

Minute of Meeting Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 07 March 2023	15:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Robert Innes, Councillor Alec Leishman, Councillor Marie McGurk and Councillor Iain McMillan.

CHAIR

Councillor McGurk, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

M Crearie, Director of Communities & Housing Services; M Hendry, Resilience & Deployment Manager (Communities & Housing Services); E Gray, Senior Committee Services Officer, K O'Neill, Assistant Democratic Services Officer, D Cunningham, Assistant Committee Services Officer and D Pole, End User Technician (all Finance & Resources).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

L Waddell, Chief Superintendent and W Graham, Area Commander (both Police Scotland); and D McCarrey, Area Commander and M Hill, Group Manager (both Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).

WEBCASTING OF MEETING

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Sub-committee would be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast on the Council's internet site.

1 **RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2023-26**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Communities & Housing Services relative to the proposed Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan (LPP) 2023-26. In accordance with the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, Police Scotland had a responsibility to prepare Local Policing Plans for the period 2023-2026. The LPP contained information about the objectives and activities to be delivered over the course of the next three year period which would contribute towards positive outcomes for people and communities.

The report provided comments on the draft Renfrewshire LPP developed in collaboration with Renfrewshire Council, which was attached to the report and was presented to the Scrutiny Sub-committee for comment and approval before publication. As part of the development work Police Scotland had also engaged with Community Planning Partners to seek to align LPPs and priorities with Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs) to ensure collective action by partners could make the most difference. The new LPP would cover the period to 2026 and publication was expected on 1 April 2023.

The LPP 2023-26 highlighted that much had changed since the publication of the previous LPP in 2020. The report explained that priorities had 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.

Renfrewshire Council welcomed the LPP 2023-2026, and the strong partnership working which was already well established in Renfrewshire and would help support the Police priorities which were aligned to priorities within the Renfrewshire Community Plan. The partnership working structures in Renfrewshire - Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership, Community Protection Chief Officers Group, Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-committee and community structures - provided a framework for regular partnership working that enabled partners to engage in an informed basis in identifying and setting priorities. Police Scotland worked closely with Renfrewshire Council and other partners and identified emerging concerns which ensured early intervention and resolution.

DECIDED:

(a) That the comments on the Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2023-26 be noted; and

(b) That the Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2023-26, attached to the report, be endorsed.

2 **LOCAL ISSUES**

In response to a concern raised by a member L Waddell, Police Scotland, advised that in relation to Community Policing, including liaison with schools, a review would be taking place and that a presentation on the findings would be made to a future meeting of this Sub-committee. W Graham, Police Scotland advised members that there was a generic email box which should be used to make enquiries on local issues/community policing and was monitored on a daily basis, he advised that he would communicate

this information to members.

The issue of sectarian graffiti in Renfrew was raised and Police Scotland advised that in conjunction with officers of Renfrewshire Council, this had now been removed.

Concern was raised about youths gathering in local golf courses to consume alcohol and the damage caused to the golf courses. Police Scotland advised that they were aware of these situations and would increase the presence of police in these areas with plans being drawn up to cover the Easter holiday period.

Scottish Fire & Rescue service thanked Police Scotland for the prompt response when crew members were attacked at an incident at the end of February 2023.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.