

Meeting	Authority Meeting
Date	20 May 2020
Location	Video-conference
Title of Paper	26th Conference of the Parties (COP26)
Presented By	Tom Halpin, Chair of Policing of COP26 Oversight Group
Recommendation to Members	For Discussion
Appendix Attached	No

PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Scottish Police Authority with an update following the most recent meeting of the SPA Policing of COP26 Oversight Group.

Members are invited to discuss the content of this paper

The Policing of COP26 Oversight Group met on 8th April 2020 and considered a number of matters including the impact of the COVID 19 response on the planning for this event.

The Group determined that while there is now a pause on the operational planning for COP26, there is still a requirement to maintain some critical planning activity, albeit temporarily at a scaled down level, with the following points of note for the SPA Board:

- It is still HMG intention that COP26 will take place in Glasgow at the SECC site during 2021. An announcement on the proposed new dates will be advised when agreed. Aside from Covid19 impact on capacity for mutual aid, other considerations on the dates impacting on Police Scotland resources include the operational concurrence with Brexit and Euro 20 Football Tournament.
- A number of financial business cases relating to COP26 need to be progressed with HMG.
- The proposed operational Assurance Review being carried out by Metropolitan Police Service will continue as a desk top review.
- The planning team has already been significantly reduced to 20-30 staff with key skilled personnel redeployed to the Covid19 response.
- Continued planning for Covid19 has been placed in three categories: category 1 - critical activities that must progress now, category 2 - significant planning reliance that should be progressed by the scaled down planning team, category 3 - planning activity that can be paused now.
- If the conference is rescheduled to November 2021 then the team will be reduced further. If the conference is rescheduled to early 2021 then the team will be incrementally grown from July 2020. As the host city and venue will remain the same, all plans in place are still applicable and work already done will not have been wasted.

- The SPA Oversight Group will continue to meet at 6 weekly intervals, subject to review of ongoing schedule with HMICS and Scottish Government attendance in observer status.
- The Groups Terms of Reference remain relevant with focus on three key areas of public interest: funding; welfare and wellbeing and local policing/prioritisation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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