

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	29 March 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

Subject:	Police Scotland Local Police Plan 2023 to 2026
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ seek approval for the Lanarkshire Local Police Plan 2023 to 2026

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Lanarkshire Local Police Plan 2023 to 2026, as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.

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 Police Plan that 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. Local policing plans are aligned with the Scottish Government's outcomes and priorities included in the Justice Strategy, "The Vision for Justice in Scotland" published in February 2022.
- 3.3. The previous South Lanarkshire Local Police Plan covered the period 2020 to 2023 and was approved by the council's Executive Committee on 25 March 2020.
- 3.4. A pan-Lanarkshire Local Police Plan is developed as Police Scotland's Lanarkshire Division covers both North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire local authority areas.
- 3.5. The Lanarkshire Local Police Plan explains how Lanarkshire Police Division will deliver on local priorities over the next 3 years (2023 to 2026) and is linked to Police Scotland's strategic aims and outcomes.

4. Development and consultation

- 4.1. In developing the proposed Local Police Plan, Police Scotland undertook informal and formal consultation with the public and a range of stakeholders to help determine what the local priorities and objectives should be.
- 4.2. The formal consultation closed on 12 February 2023 and South Lanarkshire Council submitted a positive response, which was approved by the Council's Corporate Management Team on 9 February 2023.

5. Lanarkshire Local Police Plan 2023 to 2026

5.1. Three local policing priorities were identified through consultation including:-

1. **‘Protecting our communities’** which is focused on a commitment to a prevention and early intervention approach to crime and disorder, to intelligence-led policing, to meaningful community engagement, and to collaborative partnerships.
2. **‘Safeguarding our citizens’** which is focused on those most vulnerable to the risk of harm, to those at risk of drug death, and to those at risk of gender based abuse. Included within this priority is a commitment to passing those who are vulnerable and at greater risk of harm to relevant care or health providers, as appropriate.
3. **‘Enhancing our service’** which is focused on the quality and the well-being of officers and staff, and on transparency and accountability over decision making and policing direction. This includes a commitment to target finite resources where and when they are needed, and a commitment to transform the police estate.

5.2. Combined, these priorities aim to improve the safety and wellbeing of the people and communities in Lanarkshire.

5.3. The consultation identified a range of objectives under each priority which will provide the focus of Lanarkshire Police Division’s activity throughout the life of the plan.

Table One: Lanarkshire Local Police Plan 2023 to 2026, Priorities and Objectives

Priorities	Protecting our Communities	Safeguarding our Citizens	Enhancing our Service
Objectives	Violent crime	Substance induced harm	Continuous improvement
	Antisocial behaviour	Gender based abuse	Workforce wellbeing
	Sexual crime	Online safety	Operational resilience
	Acquisitive crime	Protecting our most vulnerable	
	Serious organised crime	Road safety	

5.4. Focusing on the local policing priorities, Lanarkshire Police Division aims to deliver on 5 strategic outcomes:-

- ◆ Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service.
- ◆ The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery.
- ◆ The public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing.
- ◆ Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public.
- ◆ Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges.

5.5. The plan has a clear strategic thread running from the Justice Strategy, through Police Scotland’s strategies, plans and performance reporting. The plan also has clear links to wider Community Planning arrangements and with Local Outcome Improvement Plans taken into account in their development.

5.6. The Safer South Lanarkshire Board (SSLB) has the responsibility for the scrutiny of local policing plans on behalf of the Council to assess police performance and progress against the outcomes and objectives detailed in the Local Police Plan. The Lanarkshire Local Police Plan 2023 to 2026 was fully endorsed by SSLB at its meeting on 13 March 2023.

5.7. The full proposed Lanarkshire Local Police Plan 2023 to 2026 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 negatively on the natural environment, climate change or sustainability.

8.2. Lanarkshire Police Division aims to make a significant positive contribution to the Scottish Government's 2040 carbon neutral target and 2045 zero greenhouse gas emissions target through delivery of its Local Police Plan.

8.3. 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.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs.
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent.
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware and improving.
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable.

Previous References

- ◆ Police Scotland – Local Police Plan 2020-2023, Executive Committee, 25 March 2020
- ◆ Police Scotland – Local Police Plan 2023-2026, Safer South Lanarkshire Board, 13 March 2023

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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