

# Report

Report to:	<b>Executive Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>25 March 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Police Scotland Local Police Plan 2020 to 2023</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ Advise committee of the decision taken in relation to Police Scotland's Lanarkshire Local Police Plan 2020 to 2023

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the decision taken by the Chief Executive under his delegated authority, in consultation with Group Leaders, to approve the Lanarkshire Local Police Plan 2020 to 2023, as detailed in Appendix 1, be homologated.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. As a statutory requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, the local Police Commander is required to prepare a Local Policing Plan, which sets out the strategic priorities and objectives for policing in a local authority area. Once prepared, this plan is presented to the local authority for approval.
- 3.2. The previous South Lanarkshire Local Policing Plan covered the period 2017 to 2020 and was approved by Executive Committee on 31 January 2018.
- 3.3. As Police Scotland's Lanarkshire Division covers both North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire local authority areas, it is intended that one Local Policing Plan will now be developed for Lanarkshire. To reflect the different characteristics of each local authority area however, distinct profiles and content for both areas are included.

## 4. Development and consultation

- 4.1. In developing the proposed Local Police Plan, Police Scotland consulted with the public and a range of stakeholders to help determine what the priorities and objectives should be. 472 individuals and 17 organisations responded to the consultation.
- 4.2. The consultation identified that the following areas should be treated as a priority by Police Scotland through the plan:
- homes being broken into
  - road safety
  - selling or using drugs
  - violent crime
  - rowdy, drunken behaviour in public places

- 4.3. The consultation results were combined with a range of other plans, policies and data sources, including the South Lanarkshire Community Plan and Police Scotland's Strategic Assessment 2020 to 2023, to form the priorities and strategic outcomes in the proposed new plan.

## **5. Lanarkshire Local Police Plan 2020 to 2023**

- 5.1. The proposed plan is structured around four key areas: partnership and prevention; continuous improvement; safer and healthier communities; sustainability and wellbeing. These are supported by sets of priorities and strategic outcomes.
- 5.2. As highlighted at section 4.1, the proposed plan covers both local authority areas in Lanarkshire however does set out distinct content for each. For South Lanarkshire, the following policing priorities are proposed:
1. Reducing violence and disorder
  2. Public protection and protecting people at risk of harm
  3. Tackling housebreaking and acquisitive crime
  4. Reducing the harm caused by substance misuse
- 5.3. These priorities are supported by key areas of focus for each of them.
- 5.4. The proposed plan also contains five strategic outcomes that aim to deliver safer communities in South Lanarkshire:
1. Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service
  2. The needs of Lanarkshire's communities are addressed through effective service delivery
  3. Lanarkshire's communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing
  4. Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public in Lanarkshire
  5. By working collaboratively policing in Lanarkshire is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges
- 5.5. These strategic outcomes aim to promote economic growth and tackle disadvantage, ensure communities are safer, protect children and young people, and improve health and wellbeing.
- 5.6. The proposed plan also contains a profile of the South Lanarkshire local authority area, highlighting current crime and justice trends and links to South Lanarkshire Council's own priorities and ambitions.
- 5.7. The Safer South Lanarkshire Board (SSLB) has the responsibility for the scrutiny of local policing plans on behalf of the Council and will review its progress on a regular basis.
- 5.8. The full Lanarkshire Local Police Plan 2020 to 2023 is provided in Appendix 1.

## **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy which impacts on the natural environment, climate change or sustainability.
- 8.2. A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) pre-screening determination was not required as a result of this report.

## **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1. There are no other implications as a result of this report.
- 9.2. The content of this report will contribute to the evidence to support the requirements of the Annual Assurance Statement.

## **10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 10.1. An equality and human rights impact assessment has been carried out by Police Scotland. The assessment is that the proposals do not have any adverse impact on any part of the community covered by equalities legislation, or on community relations.
- 10.2. Police Scotland undertook consultation with local residents, Community Planning partners and elected members.

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### **Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ◆ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable
- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Police Scotland – Local Policing Plan 2017-2020, Exec Committee 31 January 2018 (Paragraph 10)

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

### **Contact for Further Information**

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