
To: **Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-Committee**

On: **17 January 2023**

Report by: **Director of Communities and Housing Services**

Heading: **Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2023-26**

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides comments on the proposed Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan (LPP). The Local Policing Plan contains information about the police priorities set out for 2023 - 2026. The plan outlines how Police Scotland intend to deliver policing services across Renfrewshire over the next three years and highlights the outcomes they aim to achieve over that period.
 - 1.2. A consultation on the content of the Local Policing Plan opened on 3 November 2022 and will remain open until 12 February 2023. The consultation, and a copy of the draft plan for Renfrewshire can be found here - <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/lpp2023/>
 - 1.3. The new Plans will cover the period to 2026 and publication is expected on 1 April 2023.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-Committee
 - (i) agree the comments on the Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2023-26 as outlined in section 4 of this report for submission in line with the timescales for conclusion of the consultation process.
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3. Background

- 3.1. The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 places a statutory duty on Police Scotland to work with local authorities to develop and implement Local Policing Plans across the 32 local authority areas in Scotland. The LPPs are developed in collaboration with local authorities, seeking the views of local communities on topics they would like addressed to improve the area and everyday lives.

- 3.2. As part of the development work Police Scotland also engages with Community Planning Partners to seek to align local policing plans and priorities with Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs). In 2017, the Community Planning Partnership agreed a 10 year LOIP for Renfrewshire, which is locally referred to as the Community Plan.
- 3.3. During 2022, a refresh of the existing Community Plan was undertaken, providing an opportunity for partners to refocus and restate priorities at the mid-term stage of the Plan. In reviewing the Community Plan, the Community Planning Partnership agreed that the original outcomes and aims set out within the 2017-2027 plan remain robust, but that there is a need to focus much more strongly on where collective action by partners can make the most difference. The Community Plan refresh was approved by the Council at its meeting on 29 September 2022.
- 3.4. The Local Policing Plan 2023-26 highlights that much has changed since the publication of the previous LPP in 2020. The report explains that priorities have been re-examined in order to respond to the current climate, considering the continued recovery from the COVID global pandemic and the current cost of living crisis along with the harm caused by both.

4. Renfrewshire Council's comments on the Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2023-26

- 4.1. Renfrewshire Council welcomes the approach and focus set out in the Local Policing Plan 2023-2026, and the recognition of the strong partnership working already well established in Renfrewshire that will help support the Police priorities which are aligned to priorities within the Renfrewshire Community Plan.
- 4.2. There is a strong track record of partnership working within Renfrewshire and the Local Policing Plan recognises that as key partners in the Renfrewshire Community Partnership Hub that Police Scotland work closely with Renfrewshire Council and other partners to identify emerging concerns and this collaborative approach ensures early intervention and resolution.
- 4.3. The partnership working structures in Renfrewshire - Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership, Community Protection Chief Officers Group, Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee and other community structures - provide a robust framework for regular partnership working that enables partners to engage in an informed basis in identifying and setting priorities.
- 4.4. Police Scotland are active partners in the protection of vulnerable adults, children and the management of offenders within Renfrewshire. The local division contribute effectively to planning and responding to these agendas by their membership of the Adult and Child Protection Committees and the Senior Officer Group for the Management of Offenders. Also membership to the CONTEST strategic groups, Financial Harm and Prevent/Divert subgroups helps drive the safeguarding and protection agenda collaboratively. The data from these meetings is used effectively to plan local priorities.

- 4.5. Renfrewshire Council will continue to develop the sharing of information, intelligence and data to support the existing effective partnership working and where there is specialist third sector knowledge in the local area about a particular community or locality, we will ensure specific engagement that captures this knowledge to inform priority setting.
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Implications of this report

1. **Financial** - none
 2. **HR and Organisational Development** - none
 3. **Community/Council Planning** - none
 4. **Legal** - none
 5. **Property/Assets** - none
 6. **Information Technology** - none
 7. **Equality & Human Rights** - 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 because it is for noting only.
 8. **Health and Safety** - none
 9. **Procurement** - none
 10. **Risk** - none
 11. **Privacy Impact** - none
 12. **COSLA Policy Position** - none
 13. **Climate Change** - none
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List of Background Papers

None
