

**NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD**

**13 MAY 2009**

Agenda Item	
Report No	

**COSLA COMMUNITY SAFETY EXECUTIVE GROUP**

**Report by the Clerk**

**Summary**

This Report invites the Board to approve the attendance of the Convener, or of the Vice Convener as his substitute, at meetings of CoSLA's Community Safety Executive Group.

**Background**

1. At its meeting held on 14 November, the Board approved a recommendation by the Finance and Policy Working Group to support the Scottish Police Authorities Conveners Forum decision not to attend the first meeting of the new Community Safety Executive Group established by CoSLA as a forum to take forward greater integration of the Police and Fire Services into its structures. The Board wrote to CoSLA expressing its concern as to the lack of consultation with Boards on this development.
2. Since that time the Community Safety Executive Group has met on a number of occasions. Some individual Police Conveners have attended, at the request of their home Council or Constituent Authorities. This Board's Convener, Mr Norman Macleod, has been asked by Conveners and Chief Executives of the Constituent Authorities to attend the meetings of this Group, which may have a role in influencing the development of national policies, in order to ensure the representation of the interests of the Highlands and Islands.

**Recommendation**

The Board is asked to approve the attendance of the Convener, or of the Vice Convener as his substitute, at meetings of CoSLA's Community Safety Executive Group.

Signature

Designation Clerk

Date 1 May 2009

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