ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	14 May 2014
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	Local Policing Plan 2014 – 2017
REPORT NUMBER	OCE/14/015
CHECKLIST RECEIVED	Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report brings before the Council for its interest the draft of the Local Policing Plan for Aberdeen City (2014 - 2017) issued by Police Scotland and referred to the Council by the Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committee at its meeting of 25 March 2014.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council reviews the content of the Local Policing Plan for Aberdeen City 2014 – 2017 and subject to any agreed changes resolves to approve it.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The report has no immediate financial implications for the Council. The financial implications of discharging the Council's responsibilities under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (the Act) are kept under review and reports will be brought to the appropriate Committee as required.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Under the terms of the Act a local police commander must prepare and submit a local police plan to the relevant local authority for approval. The local commander must involve the local authority in the setting of priorities and objectives for the policing of its area and a local authority may specify policing measures that it wishes the local commander to include in a local policing plan.

The discharging of the Council's responsibilities in relation to the Act is of direct relevance to the delivery of the Council's responsibilities in relation to Community Planning, the Single Outcome Agreement and the Business Plan.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

At its meeting on 25th March 2014 the Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committee had before it a report by the Chief Executive in relation to the Local Policing Plan for 2014 – 2017 (OCE/14/011). The Committee resolved:-

- i. To defer consideration of the Local Policing Plan for Aberdeen City 2014 – 2017 to enable the Local Police Commander to discuss with the Council, the Scottish Police Authority and the Chief Constable the retention of the Control Room in Aberdeen given the particular challenges Police Scotland have in Aberdeen in respect of anti-social behaviour, housebreaking, national security, protecting people, safer roads, serious and organised crime, violent crime, oil and gas rigs, the protection around the Royal Family and general policing of the city, noting the expertise that would be lost should the Control Room be closed; and
- ii. To refer the Local Policing Plan to the Council on 14 May 2014 for further consideration.

Attached as Appendix 1 is the draft Aberdeen City Local Policing Plan 2014 – 2017 produced by Police Scotland. The document sets out the identified priorities and objectives for the Aberdeen City Division for the coming three years.

6. IMPACT

As noted above, the subject matter of this report is relevant to the Council's work in relation to Community Planning, the Single Outcome Agreement and the delivery of the Business Plan.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The report proposes the Council's approval of Police Scotland's Local Policing Plan for Aberdeen City for the coming three years. Through ongoing review of the progress made in delivering the Plan, the opportunity is provided to the Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committee both to augment any positives and mitigate any negatives which emerge.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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