

## **SERVICE UPDATE**

<b><u>Name of Function:</u></b>	Communities, Housing & Public Protection Committee
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### **UPDATE:**

During discussions at Committee in August a question was asked by Councillor Nicoll regarding any potential to increase numbers of Road Policing Officers in the North East. The following response has been provided by Superintendent Andy Barclay, Road Policing.

Since the publication of the HMC(S) report in November 2024 following the thematic inspection of Road Policing (RP), work has progressed with a view to discharging the 13 recommendations.

A monthly governance and assurance board has been established to assess progress towards each recommendation and area for development. This board, led by the Assistant Chief Constable for Operational Support, oversees the ongoing work and allows a level of scrutiny and assurance around the outstanding actions. Observers from the Scottish Police Authority and HMC(S) are active members of this board.

An improvement plan has been developed utilising the report's findings, with suggested actions and ownership. These have been taken from a variety of sources including the 2030 vision, RP Delivery Plan, Road Safety Framework and our 3-year business plan.

Recommendation 1 is that Police Scotland should review its commitment to and investment in its road policing function, to ensure it is effectively supporting Scotland's Road Safety Framework and that road crime is being actively addressed.

This is the overarching Recommendation that will require further planning and will involve a wider RP review & restructure. Work is ongoing with Service Design to create a revised Target operating model and Core operating model for Road Policing. Until this remodelling work is complete, there are no immediate plans to increase RP establishment numbers in specific areas.

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