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Dear Councillor Turnbull

### **Crime and Incident Statistics**

I refer to the above subject and your letter to Chief Constable Gormley on 23 May 2016, and write to provide formal response in addition to my verbal update at the Police Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board.

As you know, Police Scotland remains committed to providing relevant information to local communities across Scotland in line with our statutory responsibilities. This remains a complex and complicated subject, as information has to be accessed from a variety of legacy recording systems. Furthermore Chief Constable Gormley has instigated a review and remodel of the Performance Reporting Framework as part of his 2026 vision for the service. This significant piece of work is being led by ACC Malcolm Graham and involves the resources of the Force Analysis and Performance Unit.

In the interim, Chief Inspector McLean, Local Area Commander continues to provide as much additional crime/incident statistical and contextual information as is currently available to him, focusing on the priorities for the Scottish Borders and the relevant multi member wards. It is worth stressing that I remain resolute in prioritising the operational presence and visibility of officers in communities over the collation and preparation of statistical reports, so this may be a limiting factor in the volume and detail of data that Chief Inspector McLean can provide beyond the formal scrutiny board reports.

I trust this explains our current position on this subject and gives you an indication of the future developments relating to the Force Performance Framework. As and when there is more information and detail on this subject, I will of course brief the Board.

In the meantime, should you have any specific questions or concerns about performance data or reporting, you can always contact me or Chief Inspector McLean and we will endeavour to supply whatever information we reasonably can.

Yours Sincerely

Ivor Marshall  
Chief Superintendent