

To: Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

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Report by:

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Police 2026 – 10 year strategy for Policing in Scotland consultation

1. Summary

- 1.1 Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) launched the *Police 2026 – 10 year strategy for policing in Scotland* consultation on 27 February 2017. The consultation ends on 8 May 2017 with the final strategy being launched in June 2017.
- 1.2 In October 2016, the Scottish Government published the priorities for Scottish policing and the 10 year strategy is the foundation to fulfilling these strategic priorities.
- 1.3 The police priorities are:
 - Localism
 - Inclusion
 - Prevention
 - Response
 - Collaborative working
 - Accountability
 - Adaptability
- 1.4 Policing will continue to be based on fairness, integrity and respect with the strategy focusing on 5 key areas:
 - Protection
 - Prevention
 - Communities
 - Knowledge
 - Innovation
- 1.5 The consultation letter to Renfrewshire Council's Chief Executive from Chief Constable, Police Scotland and the SPA was received at the end of February 2017.



- 1.6 The live consultation is available at: <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/> and is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.7 At the Housing and Community Safety Policy Board meeting on 14 March 2017, the Council delegated authority to the Director of Community Resources to submit a response to this consultation in line with the closing date of 8 May 2017.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board;
- Notes the consultation on the Police 2026 strategy.
 - Notes that the consultation is currently open with responses required by the closing date of 8 May 2017.

3. Background

- 3.1 Police Scotland came into force as a single body in 2013 under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. Police Scotland acknowledge that whilst a lot of work has been done on reform since 2013, there is a lot more work that still needs to be achieved and hence the development of a 10 year strategy.
- 3.2 Within the strategy Police Scotland and the SPA acknowledge that Scotland's communities are changing, growing and continue to diversify, leading to Police Scotland requiring to change. There will be 3 yearly reviews throughout the period of the strategy to ensure the focus and priorities remain accurate and valid.
- 3.3 Demands on policing are growing and increasingly focused towards addressing vulnerability and the consequences of inequalities. The strategy details how Police Scotland will respond to this change, including by empowering and developing staff.

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