## Police welcome public consultation on strategic policing priorities

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Police Scotland has today welcomed the launch of a public consultation on strategic policing priorities.

The Scottish Government said the consultation was the broadest ever initiative to gather views on what the public would like from their police service.

Deputy Chief Constable Neil Richardson said: "We welcome the launch of the public consultation today to establish the strategic priorities for policing. Policing in Scotland has a strong and proud tradition of working closely with the communities we serve to ensure they are as safe as they can be and that offending is targeted in the most effective way possible. Policing has undergone significant change in recent years but our focus will continue to be on those priority issues the public tell us are of greatest concern."

Responses can be submitted until Friday 12th February 2016and the results of this first stage will be used to draft revised Strategic Police Priorities which will then be the subject of a formal consultation. Further information, including a discussion paper and introductory letter can be found on the Scottish Government website: http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Justice/policies/police-fire-rescue /police-scotland/StrategicPolicePriorities

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- emailing: <u>ScotPolicePriorities@gov.scot</u>
- via the Scottish Government Digital 'Dialogue' feedback

platform <u>https://ideas.scotland.gov.uk/</u>

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