

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

4 There was heard a report by Sergeant Jamie Kerr Police Scotland, advising the partnership that

- (1) Inspector Alexander Marshall will start his role at the end of April 2026;
- (2) all front line Police Officers had now been equipped with body worn video cameras which had seen a positive impact;
- (3) during the period from the 1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026 there had been seen a decrease of the number of incidents reported comparison to last year in relation to local issues, however the number of hate crime incidents had increased;
- (4) there had seen a decrease in shoplifting incidents being reported within the ward and of the positive work that had been carried out by Police Scotland in resulting in multiple arrests being made; and
- (5) the ongoing work with Community Alcohol Partnership to help reduce underage drinking.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested that Police Scotland provide more detail at the next meeting on how the Area Partnership can link in with community groups.