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PURPOSE

To provide contextual information about SPA's role in monitoring the implementation of 2026: Serving a Changing Scotland.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 An implementation plan to deliver '*2026: Serving a Changing Scotland*' is presented for the Board's approval under agenda item 6.1

2. SPA'S ROLE IN MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF '*2026: SERVING A CHANGING SCOTLAND*'

2.1 One of SPA's main statutory functions, as set out in section 2 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (the Act), is to hold the Chief Constable to account for the policing of Scotland in accordance with the Strategic Police Plan.

The Strategic Police Plan ('*2026: Serving a Changing Scotland*') contains six strategic objectives:

- Improving public contact, engagement and service
- Strengthen effective partnerships
- Empower, enable and develop our people
- Invest in our use of information and technology
- Enhance cyber and forensic capabilities
- Transform corporate support services

2.2 SPA has a key role in monitoring progress towards achieving the strategic objectives. The Auditor General, in her report to the Scottish Parliament on the 2016- 2017 Audit of SPA, said that realising the vision in the Strategic Police Plan over the next eight years will be challenging in the context of, amongst other things, the scale of transformational change needed and current and future financial constraints.

3. 2026 3-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

3.1 It is therefore essential, given the scale of the challenge, that there is a clear implementation plan which sets out how the objectives in the Strategic Police Plan '*2026*' will be achieved and how the benefits from reform to policing and Scotland's communities will be delivered.

3.2 Implementation of the Strategic Police Plan through the 3 Year Delivery Plan is also critical to Policing in Scotland returning to financial balance within the agreed timescales and ensuring ongoing financial sustainability beyond that. It is important therefore that the Delivery Plan sets out where and how cash releasing savings and wider productivity gains will delivered.

3.3 In addition, the release of Scottish Government's Reform and Change funding in this and future years is contingent on ensuring that the relevant underpinning strategies and benefits realisation plans are in place and delivered.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to note the information contained within this report.