



## Draft Note of COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners Forum – 2 December 2021

### Present

Cllr Graham Houston (Acting Chairperson)	COSLA
Cllr Tom Cook (Acting Chairperson – 3pm*)	East Ayrshire Council
Cllr Kelly Parry	COSLA
Cllr Adam McVey	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Stephen Curran	Midlothian Council
Cllr Davie Stitt	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Cllr Angela Campbell	North Lanarkshire Council
Cllr Anne Stirling	Aberdeenshire Council
Cllr Donald Wilson	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Colm Merrick	Argyll and Bute Council
Cllr Cindy McDermid	West Dunbartonshire Council
Cllr Marie McGurk	Renfrewshire Council
Cllr Ross Vettraino	Fife Council
Cllr Tommy McVey	Inverclyde Council
Cllr Bob Brawn	Perth and Kinross Council
Cllr Mark Horsham	South Lanarkshire Council
Cllr Laura Murtagh	Falkirk Council
Cllr Franny Scally	Glasgow City Council
Mike Callaghan	COSLA
Anil Gupta	COSLA
Martyn Evans	Chair, Scottish Police Authority
Barry Sillers	Scottish Police Authority
DCC Will Kerr	Police Scotland
ACC Alan Speirs	Police Scotland
ACC John Hawkins	Police Scotland
ACC Tim Mairs	Police Scotland
DSU Filippo Capaldi	Police Scotland
Inspector Sean FitzGerald	Police Scotland
T/Chief Supt Gregg Banks	Police Scotland
Kirsty Louise Campbell	Police Scotland
DCS Laura McLuckie	Police Scotland
Katie Brown	COSLA
Eleanor Gaw	Scottish Police Authority
Stuart Lewis	Scottish Government

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Houston welcomed everyone to the COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners Forum meeting and noted that Cllr Parry was unable to chair the meeting due to broadband connection issues in her local area, albeit would be listening in by phone.

## **2. Note of Previous Meeting**

The note of the previous meeting held on 8 March 2021 was agreed.

## **3. SPA Update from Martyn Evans, Chair of the SPA**

Martyn Evans provided a brief update on engagement with Local Authorities and work to improve Local Police Plans. In addition, Martyn Evans reflected positively on how COP26 went from a policing perspective and made particular reference to the critical importance of joint work with Local Government on COP26, particularly Glasgow City Council. A number of members commented on the successful policing of COP26 and wider engagement with communities prior to and during the event.

## **4 Local Police Plan Review – Kirsty Louise Campbell, Police Scotland**

Kirsty Louise Campbell provided an update on the Local Police Plan Review that involves Police Scotland, SPA and COSLA. It was noted that a series of consultation activities had taken place to engage local elected members and local authority officers. Members were content with the progress made on the Local Police Plan Review.

## **5 Dame Elish Angiolini’s Independent Review – ACC Speirs, Police Scotland**

Police Scotland provided an update on progress on the recommendations from the final report of the Independent Review of Complaints Handling, Investigations and Misconduct Issues in Relation to Policing. Members of the Forum noted the update.

## **6 Reflections on COP26 – DCC Kerr, Police Scotland**

DCC Kerr reflected that Police Scotland’s Operation Urram had been effective to ensure that the whole of the COP26 Event had been handled very smoothly from a policing perspective. DCC Kerr commended the efforts of Police Scotland’s officers.

## **7 Violence Against Women and Girl (2 items)**

It was noted that Police Scotland requested the item on spiking 7B be covered before 7A ‘That Guy’ Strategy.

### **Item 7B - Spiking (Det. Ch. Supt McLuckie)**

This item provided an update on the spiking by injection and the spiking of drinks incidents that have been reported to have taken places in bars, nightclubs and other places across Scotland.

It was noted that a Roundtable on Spiking was held over recent months with another planned in December, 2021. It was also noted that COSLA officers would attend the event at an officer level to provide input from Local Government.

### **Item 7A - ‘That Guy’ Strategy (Det. Supt. Capaldi)**

Det. Supt Capaldi provided an update on Police Scotland’s new Social Media Campaign entitled, ‘*THAT GUY*’. Members noted the importance of this topic to prevent and tackle male sexual violence and sexual harassment towards women.

A short video on the topic did not work via MS Teams. As a result, an action was agreed that COSLA would circulate a weblink of the video to all members of the Forum.

## **8 Buffer Zones - COSLA-SOLAR**

It was noted that COSLA with SOLAR obtained a legal opinion on whether local authorities can use bye laws to establish Buffer Zones, which they can’t according to the legal advice provided by Gerry Moynihan, QC. As a result, COSLA proposed to take

the matter forward by holding a further meeting with the Scottish Govt on this issue and potentially host a workshop with other partners.

## **9 AOB**

Safety Camera Partnership - Cllr Reiss, Highland Council expressed that his local authority have had concerns about the lack of flexibility in the deployment of the safety camera units for some time. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be useful to invite Transport Scotland to the next meeting of the COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners Forum as it was a broader partnership issue concerning road safety. COSLA to invite Transport Scotland to next meeting of Forum.

The next COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners Forum to be re-arranged on a date to be confirmed in 2022.