

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Response from Deputy Chief Constable Neil Richardson to the Justice Sub-Committee in relation to ICT projects

Thank you for your letter of 21 November 2013 regarding submissions to the Sub-Committee.

Police Scotland will of course commit to keeping the Committee appropriately informed of the three programmes of work that you refer to, and we welcome the opportunity of updating members on their status.

Specifically in relation to the i6 Programme, detailed delivery planning is being finalised and is very much informed by the current phase which is detailed solution design. This phase is crucial in ensuring the proposed solution fully meets our business requirements and from which the remaining elements of the wider delivery plan, such as build, test, training etc can be approved. Already factored into that planning is the deployment of the full OGC Gateway Review process namely Gateway 0 (Strategic Assessment); OGC Gateway 4 (Readiness for Service) and OGC Gateway 5 (Operations Review and Benefits Realisation). The first of these will occur around July this year upon completion of the detailed design phase.

I am pleased to reaffirm that, from the outset, the i6 Programme has fully embraced the OGC Gateway process and regularly liaises with the Scottish Government Centre of Excellence and indeed other key stakeholders and strategic partners. This has extended beyond the normal scheduling of Gateway reviews and has included interim Gateway Healthchecks and bespoke Gateway Reviews dedicated to areas such as technical assurance and more recently governance arrangements. This latter review has helped Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority to develop robust and meaningful governance arrangements for i6 and indeed wider elements of ICT enabled business change. The programme runs an ongoing dedicated Gateway action log.

I am also pleased to advise that the i6 Programme adopts an inclusive approach in the pursuit of corporate learning. Strategic partnerships continue to be formed with a number of agencies and bodies across the UK creating a learning network to tap into with a focus largely on constructive lessons learned to help identify and mitigate risk based on the objective experiences of key partners. Furthermore regular engagement has been established with both Audit Scotland and HMICS.

On completion of the Gateway Reviews I would be happy to provide updates on progress to the Committee or of course at any other time deemed appropriate to members.

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