

# **Chief Constable welcomes continued support outlined in Scottish budget**

**Chief Constable Jo Farrell has responded to the Scottish Budget proposals outlined in the Scottish Parliament yesterday, Wednesday, 4 December, 2024.**

Chief Constable Farrell said: "I welcome the continued support for our second phase of police reform to deliver safer communities, less crime, supported victims and a thriving workforce.

"It remains vital additional £25.3m National Insurance costs are fully funded.

"The budget proposal enables policing to maintain a maximum officer establishment of 16,600 as we develop a sustainable and effective operating model and modernised workforce which prioritises our frontline and delivers for the people of Scotland.

"We will progress key improvements including the roll-out of body worn video and enhanced capabilities to keep people safe in the digital space.

"I welcome the improved capital allowance which will support us to progress our 10-year estate plan, and we will continue to discuss necessary borrowing permissions and multi-year funding with government."