

Meeting	SPA Authority Meeting
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Title of Paper	26th Conference of the Parties (COP26)
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Recommendation to Members	For Discussion
Appendix Attached	No

PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide Board members with an update on policing planning for COP26.

Members are invited to discuss the content of this paper.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In November 2021, the UK Government will host the United Nations 26th Conference of the Parties, otherwise known as COP26, at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) in Glasgow. World leaders, climate experts, business leaders and citizens will come together to discuss and agree actions on how to tackle climate change on a global scale.
- 1.2 The significance and scale of this event should not be underestimated. The Conference will be held over two weeks (from 31st October and 12th November 2021), although the build started in August.
- 1.3 COP26 will be the biggest and most complex event ever staged in Scotland. This will necessitate the largest mass mobilisation of police officers that has taken place in the UK in many years.

2. FURTHER DETAIL ON THE REPORT TOPIC

- 2.1 Elected members, human rights groups and members of the media attended a public order training session at the end of August to demonstrate first-hand how PSOS integrate human rights considerations into training and planning.
- 2.2 Phase 2 (getting ready) of the communications plan has seen a significant increase in content across PSOS social media channels in recent weeks including information to help the public understand what suspicious activity to look out for along with Project Servator and business as usual success stories about disruption of criminal activity. Further work is planned as phase 3 (we are ready) gets closer.
- 2.3 An online PSOS survey was launched seeking the public's views and experiences around attending community events and their safety and how they are policed. The information gathered will be used to inform COP26 events.
- 2.4 PSOS have been working closely with the Civil Aviation Authority in relation to airspace restrictions and supporting the communications required to aid public awareness.
- 2.5 The fourth issue of the Operation Urram newsletter was issued at the end of August with a focus on protest management as well as information on intelligence requirements for the event and forthcoming aviation restrictions.

- 2.6 An engagement toolkit was circulated to divisional commanders to support them in their engagement with local stakeholders and included key messages, FAQs and resources that could be used by divisions in their efforts to inform and capture local concerns around the event.
- 2.7 The COP26 mini site on the Police Scotland website was launched which provides information for members of the public on the planning and policing operation. The site features content on protest activity, information for businesses and residents, FAQs and an accessibility page.
- 2.8 Weekly engagement with the Private Security Contractor (PSC) at an operational and tactical level continues to develop a blended policing and security plan. A workshop took place at the beginning of September 2021 where roles and responsibilities and PSC deployments were discussed ensuring police and security plans align.
- 2.9 An overview and demonstration of Mercury logistics platform was given to Ms Michelle Miller (SPA Board member) at the beginning of September to aid understanding. The Mercury Detailed Mutual Aid development phase is now complete and a lessons learned workshop was held. Areas identified for performance enhancements are currently being addressed by the supplier with testing nearing completion.
- 2.10 Workshops took place recently where the delivery plans for Staging Posts and Catering were tested by other functional areas with the subsequent learning being incorporated into the plans.
- 2.11 Following review, the nationally reported shortfalls in delivery drivers across the UK is not expected to have any direct impact on the delivery times of equipment ordered.
- 2.12 An internal communications toolkit has been provided to forces in England and Wales and Police Service of Northern Ireland which is designed to provide information about the event, Glasgow and Police Scotland's commitment to welfare and wellbeing.

3. ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 In line with the Strategic Objectives of Operation Urram, of embracing a sustainable approach to the planning and delivery of the event and ensuring the health, safety and welfare of all police personnel, divisional collection points and parking hubs have been identified and work with procurement to secure them is at an

advanced stage, helping to minimise personal travel time and distance.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Police Scotland maintain the position that there should be additional cost recovery for the policing of the event to ensure there is no detriment to the Scottish Policing Budget as a direct or indirect result of the conference and that the impact on day to day policing is minimised as far as possible.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Federated Ranks WFA has been reviewed by the Police Federation of England and Wales, the Ministry of Defence Police and Civil Nuclear Constabulary and has been accepted in principle and is awaiting signoff. The Police Federation of Northern Ireland have agreed and signed the Federated Ranks Document.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Written confirmation from Scottish Government regarding their position on underwriting the costs of any 'post event' litigation resulting from the policing operation is still awaited. This matter remains on the Corporate Management Board Risk Register pending such confirmation.

7. REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 As with all major events, there are reputational implications should there be a perception that the delivery of a safe and secure event from a policing perspective has not been fully achieved. Such implications are routinely considered and reviewed through existing governance structures.

8. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no social implications that have been identified within this paper. However, there will be social implications associated with this event. Police Scotland continue to liaise with key strategic partners to minimise such implications.

9. COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 9.1 A National Operation Urram Community Impact Assessment (CIA) has been created and is subject to weekly review taking account of intelligence reports and stakeholder engagement. This assessment

will become more detailed as the date of the conference approaches. Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessments (EqHRIA) are key elements of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy and indeed all tactical plans are subject to this process.

- 9.2 Due to the size and scale of the event, COP26 will impact on communities across Scotland. Every opportunity will be taken to minimise this impact throughout the planning and delivery of the event.

10. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy has been published and takes consideration of all diversity and inclusion matters in the planning and delivery of the police operation.

11. POLITICAL IMPACT

- 11.1 COP26 will be subject to worldwide media coverage with a significant number of world leaders expected to attend. The political impact is assessed on an ongoing basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to discuss the content of this paper.