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<b>Recommendation to Members</b>	<b>For Discussion</b>
<b>Appendix Attached:</b>	<b>No</b>

**PURPOSE**

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

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 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.*

#### **Wilful Fire-raising – Edinburgh**

On Tuesday 28 August 2018, two places of worship in Edinburgh were deliberately set on fire causing extensive damage to one of the properties. These incidents understandably caused community concerns, which the Police Scotland Safer Communities team and the local policing division in Edinburgh responded to by contacting key partners to provide support and reassurance messages. An immediate investigation commenced and a male was arrested on Wednesday 29 August and charged with both incidents.

#### **National Violence Board**

On Tuesday 4 September, Assistant Chief Constable Bernie Higgins chaired The National Violence Board at the Scottish Police College. The Board comprises 14 key partner agencies from Government, Academia, Public and Third-Sector Organisations as well as the National Licensing Trade. The Board meets quarterly and focuses on Violence Prevention work in key thematic work streams. These work streams are currently subject of review and an interim meeting in October has been convened to agree the themes for the year ahead.

By working together, the Board is able to provide cohesive partnership governance and direction in respect of violence prevention. Furthermore, the sharing of information and expertise that the Board facilitates enables us to be more effective in identifying and delivering innovative collaborative projects to reduce violence in our communities.

### **Murder – Lanarkshire**

On Thursday 6 September, Police Scotland launched a murder investigation, following the death of Gary More, a 32 year old male who was shot and killed in Gartness Drive, Airdrie. The suspects made their escape in a vehicle, which was later found burnt out in Glasgow. Police Scotland do not view this as a random attack and believe the victim was targeted. A community impact assessment has been completed and there have been increased police patrols in the area to provide public reassurance whilst the investigation, led by Police Scotland's Major Investigation Team continues.

### **Robbery – Gleneagles**

Following a £500,000 armed robbery at Gleneagles Hotel in June 2017, two males, Richard Fleming and Liam Richardson, were charged with the offence. The males were convicted on Wednesday 12 September. They were part of a three-man team that stole 50 Rolex watches from a boutique at the hotel. The third suspect is still outstanding and enquiries continue. The males will be sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh on Wednesday 24 October.

### **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.*

### **Operation Engagement**

The Operation Engagement team continues to investigate a series of 50 organised crime group feud-related incidents. On Monday 27 August, six accused, currently remanded in connection with Operation Engagement crimes, appeared for a preliminary hearing at Glasgow High Court on charges including conspiracy to murder, attempted murder and serious assault. All six remain in custody with a trial date set for Monday 21 January 2019.

### **Improvised Explosive Device**

On Thursday 6 September, whilst executing a warrant in Dundee, officers discovered an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) at a domestic property. A total of 24 neighbouring residents were evacuated and an Explosives

Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team attended and dismantled the device. CS canisters, ammunition and a number of other weapons were also recovered from within the property. A 30 year old male appeared at court on Monday 10 September, where he made no plea and was remanded in custody pending a further hearing.

### **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.*

#### **Mental Health Triage Pilot – Glasgow**

The Mental Health Street Triage (MHST) pilot was launched on Friday 17 August in Glasgow. The pilot involves specially trained police officers accompanying paramedics to incidents where there is an immediate threat to life or which involve a person in crisis. The triage team comprises the Scottish Ambulance Service and NHS Greater Glasgow Mental Health Services.

The triage is designed to deliver fast and efficient access to care and avoid unnecessary arrest or detention and ultimately a more timely intervention by Mental Health professionals when required, providing a better service for individuals as well as achieving efficiencies and improvements for the police, health and partner agencies.

Early indications are that such collaborative work can significantly reduce the time police officers spend engaged in vulnerable person incidents, along with a reduction in instances where the police need to convey individuals to hospital for treatment. The pilot is due to end in October, when it will be evaluated, and this forms part of a wider piece of work being undertaken in partnership with other emergency services and key partners to ensure the right resources, with the right skills engage with people in crisis.

### **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.*

#### **Lothian Driver Events**

From Wednesday 29 until Friday 31 August, officers in West Lothian held a three-day road safety event at Inveralmond Community High School. In partnership with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), West Lothian Council, British Transport Police, Safety Camera Unit, West

Lothian Drug and Alcohol Service and Spokes Lothian Cycle Campaign, local officers invited sixth year students from ten West Lothian High Schools to participate in the event. The event featured a theatrical input from the Baldy Bane Theatre Company and a hard-hitting presentation from a local mother whose son was killed in a road traffic collision.

A number of interactive stalls were also available which included reaction tests, 'beer goggles' and Highway Code quizzes. Similar to the West Lothian Event, on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 August, East Lothian held their driver event at Brunton Hall in Musselburgh.

#### **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

*Police Scotland will work in partnership to create an environment designed to prevent and reduce the threat of Acquisitive Crime.*

#### **The Little Book of Big Scams**

Police Scotland, alongside the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), the Scottish Government and the Scottish Business Resilience Centre (SBRC) have joined forces to help protect customers and the general public against fraud and scams. On Wednesday 15 August, an event was held to launch the Royal Bank of Scotland's Little Book of Big Scams, which focuses on keeping safe in both the virtual and the real world. This publication offers excellent advice to raise awareness and most importantly, provide easy to follow advice to prevent the ever-growing variety of scams and fraudulent activity which criminals may use to steal money or personal data.

### **3. STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT**

#### **BREXIT – POLICE SCOTLAND PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS**

With less than 200 days until the United Kingdom exits the European Union, our preparations for policing post Brexit are ongoing. A dedicated team within Police Scotland continues to engage with both the UK and Scottish Governments, assisting with preparation plans and contributing to proposed processes for maintaining the safety and security of our communities. This work is being progressed in partnership with the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and National Crime Agency (NCA).

This engagement process is key to our success. Officers from Police Scotland have travelled to countries such as Slovakia, Romania and Poland to ensure law enforcement in these countries are reassured on the importance we place in partnership working with them post March 2019. The team is now managing five work streams, which are Operational

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Readiness, People and Development, Partners, Capability and Capacity and Civil Contingencies. All work streams are co-chaired with a subject matter expert and a Brexit Team member. Brexit is a standing item on Police Scotland Executive Governance Boards.

On Monday 17 September, I attended an extraordinary meeting of all UK Chief Constables to discuss contingency plans in respect of Brexit. At the meeting it was agreed by all Chief Constables to establish a new national unit that will assist police forces across the UK if we lose access to current EU data sharing and co-operation tools, such as the European Arrest Warrant or Europol systems.

### **FOREIGN LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY**

On Monday 17 September, Deputy Chief Constable Johnny Gwynne welcomed members of the Foreign Law Enforcement Community (FLEC) to a conference at Tulliallan. Our focus remains on ensuring Police Scotland's ability to protect our communities is not hampered by Brexit.

The conference provided an opportunity for officers from Police Scotland, Europol and Interpol to share practical ideas and experiences, and to cement the close and cross-border collaboration which is critical to fighting crime. The Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf and the Chair of the Scottish Police Authority, Susan Deacon CBE were also in attendance.

### **POLICE SCOTLAND YOUNG VOLUNTEERS (PSYV) PARLIAMENTARY RECEPTION**

On Wednesday 12 September, I attended a Parliamentary Reception sponsored by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, in recognition of the work carried out by the 1000+ volunteers across Scotland.

The reception enhanced the profile of the PSYV programme to Members of the Scottish Parliament and invited partners. Attendees received presentations from volunteers from across Scotland, who shared their PSYV experiences. This event demonstrated the value of our young volunteers and the outstanding contribution made by volunteers, organisers and police officers who coordinate PSYV within communities across Scotland.

#### 4. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL EVENTS

##### **CELTIC v RANGERS**

The Celtic v Rangers fixture on Sunday 2 September received significant media attention in relation to overcrowding reports in Janefield Street. Following the initial incident, a comprehensive multi-agency debrief has been conducted. Celtic Football Club, Police Scotland and other key stakeholders have also met with the Local Authority Safety Advisory Group, with the club engaging and consulting a structural and civil engineering company to undertake an independent review of their operation in order to identify contributory factors and to prevent reoccurrence. Police Scotland is actively engaged in this review.

#### 5. OUR PEOPLE

##### **WELLBEING CHAMPIONS CONFERENCE**

On Tuesday 18 September, I opened the second organisation-wide Wellbeing Champions event at the Scottish Police College. The event marked the first anniversary of the launch of Your Wellbeing Matters and allowed Champions to reflect on their own experience and successes along with a collaborative focus on the way ahead. The event was well attended and received positive feedback. I was delighted to provide my continued support to this valuable network.

##### **SCOTTISH POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

On Wednesday 5 September, the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Police Memorial Service of Remembrance took place at the Scottish Police College. This event, organised by the Scottish Police Memorial Trust, honours the 278 police officers who have lost their lives on duty in Scotland since 1812. The ceremony was led by the Reverend Dr Georgie Baxendale, with a wide variety of other faith representatives in attendance.

I had the privilege of opening the event and joined over 200 family and friends, along with other distinguished guests, including the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, SPA Chair and members of Police Scotland Force Executive. We were also joined by representatives from other police and government agencies including British Transport Police, the Ministry of Defence, Scottish Police Federation, Scottish Police Memorial Trust and the Association of Scottish Police Superintendents.

## 6. DELIVERING STRATEGIC CHANGE

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Police Scotland is currently developing proposals to change our primary Contact Assessment Model (CAM). The changes proposed will deliver a significant improvement to the assessment of threat, risk and vulnerability at the first point of contact with our service.

The project is driven by a number of factors with its primary aim being to introduce a decision making framework which will enable and empower staff to assess the circumstances and needs of the caller at first point of contact, to determine the most appropriate response from a number of enhanced resolution options. In addition this work will respond to recommendations from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) and the Police Investigation and Review Commissioner (PIRC).

Engagement is at an early stage under the leadership of Deputy Chief Constable Will Kerr, and we will ensure key stakeholders continue to be consulted during the development of the model.

### **DIGITAL, DATA AND ICT**

Police Scotland has previously identified the risk associated with outdated ICT capabilities which exist across Scottish policing. Consequently officers do not always have the right systems and equipment to do their job in the most efficient and effective way. This is unsustainable for our people, and impacts on the services we deliver to the communities of Scotland. The Digital, Data and ICT (DDICT) Outline Business Case (OBC) describes the transformational technical changes necessary to make Police Scotland a 'digital' 21st century policing service.

The business case supports the key priorities in our 10 year strategy for policing, delivering a fundamental strategic investment in technology to provide our officers and staff with the tools they require to do their job effectively. If we do not invest in policing capability the gap between where we are now and where we need to be will only get greater. The strain for covering this gap will inevitably fall back on our officers and staff.

The demands and needs of society are constantly changing and they will continue to evolve in the future. We must recognise the need for change now in order to react to these demands effectively, therefore we are

bringing forward an OBC to the Authority on Thursday 27 September. I am committed to supporting the delivery of the changes required as I believe they will strengthen our operational and financial sustainability, enhance the service we deliver and positively impact on key partners.

## **7. 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.

## **8. 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.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **10. 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.

## **11. 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.

## **12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. 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 discuss the information contained in this report.