

Appendix 3 - Consultation Questions – Policing 2026 Draft Response Argyll and Bute Council

Risks

1. Does the Policing 2026 strategy identify and acknowledge the main risks, challenges, opportunities and demands likely to impact on policing over the next 10 years?

Yes ✓ No Not sure

We would welcome any view you have.

No further views

Focus

2. Do you agree the main areas of focus proposed within the Policing 2026 strategy are the right ones to deliver an enhanced policing service?

► More Information

✓ Strongly agree Mostly agree Not sure Mostly disagree Strongly disagree

Please tell us why you think these are the right or wrong areas of focus?

The areas of focus, which cover impact, improvements, resource efficiency, leadership, performance, knowledge and fairness are all aspects of organisational development that will contribute to efficiency and consistency of service.

Methods

3. Do you agree the methods proposed within this strategy are the right ones to deliver an improved policing service?

► More Information

✓ Strongly agree Mostly agree Not sure Mostly disagree Strongly disagree

Please tell us why you think this is the right or wrong approach?

In Argyll and Bute partnership working and engagement with communities is central to effective and efficient public service delivery. With 23 inhabited islands and remote, rural communities as well as town centres that face the same challenges as urban areas, this diversity is both a strength but also a challenge for service delivery. The local approach to policing in this area works well and it is essential that the priority need for this is recognised, despite our low levels of crime. Engaging with communities and working to the 'prevent' agenda are core to the success of policing in Argyll and Bute.

Performance

4. The Policing 2026 Strategy states that public confidence will be a key measure of success and the effectiveness of Police performance. Do you agree with this approach?

Strongly agree Mostly agree Not sure Mostly disagree Strongly disagree

We would welcome any views you have

Communities have greater levels of confidence in policing when it is a visible part of their lives. Engagement with communities, visibility in communities and media coverage all contribute to a sense of confidence in policing. This is a particular challenge in remote areas and we would support the premise that visibility increases confidence and that confidence can be used as a measure of effectiveness.

Workforce

5. The Policing 2026 strategy highlights that we will need to re-shape our organisation with a workforce focussed on having the right skills and capacity to meet future challenges. Do you agree with this approach?

Strongly agree Mostly agree Not sure Mostly disagree Strongly disagree

We would welcome any views you have.

Workforce planning, skills development and encouraging new entrants into the service are all essential . Police Scotland's future effectiveness will be built on preparing a workforce now to meet future challenges.

Clear & Understandable

6. Is the strategy presented in a clear and understandable way?

Yes No

We would welcome any views you have.

Other views

7. We would welcome any additional views you have on our strategy and how it will affect you, or any other person.

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