

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Authority Meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>23 February 2022</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Video-conference</b>
<b>Title of Paper</b>	<b>SPA Chief Executive's Report</b>
<b>Presented By</b>	<b>Barry Sillers, Acting Chief Executive</b>
<b>Recommendation to Members</b>	<b>For Discussion</b>
<b>Appendix Attached:</b>	<b>No</b>

**PURPOSE**

To update Authority Members on activities carried out by SPA Corporate Staff since the previous Authority Meeting.

Members are recommended to consider this report and to raise any matters for clarification or further detail with the Acting Chief Executive.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on key SPA Corporate activity which is not already covered elsewhere on the agenda.

## **2. SPA Governance Framework Review**

- 2.1 As reported in November 2021, the Authority is reviewing its Corporate Governance Framework with a view to simplifying and clarifying processes through authorised delegations to support the appropriate devolution of decision making.
- 2.2 A number of recommendations will be presented for approval at the March Authority meeting in respect of the Authority's standing orders, committee terms of reference and scheme of delegation. More detailed work will continue on the process to review and revise the financial delegations matrix, which will be presented for approval once complete.

## **3. 2022/23 SPA Corporate Annual Business Plan**

- 3.1 The SPA Corporate annual business plan, which details the priorities and objectives to be taken forward in the final year of the 3 Year Corporate Plan has been developed and endorsed by the Board at their Seminar on 9 February 2022.
- 3.2 Engagement with key stakeholders is currently underway before seeking final approval by the SPA CEO. The approved plan is on track to be reported to the March Authority meeting.

## **4. Strategic Police Plan Review**

- 4.1 As reported in November 2021, the Authority and Police Scotland have committed to delivering a joint collaborative review process for the current Strategic Police Plan – 'A Joint Strategy for Policing - Policing for a Safe, Protected and Resilient Scotland'.
- 4.2 A review process has now been agreed which will consider progress in the first 2 years of the current strategy. The review timeline will see the outcome of the review reported to the Authority Meeting in November 2022.

## 5. Information Management Strategy

- 5.1 The SPA has overall responsibility for all aspects of the management and governance of the information assets of SPA Corporate and SPA Forensic Services.
- 5.2 A successful improvement programme, underpinned by renewed focus and investment in the Information Management function of the SPA, has enabled the approval of the outcome based SPA Information Management Strategy. This Strategy, along with a supporting action plan was presented to the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee in January 2022.

## 6. Polling on support for the use of technology

- 6.1 A national survey, sponsored by the Authority, found broad optimism across the Scottish adult population towards the impacts that new technologies will have on Scotland's future, people, economy, and public services.
- 6.2 The results of the poll show support from Scottish citizens for using new technology in tackling crime:
- 86% supported using new technologies to track suspected criminals' movements
  - 81% supported using new technologies to tackle abusive interactions on social media
  - 93% supported using new technologies in tracing missing people
  - 73% supported using new technologies for the policing of large crowds
- 6.3 The findings are part of Understanding Scotland, a new regular survey instrument that seeks to measure and monitor public attitudes and expectations in Scotland. The report on attitudes to technology can be accessed through the [SPA Website](#).

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to discuss the contents of this report.