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<b>Presented By</b>	<b>Chief Constable Phil Gormley</b>
<b>Recommendation Members</b>	<b>to For Noting</b>
<b>Appendix Attached:</b>	<b>No</b>

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) with information on progress and significant events within Police Scotland since the last SPA Board meeting on 7 June 2017.

*This report is submitted as a Standing Agenda Item.*

## **1. BACKGROUND**

The purpose of Police Scotland is 'to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland' and our focus is on Keeping People Safe. This paper is intended to provide Members with an update on key events and activity within Police Scotland, in support of that focus.

## **2. FURTHER DETAIL ON REPORT TOPIC**

### **2.1 Significant National/International Incidents**

#### **2.1.1 London Bridge - 3 June 2017**

Following the London Bridge terrorist attack, Police Scotland supported the response of the UK CT network and has reviewed appropriate security measures and potential risk related to these attacks.

#### **2.1.2 Counter Terrorism Awareness Week 2017**

Counter Terrorism Awareness Week 2017 (Monday 12 to Sunday 18 June) forms part of the UK Counter Terrorism Policing Network's Initiative and is co-ordinated by the National CT Policing Headquarters. The over-riding theme of the week is 'Working Together', placing an emphasis on stakeholder / commercial engagement.

Along with a number of key partners, over 200 specialist and local officers undertook a range of activities throughout Scotland, working together to provide useful information to help deter terrorism and keep the public safe. In light of recent tragic events, Counter Terrorism Awareness Week focused on safety and security in crowded public spaces.

The week was launched at Aberdeen's Union Square by ACC Steve Johnson, Police Scotland's lead on Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism. ACC Johnson briefed a wide range of partners, including the Union Square management team, British Transport Police, the local multi agency CONTEST group and representatives of local crowded places. Officers thereafter engaged with local shoppers, workers and members of the general public, highlighting the key messages designed to keep people safe.

Various local and national media were in attendance to report on the week's activities and key messages, which were also circulated across Police Scotland's social media channels.

## **2.2 ORGANISATIONAL UPDATE**

### **2.2.1 Policing 2026**

The consultation on the draft 10 Year Strategy has now concluded. The results of the consultation, which were generally positive, have been analysed and incorporated into the final version. This version, *Policing 2026: Serving a Changing Scotland – Our 10-year Strategy for policing in Scotland*, has been submitted to ministers and with the support of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, will be laid in Parliament.

The strategy will be presented to the Board for final ratification, together with an update on Police Scotland's plans for implementation.

## **2.3 OPERATIONS/INITIATIVES OF NOTE**

### **2.3.1 Recent High Profile Events**

Police Scotland policed a number of high profile events this month, including the UK Parliamentary Election, Robbie Williams concert at Murrayfield and the Scotland v England match at Hampden. Officers and staff across the organisation worked with our blue light colleagues and other key partners to ensure each event was delivered safely and minimal disruption was experienced by communities across Scotland.

Armed police were overtly deployed at all three events to provide reassurance to the public. Officers were welcomed by many members of the public who openly thanked them for their support.

### **2.3.2 UK Parliamentary Election – 8 June 2017**

The UK General Election involved extensive planning in conjunction with the Electoral Commission, Electoral Management Board, Returning Officers, Community Safety, Force Intelligence and our Economic Crime Unit. This ensured a consistent and appropriate policing profile and posture that would mitigate risk at each of the polling places and count venues across the country. To support the multi-agency operation, a Police Operational Command Centre was established at Govan.

During the event, 34 election related incidents were raised. These included two incidents of impersonation. A small number of incidents

remain subject to ongoing enquiries. No significant incidents occurred and plans delivered a safe and secure event.

### **2.3.3 Robbie Williams concert – 9 June 2017**

Robbie Williams performed at Murrayfield, Edinburgh attracting 57,000 fans from across the country. Due to the recent tragic events in Manchester and London, it was important to provide reassurance to the event organisers, fans and communities that Police Scotland were, if required, prepared to respond to any terror related incident. Positive and reassuring messages were delivered to the public through social media, which assisted in the delivery of a safe event for all attending.

### **2.3.4 Scotland v England - 10 June 2017**

Scotland played England in the world cup qualifier at Hampden stadium in Glasgow attracting supporters from across the UK. This fixture involved the largest deployment of police resources since the Commonwealth Games in 2014. Resources from across Scotland assisted in the delivery of this operation including specialist public order and firearms officers. Only 16 arrests were made in relation to this fixture, a small number in comparison to the number of supporters who travelled from across the UK to attend this iconic fixture.

## **2.4 CRIME UPDATE**

### **2.4.1 Operation DRAYMAN**

Operation DRAYMAN relates to the investigation of Angus Robertson for numerous offences, including physical and sexual offences against adults, both domestic and non-domestic, and physical and sexual offences against children. The National Rape Task Force carried out extensive investigations into Robertson, with a view to obtaining a sufficiency of evidence for Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service to progress the matter through court.

In December 2015, he appeared at court in respect of 4 charges of common law rape and 2 charges of physical assault. At this time, it was requested that new charges be dealt with in conjunction with the previous charges libelled. As a result, he subsequently appeared on petition in respect of 18 charges against 6 separate victims.

Robertson's trial commenced at Glasgow High Court on 25 April 2017, and on 5 May he was found guilty of the charges libelled. On 2 June, he was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

## **2.4.2 Operation RETICULATE**

Following lengthy court proceedings and an extremely complex inquiry in one of the largest, most complicated property fraud investigations ever carried out in Scotland, Edwin and Lorraine McLaren were convicted in May 2017.

A team of officers investigated cases involving a number of victims across Scotland, some of them left penniless and homeless. This enquiry took four years and detectives worked tirelessly to unpick the network of banking transfers and legal documentation for 24 properties involved in this £1.7 million fraudulent conspiracy, which spanned a six-year period. Edwin McLaren orchestrated a series of scams including a 'sell and rent back' con, which involved duping vulnerable victims in financial difficulty to sign over their homes and subsequently, by further deception, trick them into transferring the proceeds of the sale into an account controlled by him.

On 13 June 2017, Edwin McLaren was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment, whilst his wife was sentenced to two and a half years.

## **2.5 CORPORATE UPDATE**

### **2.5.1 International Development Unit**

On 21 April 2017, Police Scotland was notified that a proposal submitted under the Erasmus+ programme had been successful, with Police Scotland being awarded a grant of 33,000 Euro to undertake a 12 month project. The project is entitled, "Recruiting from Diverse Communities" and its aim is to, "identify best practice and develop Police Scotland recruitment and training capabilities to support the development of a workforce which is inclusive and reflects the diverse communities served."

### **2.5.2 Introduction to Policing Programme**

In June, 13 people from the first Introduction to Policing Programme will join Police Scotland having been successful in their application. A further 14 people from this programme remain within the recruitment process.

A second Introduction to Policing Programme ran on 23 - 29 April and 6 - 15 May 2017, with 54 people attended the course. This resulted in 39 candidates joining the recruitment process.

A third course is currently in the planning stages to be held in Aberdeen in September 2017.

### **2.5.3 Pass Out Parade**

On Friday 9 June 2017, the largest Police Scotland pass out parade took place at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan, with 199 probationer officers successfully completing the 11 week initial course. This was a combination of both Police Scotland (185) and British Transport Police officers (14). The parade was recorded by an STV film crew who are compiling a documentary on Scottish Policing, as well as being captured on social media, including Facebook and Twitter.

## **2.6 INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA**

### **2.6.1 Social Media Analysis**

An evaluation of Police Scotland's social media, carried out since the last report to the SPA Board, shows the total number of followers across all accounts to be 1,394,227, which is 44,693 up on last period.

### **2.6.2 National Campaigns**

As part of the response to the global ransomware cyber-attack, Police Scotland reiterated prevention messages to the public on how they could stay safe online and protect their own personal devices from a similar attack. We shared relevant messaging from Europol and the National Crime Agency – National Cyber Crime Unit, as well as links to our own cyber safety advice. This generated a good level of engagement with over 100,000 views, with hundreds of retweets and shares.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **4. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

**6. REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no reputational implications associated with this report.

**7. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no social implications associated with this report.

**8. COMMUNITY IMPACT**

8.1 There is no community impact as a consequence of this report.

**9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no equalities implications as a consequence of this report.

**10. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no environmental implications as a consequence of this report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are invited to note the information on progress and significant events within Police Scotland since the last SPA Board meeting on 7 June 2017.