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<b>Meeting</b>	<b>SPA Board Meeting Public Session</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>24 August 2017</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling</b>
<b>Title of Paper</b>	<b>Policing Committee Summary Report</b>
<b>Item Number</b>	<b>15.4</b>
<b>Presented By</b>	<b>Graham Houston</b>
<b>Recommendation to Members</b>	<b>For Noting</b>
<b>Appendix Attached:</b>	<b>NO</b>

**PURPOSE**

To provide the Board with an update on business progressed through the Policing Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

### **Committee Work Plan (Public Session) ONGOING**

Attendees noted the intention to develop the Policing Committee work plan in line with the work to implement the Policing 2026 Strategy. It was agreed the work should be aligned with the SPA Board Scrutiny work with a clear indication of what Members of the Policing Committee were being asked to do.

### **Strategic Co-Ordination of the Approach to Public Confidence in Policing in Scotland (Public Session) ONGOING**

Members noted the Police Scotland Public Confidence Steering Group would meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> July and progress the required work to build an evidence base for future activity which would be critical to success, and would require continued collaboration between practitioners, analysts and academics.

Members were keen to see evidence of what was being done to help the public understand what lay behind the priorities for policing, why they had been decided upon and what else the police were doing with their time and resource. Agreeing that it would take time to see the effects, Members agreed the areas of interest for future Policing Committee meetings to consider were what was being done to increase and maintain public confidence and what effects were being seen as a result of that work.

It was agreed that a timeline for delivery of Police Scotland's strategic coordination of an evidence-based approach to improving levels of public confidence and satisfaction in policing would be brought forward, for discussion to the 24 October Committee Meeting.

### **Performance Spotlights (Public Session) ONGOING**

Members discussed the proposed list of topics for future Board Presentations (to come via the Policing Committee) and agreed there should be a rationale for selecting each topic provided.

Members agreed there was a need for future Spotlight Presentations to have a clearer Strategic Intent and specific outcomes should be highlighted. Discussion took place on the need for the presentations to

incorporate 'next steps', 'associated resource and deployment issues', 'impacts on other areas of the business' and 'demand analysis'.

### **Performance (Public Session) ONGOING**

Members noted the ongoing work to develop the Police Scotland Performance Framework and agreed that it was important to take the appropriate time to ensure this Framework was correct before moving forward. Members noted the challenge faced by the team who were developing the Performance Framework as some of the things that made such big differences were very hard to measure.

Members were updated that the SPA Performance Assurance Framework Update proposal continued to be under development with the initial thinking having been presented to committee chairs in June. It was reported that the proposal represented a change in focus for SPA, moving away from the collaboration and participation in the policing performance framework to a performance assurance framework. This links to an overall SPA Assurance Framework Board, providing Board with evidence and assessment across all areas of Police Scotland and SPA business in support of Strategic Police Priorities and Policing 2026.

Members were advised that the interim arrangements for performance assurance will continue for 17/18 Q1 and 2 using a revised version of the SPA Strategic Delivery Review which would assess PS and SPA delivery against the Strategic Police Priorities. This will provide assessed evidence of performance that can be included in the 17/18 Annual Review of Policing.

### **Stop and Search (Public Session) NEW**

The Committee welcomed Professor Susan McVie and Dr Kath Murray to the meeting who gave a presentation entitled 'Stop and Search Scrutiny: Proportionality, fairness and effectiveness'. This provided Members an opportunity to consider and discuss the findings of this independent feedback on the tactic. Members agreed there was a role for the Committee to play in exploring whether the tactics were resulting in a proportionate and fair approach.

Members requested the content of presentation be considered by Police Scotland and a formal response be brought back to the Committee for

discussion and agreement on the way forward for Stop and Search analysis by Police Scotland.

**The Committee will next meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**