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What are your priorities for your police service? – A Review of our Strategic Police Priorities

The current Strategic Police Priorities have provided clear direction for the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) and Police Scotland through the critical first three years of operation. As we progress the journey of reform, policing must adapt and respond to the changing needs of people and communities across Scotland. With the recent appointment of a new Chair of the SPA, Andrew Flanagan and the appointment of a new Chief Constable for Scotland, Phil Gormley who will take up post early in the new year, I believe the time is right to review these national priorities as we look to further strengthen the strategic approach of our police service.

Policing is an issue that is relevant to us all, wherever we live and whatever our own personal circumstances are. I am keen to hear from people all over Scotland about what is important to you about your police service.

We want you to tell us what your priorities for policing are. You may have direct experience of issues around policing or you may not, in either case we want to know what you think. Your opinion is valuable and will be used to help to shape how police services can match the needs of the people and communities of Scotland. To start this discussion the Scottish Government has prepared a discussion paper with some more information and details of how to respond.

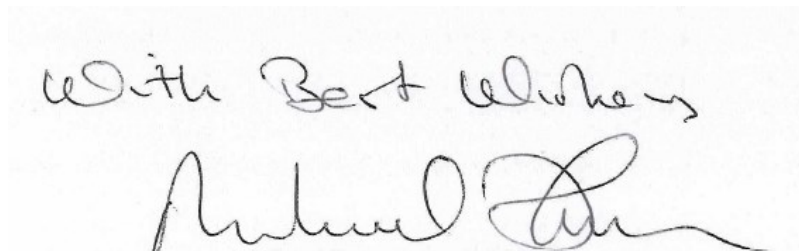
If you would like more information you can email ScotPolicePriorities@gov.scot, call 0131 244 7923, visit the Scottish Government webpage:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Justice/policies/police-fire-rescue/police-scotland/StrategicPolicePriorities>

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Responses submitted as part of this will inform our work to produce revised priorities which will be subject to a formal consultation early in 2016 where you will have further opportunity to feedback, ultimately leading to publication in the Spring. The Strategic Police Priorities are an important foundation of the planning system for our police service and I encourage you to have your say.



With Best Wishes
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