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Dear Mr Graham

As you may know the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing agreed at its meeting of 12 January to consider Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority's financial planning as part of its future work programme.

When you gave evidence to the Justice Committee on demand-led policing on Tuesday 24 January I asked you about the publication date for the Policing 2026 strategy. In response to my question you confirmed that a consultation on Policing 2026 is to be published by the end of March, and that this will inform the development of a 3 year policing plan.

To inform its future scrutiny work the Sub-Committee would appreciate it if you could provide further information on the proposed consultation process. Specifically on the length of the consultation period, when it will conclude, whether the responses will be published, and whether there will be an analysis of the responses received, and if so, when that analysis is to be published. You indicated that consultation responses will be sought on a 3 year policing plan. Information on how this information is to be used to inform the ten year policing plan would be appreciated.

Financial planning, both in the short and longer-term, is an issue which the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing has an on-going interest, as does the Justice Committee. The provision of regular updates on the progress of the Policing 2026 strategy to the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing would be helpful in assisting our scrutiny.

It would be appreciated if a response could be provided by **Friday 10 February** 2017. This letter has been copied to the Justice Committee for information.



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