you on changing local priorities?	Scale 1-5 (not at all to very)
	Are there any further comments you would like to make on setting local priorities?	Open text
	Please provide detail of any additional activities you feel Police Scotland could take to enhance how Local Authorities are engaged and involved in the priority setting process, and in the development of the overall LPP content?	Open text
	What would be most supportive in enabling Local Authorities to give their feedback and input in to the priority setting process?	Open text
	How can Local Authorities support Police Scotland with this e.g. dedicated planning and community engagement officers to help gather and coordinate feedback?	Open text
	How does the local authority / CPP provide evidence to Police Scotland to inform the development of LPPs?	Open text
	In what ways can this be enhanced going forward? For example, in providing feedback to Police Scotland, adjusting timescales for reviewing and developing Plans, providing intelligence and evidence obtained by the Local Authority or Community Planning Partnership?	Open text
Wider integration of the LPP and performance measurement	In your view, could the process to develop the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) in your area be enhanced to more effectively embed the role of policing?	Yes / No / not sure 'if yes, how?'

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	In your view, could the process to develop key local strategies and plans (such as the community safety strategy) in your area be enhanced to more effectively embed the role of policing?	Yes/No / not sure 'if yes, how?'
	How effectively do Police Scotland demonstrate the benefit of access to national services to local communities?	Scale 1-5 (not at all to very)
	How effectively do Police Scotland engage at local level in the review of LPPs	Scale 1-5 (not at all to very)
	In what ways could the reviewing of a Local Policing Plan (prior to committing to refresh/replace) be enhanced going forward?	Open text
	To what extent does Police Scotland measure progress against delivering the objectives set out in Local Police Plans?	Scale 1-5 (not at all to very)
	How well do performance measures used help to assess whether implementation of the Local Police Plan is making a positive difference locally, and making a contribution to delivery of the LOIP?	Open text
	In your view, does the current performance reporting provided by Police Scotland enable your role to undertake effective scrutiny and promote accountability?	Yes / No / not sure If no, what would enable this?
	Would the development and introduction of national practical guidance / standards on local scrutiny be helpful, with the guidance/standards aligned to the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and the Community Empowerment Act (2015)?	Yes / No / not sure Would your local authority like to be involved in development?