
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

3 September 2019

Police Fire and Rescue Committee

Title: Scottish Police Authority Annual Review of Policing Consultation

Purpose: To advise the Committee of the consultation response submitted to the Scottish Police Authority on the annual review of policing consultation.

Recommendation: That the Committee notes the response to the Consultation.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is preparing its annual review of policing and sought views of local authorities. The consultation response was to be submitted by 31st May 2019.
- 1.2 The Committee considered the consultation request at its meeting on 21st May 2019 and instructed the Senior Manager, Legal Services to remit a response to the SPA, after consultation with the Chair of the Committee, and submit a copy of the final response to the next Committee. A copy of the response is attached at Appendix 1.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is preparing its annual review of policing and sought the views of local authorities. The consultation looked for input on a series of questions on how Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority have performed over the last year.
- 2.2 The Committee on 21st May 2019, considered the questions asked by the SPA and agreed that it be remitted to the Senior Manager of Legal Services, in consultation with the Chair, to prepare a final response and submit it to the SPA by 31st May 2019.
- 2.3 The response was prepared in accordance with the Committee's instructions and submitted to the SPA on 31st May 2019. A copy of the response is attached at Appendix 1.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the response to the Consultation submitted on 31st May 2019.

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 The SPA 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 The SPA 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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For further information please contact **Aileen Craig, Senior Manager, Legal Services**, on 01294 324322.

Background Papers

Appendix 1

Local authority views on the year in policing 2018/19

Name of your local authority: North Ayrshire Council

During 2018/19 -

1. How effective do you think Police Scotland's support for local scrutiny and engagement with your committee has been, in the past year?

NAC Response

The support provided by the Commander and his officers has been excellent. They have attended every committee with comprehensive reports and information.

2. How well do you think your local police plan reflected local priorities in 2018/19?

NAC Response

The local policing plan reflects community priorities. The public are concerned about:-

- *drug dealing and misuse,*
- *protecting people,*
- *violence and anti-social behaviour,*
- *dishonesty and*
- *road safety, all of which are all reflected in the plan.*

3. How effective has Police Scotland's reporting against the priorities in your local police plan been, in helping you understand how policing is performing?

NAC Response

The reporting has been very effective. The Police attend each committee with detailed reports reflecting progress against priorities. Officers are open in their reports and provide detailed responses to questions asked by members. The Committee is extremely satisfied with the service provided by the Police, both to the Committee and the local area.

4. During 2018/19, do you think policing's performance in your area has improved, stayed about the same, or has dipped?

NAC Response: -

The Council is happy with the performance of the police in our area. However, there has been tension across all local authority areas as a result of the approach of the national force regarding what appears to be an attempt at responsibility transfer of TTROs to local authorities in the erroneous belief that local authorities have powers and responsibility for this function. This approach is contrary to the principles of locality policing and limits the ability of local commanders to work collaboratively with local authorities.

5. What are the top three things about policing in your area, which are working really well?

NAC Response:-

- *Communication and responsiveness*
- *Campus Cops*
- *Working with local Councillors on issues that arise from time to*

6. What are your top three priorities for improvement, linked to policing in your local area?

NAC Response:-

- *Ensuring that a local approach remains at the forefront of service delivery*
- *Ensuring local officers have the best equipment available for carrying out their role.*
- *Ensure that all terminology and graphs in reports are as clear as possible*

7. Are there any examples of good practice or innovation in your local area you want to highlight, and that could be adopted as good practice in other council areas? Please provide details below.

NAC Response:-

- *The Multi Agency domestic Abuse response team (MADART) initiative.*
- *Joint working with Trading Standards to combat second hand tyre dealers.*
- *Collaborative working on the multi-agency child protection and adult protection committees.*
- *The Multi Agency Screening Hub (MAASH) where early intervention results in improved outcomes.*

8. What would you like to see the SPA to do more of, to help you in your scrutiny role and to support better local outcomes?

NAC Response:-

The role of the SPA is valuable in ensuring the delivery of policing across Scotland. Consideration should be given to having more local representation on the SPA or increased involvement with Cosla to improve local engagement and communication at strategic level.

About your local scrutiny arrangements

9. How would you describe your local scrutiny arrangements for policing?

NAC Response:-

- *Dedicated Policing or Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee/ Sub Committee*

10. How many elected members are regularly involved in your local police scrutiny processes?

NAC Response:-

The Committee has 7 members.

11. Is there any additional information or feedback you would like to share?

NAC Response:-

North Ayrshire wishes to emphasise the importance of having a police service which reflects and responds to local needs and priorities. In North Ayrshire, the service provided focusses on local issues and priorities and excellent working relationships and partnerships have been established.

What we do with this information.

Data you provide will inform an overview in the Annual Review of Policing.

The information provided will not be disseminated to any other third party out with the Scottish Police Authority without written permission. As in previous years we would appreciate your participation in allowing the authority to publish your examples and feedback within the Annual Review of Policing.

Please select below:

I am happy for the information provided to inform the Annual Review of Policing

Yes

I am happy for specific examples and feedback from this local authority to be included in the Annual Review.

Yes

Details of our Privacy Statement can be found at:

<http://www.spa.police.uk/about-us/privacy/>

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback. Responses and any queries should be sent to SPACommunityAccountability@spa.pnn.police.uk by **Friday 31st May**.

If you have any queries or comments about the process, please contact the Community Accountability Team Eleanor Gaw, 01786 896886 or Fiona Miller 01786 896 966.