

REPORT TO: Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

MEETING DATE: 29 May June 2019

BY: Depute Chief Executive - Partnerships and Community Services

SUBJECT: Local Authority Views on the year in Policing 2018/19

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the opportunity for the Committee to respond to the Scottish Police Authority annual review of policing 2018/19.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to complete the responses to questions submitted by the Scottish Police Authority on policing in 2018/19 (Appendix 1).

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is currently preparing the Annual Review of Policing for 2018/19 and its Annual Report. The SPA is keen that the views of local authorities on policing and police scrutiny arrangements in their care can inform this process

- 3.2 With that in mind the SPA has issued a short set of questions to help it gather and understand the views of police scrutiny committees. The SPA has asked for responses by 31st May.

- 3.3 The questions have been listed in Appendix 1. Where possible officers have provided a draft response to the questions but there are two questions for which a draft response has not been provided as they are particularly require elected members' views:

- What are the top three things about policing in your area, which are working really well?
- What are your top three priorities for improvement, linked to policing in your local area?

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 This report is not applicable to the wellbeing of equalities groups and an Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – none.

6.2 Personnel – none.

6.3 Other – none.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Appendix 1: Survey of Local Authority Views on the year in Policing 2018/19: DRAFT Response

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**APPENDIX 1: Survey of Local Authority Views on the year in Policing
2018/19: DRAFT Response**

	Question	Response
1	How effective do you think Police Scotland's support for local scrutiny and engagement with your committee has been in the past year?	Police Scotland's support for local scrutiny and engagement with East Lothian Council's Police, Fire and Community Safety Committee has been effective. Regular performance reports that are provided to the Committee. The reports have been revised in order to take account of members' requests for better information. Senior officers regularly attend the Committee to present the performance report and respond to questions from elected members.
2	How well do you think your local police plan reflected local priorities in 2018/19?	The local police plan reflects local priorities.
3	How effective has Police Scotland's reporting against your priorities in your local police plan been in helping you understand how policing is performing?	Police Scotland's quarterly performance reports effectively report against the priorities in the local police plan.
4	During 2018/19, do you think policing's performance in your area has improved, stayed the same, or has dipped?	Overall, it has stayed the same
5	What are the top three things about policing in your area, which are working really well?	
6	What are your top three priorities for improvement, linked to policing in your local area?	
7	Are there any examples of good practice or innovation in your local area you want to highlight, and that could be adopted as good practice in other council areas?	Community Area Police Partnerships work very effectively in East Lothian and help to set local priorities for community policing

8	What would you like to see the SPA to do more of, to help you in your scrutiny role and to support better local outcomes?	
9	How would you describe your local scrutiny arrangements for policing?	Dedicated Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee
10	How many elected members are regularly involved in your local police scrutiny process?	The Committee has nine elected members
11	Is there any additional information or feedback you would like to share?	No