

To: Police and Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee

On: 14 January 2020

Report by: Director of Communities, Housing and Planning Services

Heading: Publication of the Strategic Police Priorities

1. Summary

- 1.1 On 15 July 2019, the Scottish Government published a consultation on the draft Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland with the consultation closing on 4 October 2019. A draft response was approved at this Sub Committee on 20 August 2019 and submitted to the Scottish Government for consideration.
 - 1.2 The consultation exercise received a total of 59 responses, 29 from individuals and 30 responses from organisations. Scottish Government Officials also attended a number of stakeholder meetings across Scotland.
 - 1.3 The Scottish Government has now published its revised Strategic Police Priorities based on the consultation responses and broadly in line with those it consulted on. A copy of the Strategic Police Priorities document is available at <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839604195>
 - 1.4 As noted previously, it is intended that the new priorities will remain in place for a period of 6 years, however, they will be reviewed at the mid-point of 3 years.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee:
 - (i) notes the publication of the Strategic Police Priorities; and

- (ii) notes that the priorities will remain in place for 6 years with a review after 3 years.
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3. Background

3.1 The proposed Strategic Police Priorities for the period have now been agreed as follows:

- **Crime and Security** – prioritises prevention, investigation, equality and human rights to support positive criminal justice outcomes, respond to current and emerging threats and maintain public order.
- **Confidence** – continues to inspire public trust by being ethical, open and transparent, evidencing performance against outcomes, and building on a positive reputation at a local, national and international level.
- **Partnerships** – works proactively with partners to maintain safe communities and support improved outcomes for individuals, increasing resilience and addressing vulnerability.
- **Sustainability** – adapts to present and plans for future social and economic circumstances, considering the environmental impact of policing and its operations.
- **People** – values, supports, engages and empowers a diverse workforce to lead and deliver high quality services.
- **Evidence** – uses evidence to develop services and addresses current and emerging demands, ensuring that the right capacity and skills are in place to deliver high performing and innovative services.

3.2 Renfrewshire Council is generally supportive of the new priorities and will work with Police Scotland as part of the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership to implement them across the Division.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - None
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community/Council Planning** –
 - *Our Renfrewshire is safe* - By focusing on key areas of policing, Renfrewshire should be a safer place to live, work and visit
4. **Legal** - None
5. **Property/Assets** - None
6. **Information Technology** - None
7. **Equality & Human Rights**

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

- 8. **Health & Safety** – None.
 - 9. **Procurement** - None
 - 10. **Risk** - None
 - 11. **Privacy Impact** - None.
 - 12. **COSLA Policy Position** – Not Applicable
 - 13. **Climate Risk** – Not Applicable
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List of Background Papers

None

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