

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>SPA Board Meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>28 June 2018</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Roths Hall, Glenrothes, Fife</b>
<b>Title of Paper</b>	<b>Violence Prevention</b>
<b>Reference</b>	<b>B06.2018/20</b>
<b>Presented By</b>	<b>Superintendent Ian Thomson</b>
<b>Recommendation to Members</b>	<b>For Discussion</b>
<b>Appendix Attached</b>	<b>No</b>

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview regarding the partnership discussion on Violence Prevention at the SPA Board Meeting.

The paper is submitted

- For Discussion

## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Following recent discussions at SPA Board meetings, Police Scotland committed to facilitating a discussion on Police Scotland's approach to reducing violent crime through violence reduction strategies.

## 2. FURTHER DETAIL ON THE REPORT TOPIC

- 2.1 The purpose of this discussion is to provide a strategic overview of Police Scotland's approach to violence prevention and provide recent examples of effective partnership work. The discussion will inform members on the organisation's violent prevention strategies, the key partner agencies involved and outcomes delivered from such partnerships.

Police Scotland will also provide an overview of future prevention strategies intended to be delivered in conjunction with partner agencies. This item will be presented by Superintendent Ian Thomson, Will Linden from the Violence Reduction Unit and Alex Adrain from the Wheatley Group.

*Superintendent Ian Thomson, Police Scotland, Safer Communities Division*

Superintendent Thomson is the Police Scotland operational lead for violence prevention. Superintendent Thomson has recently hosted the Metropolitan Police, facilitating the sharing of violence prevention strategies which have been implemented across Scotland. Prior to taking up his current role, Superintendent Thomson led the implementation of the new Stop and Search Code of Practice.

*Mr Will Linden, Interim Director, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit*

Mr Linden heads up the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit and has been involved in the development of a number of projects delivered by the VRU. Within his role, Mr Linden has provided much of the research and strategy development to support of the Violence Reduction Strategy for Scotland.

*Mr Alex Adrain, Managing Director, Wheatley Group*

Mr Adrain is the Strategic Lead for the Community Improvement Partnership, a collaboration between Wheatley Group, Police Scotland

and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Within his role, Mr Adrain is responsible for the development of strategies designed to deliver services that keep communities safe and protected from harm.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Financial implications of implementing violence prevention strategies will be fully considered by the relevant business area.

### **4. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Any personnel implications of implementing violence prevention strategies will be fully considered by the relevant business area.

### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Any legal implications of implementing violence prevention strategies will be fully considered by the relevant business area.

### **6. REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Any reputational implications of implementing violence prevention strategies will be fully considered by the relevant business area.

### **7. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Violence will impact and generate implications for society. Any social implications generated from implementing violence prevention strategies and addressing violent crime will be fully considered by the relevant business area.

### **8. COMMUNITY IMPACT**

- 8.1 Violence will undoubtedly have an impact on communities. Any direct community impact as a result of violent crime and violence prevention strategies will be fully considered by the relevant business area.

### **9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Any equalities implications of implementing violence prevention strategies will be fully considered by the relevant business area.

## 10. ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Environmental factors can impact on violent crime and any subsequent measures put in place to reduce it. Any environmental implications of implementing violence prevention strategies will be fully considered by the relevant business area.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to:

*Note and discuss the information contained within this report.*