

Midlothian Local Policing Plan 2017-2020**Report by Kevin Anderson, Head of Customer and Housing Services****1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to seek elected members approval for the Midlothian Local Police Plan 2017-2020.

2 Background

2.1 Section 47(1) of the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 states that the local police commander must prepare a “Local Police Plan” that sets out priorities for the policing of that local authority area and submit that police plan to the relevant local authority for approval.

2.2 The 2017 to 2020 Local Police Plan for Midlothian is attached for information.

3 Report Implications**3.1 Resource**

There are no additional resource implications.

3.2 Risk

Risk in delivery of the planned outcomes is mitigated as the Midlothian Local Police Plan for 2017-2020 is closely aligned with the Single Midlothian Plan 2017-18.

The new police plan has been developed in discussions with all partners delivering public services in Midlothian and with representatives of the communities they serve.

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☒ Community safety
- ☒ Adult health, care and housing
- ☒ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☒ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☐ None of the above

3.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

The Midlothian Local Police Plan for 2017-2020 is closely aligned to the Single Midlothian Plan with a particular emphasis on the areas of business as at 3.3 above.

3.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Police Scotland is a core partner in the delivery of Community Planning in Midlothian and under the terms of the Community Empowerment Act shares a new statutory duty to facilitate community planning. Through close interagency working with the wider Community Planning Partnership and through partnership working with local communities this plan should support the performance and outcomes in the Single Midlothian Plan.

3.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach

The Single Midlothian Plan commits partners to plan a preventative approach to service provision. Consequently, this new police plan is outcome focussed rather than target driven.

3.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The new police plan has been developed in discussions with all partners delivering public services in Midlothian and with representatives of the communities they serve.

Groups facing additional barriers in Midlothian have been involved in the consultation process.

3.8 Ensuring Equalities

The guidance makes clear that there must be a demonstrable effort to support the involvement in decision making of people that face additional barriers to participating in public life. The consultation process for this new police plan included people that face additional barriers.

3.9 Supporting Sustainable Development

There is no impact of this plan on supporting sustainable development.

3.10 IT Issues

There are no specific IT issues.

4 Recommendations

It is recommended that Council consider and approve the attached Midlothian Local Police Plan 2017-2020 to meet the requirements under Section 47 (1) of the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

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Background Papers:

Midlothian Local Police Plan 2017-2020