Local Police Plan 2023-2026 - Community Consultation Argyll and Bute Council Response

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

• The local priorities specified in the Local Police Plan are fit for purpose.

Strongly agree

• The local objectives and activities specified in the Local Police Plan are fit for purpose.

Strongly agree

• Overall, the Local Police Plan is fit for purpose.

Strongly agree

[Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, strongly disagree, don't know].

2. Please leave any further comments you have about the draft Local Policing Plan for your area.

Argyll and Bute Council supports and endorses Argyll and Bute - L Division - Local Policing Plan and Police Scotland's wish to work closely with partner agencies through the community planning process.

Argyll and Bute has a unique mix of densely populated areas as well as island and rural communities, which often means that priorities can differ dependent on area and this is reflected in the plan. We also welcome the commitment to listen and seek to understand the changing needs of diverse communities.

We welcome the coordinated approach taken during the preparation of the Plan, specifically that it is linked to the 6 outcomes that have been created to support the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP), aligning priorities that are important to our local communities.

Argyll and Bute, indeed Scotland, has changed considerably since the introduction of the last Local Policing Plan in 2020 it is therefore welcome that the Plan will be reviewed every 3 months to ensure it accurately reflects the needs of our communities within Argyll and Bute.

We acknowledge that cognisance was given to the demographics of Argyll and Bute when preparing the Plan noting that to protect our communities effectively, Police Scotland will continue to explore innovative technologies and partnerships. This was illustrated at the recent cycle of Community Planning Group meetings where Partners were advised of the 'Dementia Safeguarding Tag', just one example of the approach taken by the service to embed accessibility and inclusivity in all that it does.

The way in which the priorities will be taken forward, specifically the activities and the associated milestones, performance measures and insights ensures that Partners are clear on how these feed into the overall plan and how the outcomes are to be measured, enabling robust monitoring and measurement of progress.

Argyll and Bute Council look forward to working with Police Scotland to deliver a visible, responsive, resilient and focussed service and welcome the overall priorities for the Argyll and Bute Local Policing Plan which are complemented by the incorporation of Police Scotland's Strategic Assessment and the Scotlish Government's outcomes and priorities.