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Presented By	Chief Constable Iain Livingstone
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Appendix Attached:	No

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Authority with information relating to the Police Service, policing and the state of crime.

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 activity and events within Police Scotland.

2. DELIVERING ON OUR PRIORITIES

VIOLENCE, DISORDER AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Police Scotland will work in partnership to reduce harm caused by public & private space Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour, Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime.

Murder – Argyll and West Dunbartonshire

On Monday 2 July, the body of Alesha MacPhail was found in woodlands near to Rothesay on the Isle of Bute. A major investigation commenced and resulted in her death being confirmed as murder. A 16 year old local male has since been arrested and is on remand awaiting trial.

This was a difficult and challenging investigation whereby Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Division was supported by specialist resources, officers from neighbouring divisions and our partners, particularly the Ministry of Defence Police. This crime had a significant impact on the small close knit community and the Local Policing team continues to work with local people and partner agencies to provide appropriate support. Wellbeing Champions from across the service have provided a range of support services to officers and staff involved in the enquiry.

Operation Orbit

In response to motorcycle theft and antisocial behaviour, Police Scotland launched Operation Orbit in Edinburgh Division during March 2018. The operation focused on disrupting criminal activity at the point of theft and promoting the prevention of offences with young people.

In recent weeks, eight officers across the division have been trained in off-road biking, which enables them to have improved accessibility to locations previous patrols could not reach and support pursuit activity completed by road policing officers to detect dangerous and anti-social riding. The initiative has been supported by the City of Edinburgh Council, who have provided funding to purchase the off-road motorbikes.

Since the start of the operation, there has been a 64% reduction in stolen

motor bikes, when compared with the same period last year, as well as a 60% reduction in calls regarding motor bike related anti-social behaviour.

Murder - Glasgow

On Monday 24 November 1997, Tracy Wylde was murdered in her home in Glasgow. Her unsolved murder has been the subject of extensive national and international reporting over the 20 years since her death. On Tuesday 10 July 2018, following extensive enquiries, a 43 year old male was arrested and is on remand in relation to her death.

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME

Police Scotland will work in partnership to prevent harm caused to individuals, communities and businesses by Serious Organised Crime (SOC) and enhance our understanding and response to cyber threats and internet enabled crime.

Cameron McFarlane Conviction

On Tuesday 19 June, Cameron McFarlane was sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh to 9 years imprisonment after pleading guilty to being concerned in the supply of class A drugs. McFarlane was involved in the trafficking of drugs throughout Europe and in addition to the custodial sentence, the judge also granted a Serious Crime Prevention Order, to be implemented upon his release.

The Slide

The Slide is an initiative aimed at preventing young people from falling into a life of serious and organised crime. Working in partnership with the Scottish Government, Police Scotland has developed an educational pack for young people which demonstrates the devastating effects of organised criminality and prompts discussion about more positive life choices.

The Slide utilises a specially created film that details a young person's downward spiral into drugs and criminality through their teenage years into early adult life. The Slide was successfully delivered at Edinburgh's Broughton High School on Wednesday 13 June and work is underway to scope delivery of this product to secondary pupils in schools across Scotland.

Firearm Surrender Campaign

As part of our continued commitment to protecting communities from harm, Police Scotland led a Firearm Surrender Campaign between Monday 18 June and Sunday 1 July, in conjunction with key partners and stakeholders including the Scottish Government and Lord Advocate.

The aim of the campaign was to remove any unused and unlicensed firearms from Scotland's streets, to ensure public safety, prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands, and reduce the risk posed by illegal firearms.

The campaign allowed members of the public to safely dispose of unwanted guns and ammunition at police stations across Scotland, without being prosecuted for possession of the item at the point of surrender. Following successful national media coverage highlighting the campaign, over 450 firearms and almost 700 air weapons were surrendered, along with associated ammunition.

Operation Arnos

On Wednesday 1 August, 16 people were arrested in Govanhill, Glasgow as a result of a multi-agency operation led by Assistant Chief Constable Gillian MacDonald. The operation targeted a crime gang responsible for around £4.6 million worth of benefit fraud.

Those arrested were charged with offences including benefit fraud, mortgage fraud and money laundering. Officers attended 37 premises and seized over 200 productions. Around 100 officers from local and national units were involved in the operation along with partner agencies including Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and Immigration Enforcement. The day of action was the culmination of several months of multi-agency planning.

COUNTER TERRORISM AND DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

Police Scotland will work in partnership to protect our communities by reducing and mitigating the risk and impact of Terrorism and Domestic Extremism.

Conviction of Peter Morgan

On Friday 13 July at Edinburgh High Court, Peter Morgan was found guilty of terrorist related offences. A search of his home address revealed a number of items, which could be used to construct an explosive device.

These items were seized and it was established that Morgan had been researching racist content and information on constructing explosives. Morgan was initially remanded in custody and on Thursday 16 August he was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Terrorist Incident London – Police Scotland Response

On Tuesday 14 August, a vehicle collided with security barriers outside the Palace of Westminster, London, injuring several members of the public. The man driving the car was arrested by armed officers at the scene on suspicion of terrorist offences and he remains in police custody. There was nobody else in the vehicle and no weapons were found. Counter Terrorism Police in London are leading the investigation and are treating it as a terrorist incident. A subsequent UK Government COBR meeting was held and there was no change in the National threat level from International Terrorism which remained at **Severe – an attack is highly likely**. There is no current intelligence to suggest any specific threat to Scotland.

In response to the incident, Police Scotland reiterated existing guidance to officers and staff around the need for increased vigilance and personal security. We also communicated with partners in the public and private sectors with updates on the incident. As part of the wider Counter Terrorism response, Police Scotland was able to offer specialist resource to assist in the investigation however, at this time this has not been required.

PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK OF HARM

Police Scotland will work in partnership to protect those at risk of harm and reduce the impact of all forms of neglect, abuse and sexual crime.

Student Safety Campaign

This year's Student Safety Campaign was launched on Monday 13 August, ahead of Fresher's Week at universities and colleges across Scotland. The campaign provides advice, which is contained within a student safety booklet and supported by social media messaging. The campaign focuses on the most common areas of vulnerability for students, including their personal safety and security, risks associated with alcohol and drug misuse, sexual assault, online safety, and fraud relating to accommodation and student loans. The student safety booklet provides key contact information and links to partner agencies that can offer further support.

Dundee Drugs Commission

A Multi-Agency Drugs Summit was held in May with representatives from Police Scotland, NHS, Scottish Government, Local Authorities, academia and the third sector. A key outcome of the summit was the creation of the Dundee Drugs Commission, of which Police Scotland is a key partner.

The commission met on Tuesday 22 August, and will investigate the nature, extent and impact of drug misuse and drugs deaths in Dundee, scrutinise local services and will make recommendations on how to address these issues in an attempt to reduce the incidence and impact of drug related deaths. Any learning will be disseminated nationally.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Police Scotland will work in partnership to influence driver and road user behaviour, reduce road casualties and detect and deter all types of criminality on our roads.

Drink and Drug Driving Campaign

At the last Board, I reported that our annual drink and drug driving campaign was about to commence. I am pleased to report the campaign secured significant coverage on social media channels and was effective in reinforcing the dangers associated with drink and drug driving.

The campaign resulted in 195 drink and drug offences being detected, with over 4,500 people providing a roadside sample.

Of the 195 found over the limit, ten drivers were caught 'the morning after'. Eight drivers were found to have previous convictions for drink or drug driving and could be subject to the court ordering forfeiture of their motor vehicle.

Motorcycle Safety Campaign

The ongoing motorcycle safety campaign will continue until Sunday 30 September. The campaign is supported by the Rider Refinement North pilot scheme. This is a one day course which has been part funded by Transport Scotland's Road Safety Framework Fund and is led by qualified police motorcyclists.

The course took place over the summer in Tayside, the North East and the Highland areas and is designed to give riders advice and tuition on how to ride more safely when out on the local road network. Early

indications are that participants are praiseworthy of the course content and all-important contact with expert police motorcyclists.

The campaign is also supported by Road Safety Scotland who have recently released three new promotional videos, entitled "Breathtaking roads". These feature coastal, forest, and mountain routes which aim to educate riders to potential hazards associated with such routes.

Road Traffic Collison – North East Scotland

On Thursday 26 July, a road traffic collision occurred on the A96, between Huntly and Keith. Tragically, five people lost their lives including a four year old child, local residents and Italian tourists. In conjunction with the Procurator Fiscal Road Traffic Fatalities Unit, an investigation remains ongoing to establish the cause of the collision. Police Scotland has and continues to provide support to all affected by this tragic accident, including engaging with the Italian Consulate.

3. STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

LOCAL AUTHORITY ENGAGEMENT

Since the last Board I have continued with my Local Authority engagement meetings and on Wednesday 4 July, I met with Paul Jukes, North Lanarkshire Council Chief Executive. I am pleased to report a positive meeting was held and I remain reassured by the recognition of excellent local engagement and joint working that is taking place across the country.

It is my intention to continue this rolling programme of engagement, meeting with all 32 Local Authorities.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REFORM COLLABORATION GROUP

On Thursday 19 July, I attended a meeting of the Emergency Services Reform Collaboration Group (RCG) with Chief Officers from other emergency services and key partners, to discuss existing and new areas of collaboration.

I am particularly keen for Police Scotland to further develop our broader strategic approach to working with health partners which will lead to practical change in support of our officers, staff and the public.

Like our partners, Police Scotland has now recruited a dedicated

individual to lead on the day to day programme design and delivery under the four headings of the Emergency Services Collaboration Strategy;

- Co-Location
- Co-Response
- Shared Knowledge
- Service Integration

It is anticipated that an outline programme of work will be developed ahead of the next meeting in September, with a final programme to be presented back to the RCG in December.

4. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL EVENTS

MUSIC FESTIVALS/EVENTS

This has been a significantly busy and challenging period for operational policing across the country. The REWIND 80s Music Festival was held in the grounds of Scone Palace, Perth between Friday 20 and Wednesday 22 July, and the Little Mix Summer Hits Tour took place at the Falkirk Stadium on Friday 27 July. Dedicated policing operations were put in place to help ensure the safety of around 60,000 music fans in attendance at these events.

The summer music festivals continued into August with the Summer Sessions open air event in Bellahouston Park on Wednesday 22, Saturday 25 and Wednesday 29 August, with each festival evening having an audience capacity of 30,000 people.

Also in August, Operation Summer City took place in Edinburgh city centre, providing dedicated police resources to the wide variety of Edinburgh festivals, including the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Fringe Festival, Edinburgh International Festival and the Edinburgh International Book Festival. It is estimated that approximately 1 million people visited the city centre each week during August, with 3.5 million festival tickets sold across 300 venues, and the Tattoo confirmed as a sell-out, with over 22,000 tickets sold.

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

From Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 July, Police Scotland successfully policed the visit of the President of the United States of America. This involved a significant amount of planning and the deployment of conventional and specialist staff to support the operation. The UK government have agreed

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to meet the security costs of the visit of President Trump to Scotland up to a value of £5 million. The true costs are still being ascertained, once the full costs are known they will be presented to the Scottish Government to allow the service to be reimbursed in line with the agreement offered by the UK Government.

SPORTING EVENTS

The 147th Open Golf Championships was held in Carnoustie between Sunday 15 July and Sunday 22 July. Over 1,000 conventional and specialist officers supported the delivery of the championships to ensure the safety of around 172,000 spectators throughout the event.

The Emirates Arena will host the 2018 Davis Cup play-off round between Great Britain and Uzbekistan between Friday 14 and Sunday 16 September. The event will attract live global media coverage with a capacity crowd each day and a policing operation has been developed in conjunction with partners, utilising conventional and specialist officers.

GLASGOW 2018 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Glasgow 2018 European Championships took place between Wednesday 1 and Sunday 12 August. The Championships (twinned with Berlin European Athletics Championships) brought over 8,000 athletes and officials to Scotland to participate in the first combined European Championships.

The policing operation involved over 4,000 individual policing deployments, with competition and festival venues across six police divisions and seven Local Authority areas. The operation also included the deployment of control room staff and officers to support the operation of the Multi Agency Co-ordination Centre (MACC) at Govan.

5. OUR PEOPLE

POLICE SCOTLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (PSYV)

PSYV hosted the UK Youth Volunteer and Cadet competition at the Scottish Police College, between Friday 3 and Sunday 5 August. Following on from PSYV Stranraer's success at last year's competition, 21 teams from across the UK came together to compete in a variety of teamwork, physical and mental challenges. Over 200 volunteers took part and for the second year running, one of Police Scotland's PSYV groups won the competition. PSYV Dumfries and Galloway were presented with the

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winner's trophy by Deputy Chief Constable Fiona Taylor and Cabinet Secretary for Justice Humza Yousaf MSP.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES

July 2018 marked a landmark for volunteering in the service as former PSYV youth volunteer Elisha Greig was sworn in as a Special Constable with Police Scotland. Elisha attended a 3-week residential summer training course in June with 17 other new recruits and became the first sworn Police officer to come through the ranks of PSYV. Special Constable Greig will now deploy operationally in Aberdeen city centre.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

On Wednesday 1 August, the Chair and I launched the first module in the newly created Senior Leadership Programme. The Programme has been developed to ensure our leaders are equipped to lead during this period of transformational change. The programme was open to officers at Superintendent rank or police staff equivalent and consists of four modules which are focused on developing the leadership of our senior officers in key areas: operational leadership, personal leadership, organisational leadership and strategic partnerships and collaboration.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report however, any financial implications which may occur throughout the delivery of policing operations have been considered by specific business areas.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct personnel implications associated with this report however, any specific personnel implications which may occur throughout the delivery of policing operations have been considered by specific business areas.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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9. REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct reputational implications associated with this report however, any specific reputational implications which may occur throughout the delivery of policing operations have been considered by specific business areas.

10. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct social implications associated with this report however, any specific social implications which may occur throughout the delivery of policing operations have been considered by specific business areas.

11. COMMUNITY IMPACT

There is no direct community impact associated with this report however, examples of recent police investigations referenced within this report will undoubtedly have impacted on local communities. Local community impact assessments will have been carried out where appropriate.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct equalities implications associated with this report, however any specific equalities implications which may occur throughout the delivery of policing operations have been considered by specific business areas.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct environmental implications associated with this report however, any environmental implications which may occur throughout the delivery of policing operations have been considered by specific business areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to note the information contained in this report.