

SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY

Annual Review of Policing 2016/17 feedback form

Name of Local Authority: Scottish Borders Council

1. To what extent are you satisfied with policing's engagement with communities and with the local authority since April 2016, on local priority setting?

We are very satisfied with the local policing engagement with communities particularly in relation to the links to local members and the reporting of police matters to Area Forums and community council meetings.

2. To what extent do you consider that Police Scotland's local reporting against these priorities over the course of 2016/17 has been effective in supporting your scrutiny of local policing?

It has been effective. As part of the review of the Local Police Plan we are proposing that there is more work done to develop local priorities that relate closely to the concerns of local members and communities.

3. To what extent do you think that Police Scotland's engagement with your scrutiny committee during 2016, and support for local scrutiny processes, has been effective?

It has been effective and there has been close engagement with the Scrutiny Committee by the Divisional and local police on both performance and service delivery matters.

4. Are there any examples of good practice in your area, or suggestions for future improvement, that you would like to share?

There are a number of examples of good practice. These include:

- ***Police Scotland's close relationship with the Safer Communities Team located within Scottish Borders Council.***
- ***Young and Older Drivers Initiatives.***
- ***Rural and Farm Crime Prevention Initiative.***
- ***Engagement work with licensed premises.***

- **Supporting the Domestic Abuse Pathways Project to deliver transformed service responses to adults and children experiencing domestic abuse in the Scottish Borders.**
- **Operations tackling Serious Organised Crime particularly in relation to illegal drugs issues.**

The Board has recently carried out a recent visit to the Police Control Centre for the East of Scotland at Bilston Glen. It would recommend that other Scrutiny Committees visit the Police Control Centre for their area to see the work being done to ensure positive and effective responses that are being made to 101 and 999 calls.

5. How would you describe your local scrutiny committee?

- Dedicated Policing or Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee
- Scrutiny committee with remit to scrutinise wider range of services
- Community Safety Committee
- Community Planning Partnership Sub Committee
- Full Council
- Other – please describe

It is a Scrutiny Committee that scrutinises Police, Fire and Rescue and wider Community Safety matters and includes members from the Community Planning Partners including NHS Borders, Scottish Borders Housing Association (representing the main Housing Associations), Community Justice and the voluntary and business sectors.

6. How many elected members are regularly involved in the scrutiny process?

There are six elected members who are members of and are regularly involved in the Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board.

7. Is there any additional information or feedback you would like to offer?

None

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback and information. Responses should be sent to SPACommunityAccountability@spa.pnn.police.uk by **Wednesday 15th February 2017.**