

Dundee City Council Policy and Resources Committee

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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ARRANGMENTS FOR THE INTERIM DUNDEE CITY
LOCAL POLICING PLAN

Report No. 34-2013

Abstract: This report outlines the consultation arrangements for the one year interim Dundee City Local Policing Plan and explains how the Plan was developed and its relationship to local and national Plans, Objectives and Aims.

1 RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that that this report is noted by members

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 A draft interim one year Local Policing Plan for Dundee has been developed.

2.2 This report outlines :

- How the priorities in the draft Local Policing Plan were identified.
- How it all fits together - locally and nationally.
- How the Plan relates to the Scottish Government Objectives, the Police Service of Scotland Policing Plan, the Scottish Police Authority Plan and the Multi Member Ward Plans.
- What consultation is planned in relation to the draft Local Policing Plan.
- The timetable for the development of the Local Policing Plan, including final publication.
- How members can feedback and contribute to the development of the draft Local Policing Plan.

3 CURRENT POSITION

3.1 How the priorities in the draft Local Policing Plan were identified.

3.1.1 The Scottish Policing Assessment, which is in the process of development sets out the priorities for the Police Service of Scotland to the year 2015. It will be a key document for the police in the continuous process of meeting future policing challenges and ensuring that the service the police provide to the communities of Scotland is of a high standard.

- 3.1.2 The Scottish Policing Assessment draws on information and intelligence provided by all the current Scottish forces and law enforcement agencies as well as information from key partner agencies including the Scottish Government, Local Authorities and the public. It is through this assessment that risk in relation to crime and disorder is prioritised.
- 3.1.3 At a more local level, the Dundee Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment and the Local Policing Area Strategic Assessment are the principal instruments for identifying policing priorities for Dundee. The Strategic Assessments bring together a range of data and information from partners including Fire and Rescue Services, NHS Tayside and Dundee City Council as well as the police. This information includes crime, fire-related incidents, Community Safety Warden activity, Anti-Social Behaviour Team activity and other council departmental statistics focusing on the challenging issues affecting the community. The priorities identified in this plan have been further identified through analysis of local crime trends and information.
- 3.1.4 In addition, we consulted across the Dundee area with people about the issues that were of greatest concern. These consultation results made a critical contribution to identifying issues for local communities and these have been translated into the key policing priorities for Dundee.

3.2 How it all fits together - locally and nationally

3.2.1 Scotland Performs: Single Outcome Agreements:-

3.2.2 The purpose of 'Scotland Performs' is to provide a framework for focussing Government and public services on creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth.

3.2.3 The strategic objectives are:

- Wealthier and Fairer - to enable businesses and people to increase their wealth and more people to share fairly in that wealth.
- Healthier - to help people to sustain and improve their health, especially in disadvantaged communities, ensuring better, local and faster access to health care.
- Safer and Stronger - to help local communities to flourish, becoming stronger, safer place to live, offering improved opportunities and a better quality of life.
- Smarter - to expand opportunities for Scots to succeed from nurture through to life-long learning, ensuring higher and more widely shared achievements.
- Greener - to improve Scotland's natural and built environment and the sustainable use and enjoyment of it.

3.2.4 To enable the Scottish Government to meet those strategic objectives each local authority area has signed up to a Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). SOAs set out how each local authority and partners will work in the future towards improving national outcomes for the public in a way that reflects local circumstances and priorities.

3.2.5 Scottish Government's Strategic Objectives:-

3.2.5.1 Local outcomes and objectives complement and support the delivery of the Scottish Government's strategic objectives at national and local community levels. These strategic objectives are in draft form and are currently out for consultation.

3.2.6 The draft priorities are:

- Make communities safer and reduce crime by demonstrating pioneering approaches to partnership and collaboration at a national and local level.
- Strengthen Scotland's reputation as a successful and safe country by demonstrating excellence in effectively planning for and responding to major national events and threats.
- Provide an efficient, effective service and deliver the benefits of reform.
- Deliver the three benefits of and work with others to ensure that the criminal justice system is fair and accessible, cost effective and efficient.
- Make communities stronger by increasing public confidence and reducing fear of crime, making the new Police Service of Scotland an exemplar of visible and responsive policing.

3.2.7 The Scottish Police Authority Plan and the Police Service of Scotland Policing Plan:-

3.2.7.1 As new entities in the policing landscape these national plans are currently under development.

3.2.7.2 As mentioned above in how we identify the priorities, the Scottish Policing Assessment sets out the priorities for the Police Service of Scotland to the year 2015.

3.2.7.3 The two broad policing priorities¹ identified for Scottish Policing, 2011 - 2015 were:

COMMUNITY POLICING, including:-

Antisocial Behaviour

Violence

Road Deaths and Injuries

PUBLIC PROTECTION, including:-

Terrorism

Natural Hazards and Major Events

Serious and Organised Crime Groups

3.2.8 The Local Policing Plan:-

3.2.8.1 With respect to local policing, the Chief Constable of Scotland must ensure that there are adequate arrangements in place for the policing of each local authority area². A local commander must prepare and submit a local policing plan to the relevant local authority for approval. The plan must comply with certain requirements in relation to setting priorities and objectives, aligning with national outcomes and consulting with the public.

3.2.8.2 Local Scrutiny and Engagement is a shared responsibility by partners and is supported by regular monitoring of performance and publication of results.

¹ In addition, Service re-configuration, Workforce development and Information, Science and Technology also featured.

² Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, Ch 7. Provision 47

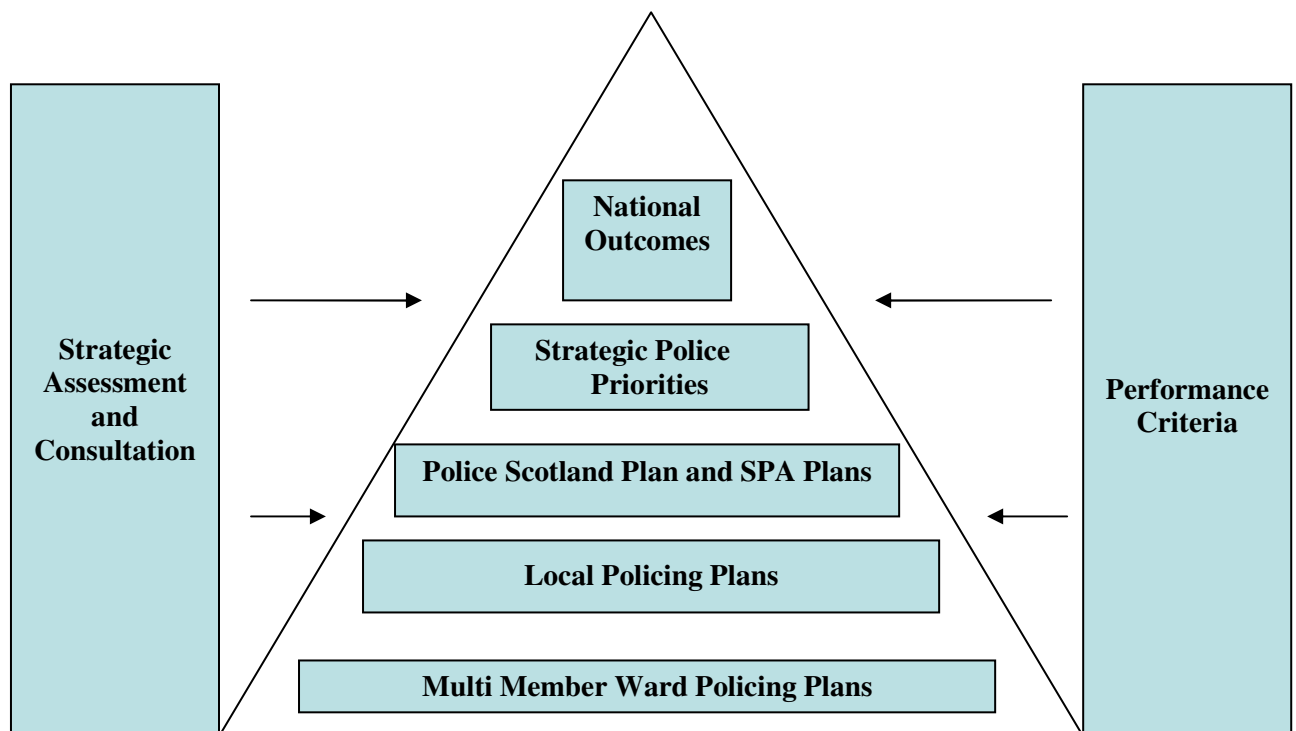
3.2.8.3 Pivotal to the process is the regular business of ensuring that resources and information are available in the right place at the right time. (Tasking process)

3.2.9 Community Policing Plans (Ward Plans):-

3.2.9.1 Multi-Member Ward Plans, also known as Community Policing Plans identify local policing priorities in each Multi-Member Ward area through community engagement and outline the strategies put in place to address these priorities. The plans focus on police and partnership activity in order to deliver sustainable solutions to local problems within the community. Each ward plan will help inform the Local Policing Plan.

3.3 How the Plan relates to the National Outcomes, the Police Service of Scotland Policing Plan, the Scottish Police Authority Plan and the Multi Member Ward Plans.

3.3.1 The approach is both top down and bottom up as represented below and is influenced by the local and national Strategic Assessments, consultation feedback and performance criteria: -



3.4 What consultation is planned in relation to the draft Local Policing Plan?

3.4.1 Methodology:-

3.4.2 The draft Local Policing Plans and feedback questionnaire require to be accessible to as wide an audience as possible in each of the respective Local Authority areas. To this end:

- 3.4.3 Tayside Police will include the draft policing plans on the force website, located within the relevant 'Your Community' section of the website.
- 3.4.4 A press release will be issued at the start of the consultation process detailing the purpose of the exercise and include a link to each of the plan. Facebook and Twitter will link to the press release where respondents can select the relevant plan.
- 3.4.5 A single questionnaire will be provided through the website for interested parties to feedback on their relevant area's plan. Responses will be identified by way of a mandatory drop down box where respondents will indicate to which local authority area their responses refer.
- 3.4.6 A postal questionnaire and summary of the relevant plan will be distributed to the general public with a letter of explanation and freepost envelope for return. The sample will be selected from list of survey respondents, who have agreed to participate in future consultations and a random sample of names and addresses from the edited electoral registers for each of the local authority areas covering Tayside. The letter will contain details of how the draft plans and feedback questionnaire can also be accessed and completed electronically through the Tayside Police website which would save on return postage costs.
- 3.4.7 An email with a link to the press release will be issued to stakeholders and elected members. A hard copy can be sent on request.
- 3.4.8 An on-line questionnaire will also be made available on the force intranet to allow Tayside Police staff members to feedback on the draft plans.
- 3.4.9 Consultation will be open for a three week period from 28th January 2013 to 18th February 2013.
- 3.4.10 Results of consultation will be available by end of February and will inform the final plan.

3.5 Proposed list of Consultees

- Policy and Resources Committee
- A cross section of general public
- Elected members
- Key Individual Networks
- Community Planning Partnerships
- Community Safety Partnerships
- Community Advisory Groups
- Community Councils
- Citizen Panels
- Tenants and Residents Groups
- Miscellaneous Local Authority Stakeholders
- Tayside Police Officers and Support Staff
- Tayside Police Staff Associations: the Association of Scottish Police Superintendents, the Scottish Police Federation, UNISON and Unite

3.6 The timetable for the development of the Local Policing Plan.

- Monday 21 January Draft plan submitted to Policy and Resources Committee
- Monday 28 January Plans and feedback questionnaire go live on the force website, Postal surveys will be distributed on the previous Friday to reach letter boxes on Monday 28th January; Emails to stakeholders will be issued
- Monday 18 February Consultation closes
- February- March Plan updated
- Monday 18 March Finalised Plan to Policy and Resources Committee
- Sunday 31 March Final Plan published

3.7 How members can feedback and contribute to the development of the draft Local Policing Plan?

- 3.7.1 Members can feed back either on line via the Tayside Police website or directly to suzie.mertes@tayside.pnn.police.uk

4 Equality Impact Assessment

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment has been carried out on the draft plan and this will be repeated against the final plan in line with the force's current equality impact assessment processes. This process has been reviewed by the relevant department within the City Council and is compliant with the Council's processes.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

6 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no staffing issues as a result of this report.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- 7.1 This report does not have any impact on the environment.

8 SUMMARY

- 8.1 The Local Policing Plan fits into a wider and deeper framework of national aims and objectives, whilst meeting the particular needs of Dundee City in response to crime and disorder.
- 8.2 The draft plan has been formulated on a wide spread of data and reflects current crime patterns and types and predicted crime trends.
- 8.3 It takes into account the opinions, issues and concerns of local people. The plan will continue to be refined through the consultation process.
- 8.4 The final interim Local Policing Plan, which will run for one year, will be the culmination of the intensive process of data gathering, analysis, assessment, identification of risk, review of performance and consultation and which will guide police activity and action in 2013-14.

9 COMPLIANCE

Is the proposal;

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| (a) Human Rights Act 1998 compliant? | YES |
| (b) Equality & Diversity compliant? | YES |