
Local Police Plan 2017 - 20



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North Ayrshire

SECTION 1 - FOREWORD

Local Policing Commander – Chief Superintendent Paul Main

As Local Policing Commander for Ayrshire Division, I am delighted to introduce Police Scotland's Local Police Plan for North Ayrshire, for 2017 to 2020. The Plan will outline how Policing services will be delivered over the next three years in pursuit of locally identified policing priorities and how Police Scotland will work closely with partner agencies through the Community Planning process to improve safety and security in North Ayrshire. Crucially, it will also describe how Police Scotland will contribute to the Community Planning Partnership's 'Fair For All' strategy, and how we will work hard with other stakeholders to reduce inequalities in North Ayrshire.

We have a very strong foundation to build on. Crime and offending behaviour has fallen consistently in recent years and we have enjoyed a very productive working relationship with our Community Planning partners that has allowed us to develop innovative and effective approaches to preventing crime and addressing local issues. I am only too aware that communities and services face great challenges in a period of financial constraint and changing demand, but there are also real opportunities for us to improve service delivery and make a decisive shift towards preventing crime and harm. For example, we are currently working closely with partners, including Community Justice Ayrshire, to develop our understanding of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and the impact they can have on people as they grow up. This type of work will help to inform and enhance our service delivery in future and help us to improve the safety and well-being of people in Ayrshire.

Whilst the Plan cover the period from 2017 to 2020, it will be reviewed regularly to ensure its continued relevance. The first of these reviews will come relatively quickly, in March 2018. This will allow us to take heed of and reflect on the many developments ongoing in the Community Planning sphere and to ensure the Plan continues to align closely with the Community Planning Partnership's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) as we enter a new financial year.

I look forward to working closely with the people of North Ayrshire and with our partner agencies, to ensure that Police Scotland continues to deliver a locally focused service that helps to provide a better life for residents in and visitors to North Ayrshire.

SECTION 2 - INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The Police Service of Scotland, or Police Scotland as it is more commonly known, is responsible for policing across the length and breadth of the country and further detail on the national Policing 2026 strategy and Annual Police Plan can be found on the [Police Scotland website](#). However, Police Scotland retains a very clear commitment to local policing and ensuring that policing in each area is responsive, accountable and tailored to meet local needs.

Local Police Plans (LPPs) are key elements in ensuring that local policing is delivered effectively. This LPP sets out the local policing priorities and objectives for North Ayrshire over the next three years. It explains why these priorities and objectives have been selected and describes how Police Scotland will work towards achieving them. The plan also provides information on how performance will be measured and assessed.

The LPP is produced only after considerable local research, engagement and consultation, which is described in more detail in the plan. In summary, however, the plan relies heavily on the results of local, public consultation and also takes account of information and data from a wide variety of sources. In addition, it is inextricably linked to the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership's "Fair For All" strategy and Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), which defines the Partnership's ambition and priorities for the area.

Community Planning is the process through which a variety of service providers and other stakeholders work together to deliver effective and efficient local services. Police Scotland is absolutely committed to the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and to its vision, "North Ayrshire, A Better Life". Working in partnership has been an essential element of the significant progress made towards making North Ayrshire a safer and more secure place in recent years. This approach is crucial to improving the delivery of policing services in the area and it will continue to underpin and inform policing activity over the next three years and beyond. More information can be found on the [North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership website](#).

This is a three year plan and it will be regularly reviewed and updated as required to reflect changes in circumstances, such as the imminent development of an overarching CPP Community Safety strategy.



SECTION 3 - LOCALITY APPROACH

Police Scotland is committed to providing a high quality policing service that is tailored to meet local needs, has a real focus on prevention and seeks to address inequalities. To that end, Ayrshire division has been a strong supporter of the CPP's decision to move to a locality-based approach for community engagement and service planning and delivery.

The CPP has identified 6 Localities in North Ayrshire and partners in the CPP are working closely together to design and develop this approach.

CPP Localities in North Ayrshire

- Irvine
- Kilwinning
- Three Towns (i.e. Stevenston, Saltcoats and Ardrossan)
- Arran
- North Coast and Cumbraes and West Kilbride
- Garnock Valley



Each of the 6 Localities has a Locality Partnership Group that will formulate a Locality Plan to drive activity in the area. Police Scotland is a key member of these groups, which provides a real opportunity to improve public engagement, enhance partnership working and deliver better outcomes for communities in North Ayrshire. Police Scotland has redesigned our community policing teams in North Ayrshire to better align with the locality model for service delivery. This new model saw the creation of 'Locality Policing Teams', which lie at the heart of multi-agency arrangements for service delivery and which will improve and enhance our local policing response.

SECTION 4 - POLICING PRIORITIES IN NORTH AYRSHIRE

A lot of work is being undertaken by Communities and Community Planning partners at present, to ensure that local need is well understood. This work will inform the development of the CPP's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and it will be important to reflect that work and the outcomes of extensive public engagement in this Local Policing Plan, to ensure policing priorities are relevant to our communities. Until that work is complete, we will continue to focus on the priorities of our previous LPP (2014-2017), which remain very relevant to North Ayrshire.

Priority 1: Drug dealing and misuse

Our objectives are to:

- Tackle drug supply and misuse by detecting drugs supply offences
- Tackle misuse of drugs by detecting possession of drugs offences
- Deprive organised crime groups of resources by seizing assets through the use of relevant legislation (Proceeds of Crime Act 2002)

Priority 2: Violence and antisocial behaviour

Our objectives are to:

- Reduce the number of victims of violent crime
- Tackle domestic abuse by proactively targeting domestic abuse offenders
- Tackle rowdy and drunken behaviour in public places

Priority 3: Dishonesty

Our objectives are to:

- Increase our detection rate for crimes of housebreaking
- Promote home security in conjunction with partner agencies

Priority 4: Road Safety

Our objectives are to:

- Reduce the number of persons killed on our roads
- Reduce the number of persons seriously injured on our roads

SECTION 5 - NATIONAL OUTCOMES

Whilst this plan is a local one and is focused on North Ayrshire, it does align with Police Scotland's 2026 Strategy and Annual Police Plan for 2017-18. That Annual Plan provides detail on wider policing priorities such as 'Serious Organised Crime' (SOC); and 'Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism' and we will take appropriate steps locally to pursue these priorities. At a local level, this means that we will work closely with our partners to prevent the harm caused by SOC. Our activities will be delivered in order to:

- Divert people from becoming involved in SOC and using its products.
- Deter Serious Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) by supporting private, public and third sector organisations to protect themselves and others.
- Detect, identify and prosecute those involved in SOC.
- Disrupt SOCGs.

The threat from terrorism continues to evolve, ranging from International Related Terrorism, with the emergence of the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the continued support for Northern Ireland Related Terrorism (NIRT), to the radicalisation of individuals embracing extreme religious or political views who may aspire to commit acts of terrorism. The threat is very real and requires Scotland's communities to remain vigilant. The UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST) has four strands; PURSUE, PREVENT, PROTECT and PREPARE (4Ps).

Protecting communities by reducing and mitigating the risk and impact of terrorism remains a priority for Police Scotland. Experience has shown that Scotland is not immune from such acts and Police Scotland must be ready to counter terrorism in all its forms. Our objectives support the four key elements of the CONTEST Strategy.

The activity we undertake in pursuit of our Local Police Plan will also contribute to a number of the National Outcomes contained within the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework, "Scotland Performs" (see www.scotland.gov.uk for further details). In particular, local policing activity contributes towards National Outcome 9: "We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger" and supports National Outcome 16: "Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs".

SECTION 6: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

Police Scotland has developed a national performance framework which allows the service to monitor activity and measure progress; accurately deploy resources; and demonstrate how successful we are in meeting our key priorities and objectives as set out in this plan. Police performance in North Ayrshire will be scrutinised by North Ayrshire Council's Police and Fire & Rescue Committee. The Local Policing Commander will provide regular reports to this committee. In addition, Locality Policing supervisors and officers will attend Locality Partnership and other public meetings to provide updates on police performance.

SECTION 7 – LOCAL POLICE OFFICES

Police Offices in North Ayrshire	
Office	Public Counter Opening Times
Irvine Police Office 25 Kilwinning Road, Irvine KA12 8RR	7am to midnight, every day
Kilbirnie Police Office 19 Schoolwynd, Kilbirnie KA25 7AY	9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday Closed, Saturday and Sunday
Saltcoats Police Office Glencairn Street, Saltcoats KA21 5JJ	8am to 6pm, every day
Largs Police Office Court Street, Largs KA30 8BD	9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday Closed, Saturday and Sunday
Millport Police Office Muilburn Street, Isle of Cumbrae KA28 0EU	No public counter service. Office facilities available by appointment
Lamlash Police Office Main Street, Lamlash, Isle of Arran KA27 8NF	No public counter service. Office facilities available by appointment

SECTION 8 - LOCAL CONTACT DETAILS

- To contact Police Scotland in an **emergency**, call **999**
- To contact Police Scotland for **non-emergency** matters, call **101**
- If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call **CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111**
- **Follow us on Twitter:** NorthAyrshirePolice @AyrshireNPolice
- **Follow us on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland
- **Police Scotland Website:** www.police.scotland.uk

North Ayrshire Locality Policing Teams		
Locality	Police Office Base	Email Address
Irvine	Irvine	LocalityPolicingTeamIrvine@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Kilwinning	Irvine	LocalityPolicingTeamKilwinning@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Garnock Valley	Kilbirnie	LocalityPolicingTeamGarnockValley@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Three Towns	Saltcoats	LocalityPolicingTeam3Towns@scotland.pnn.police.uk
North Coast & Cumbraes	Largs / Millport	LocalityPolicingTeamNorthCoast@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Arran	Lamlash	LocalityPolicingTeamArran@scotland.pnn.police.uk