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Annual Review of Policing 2017/18: local scrutiny input

The SPA is currently preparing the Annual Review of Policing for 2017/18, to be laid before the Scottish Parliament in autumn 2018. This must include an assessment of Police Scotland's and SPA's performance during the year and it can also include such other information as SPA considers appropriate.

I am keen to make sure that this review is informed by, and can reflect, the experience and insights of local committees and elected members across Scotland who are responsible for the scrutiny of policing in their local communities. I would therefore like to invite your input.

A brief set of questions is attached to assist us in gathering your views and I would be very grateful if you could take the time to reflect and offer input from your local committee in response.

I very much appreciated the opportunity to speak with many of you at the meeting of the COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners' Forum in February. Following those discussions a joint working group has been set up involving the SPA, COSLA, Police Scotland and SOLACE to strengthen the connection between local and national scrutiny, develop a shared evidence base, and support service improvement.

The SPA Board is itself in a significant period of refresh, with a number of new members recently appointed by the Cabinet Secretary, and work is progressing to drive forward rapid improvement across all aspects of the Authority's internal operations and its outward engagement.

More detail on recent developments is available in my report, and the report of SPA Interim Chief Officer Kenneth Hogg, to the SPA Board on 29th March 2018. This reports are now standing items on SPA Board agendas, and may provide a useful summary update in future.

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Kind regards



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