



## Management Committee drive...

**The Management Committee of a Housing Association is the governing body charged with the strategic implementation of the Associations policies, accountability and financial management of the organisation.**

To be a member of the Committee you must first be a member of the Association which involves completing the General Membership Application Form and submitting it with £1 for your life share membership certificate. Once you are a member you are entitled to attend the AGM and vote on any issue requiring to be approved at that meeting. You will receive AGM papers in August each year and the meeting is held in September.

The role of a committee member is an important one and the MAIN CRITERIA IS TO HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY.

Any new members to the Committee after an AGM are welcomed by the other members and assistance given to ensure that you get the most out of being on the committee.

- The role is varied and interesting and our Director or Chairperson will be very happy to have any initial discussion with you if you are thinking about it. Call the office and pop in for a chat.

Being a committee member is being an important team member. Decisions are made after full and frank discussion and training is carried out on a team basis. No one is ever "put on the spot" and your commitment to the organisation can be as little as 1 meeting every second month up to a maximum of 1 to 2 meetings every month (one of which will be external if you so choose)

## Changes in funding to Sheltered Housing

The Association were advised from Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership of the changes to Housing Support Services for Older People of changes to the funding of wardens at the sheltered housing and that at the end of December there would be no more funding available for the warden service.

This approach is city wide with all sheltered housing services affected. Whilst the Association have taken steps to absorb the cuts from the beginning of April the December funding withdrawal is significantly more challenging and will require a radical review of services provision.

The Association is still working closely with our current service provider and looking at what is best for you as our tenants and will keep those who are affected in our sheltered housing updated as to what is happening



# Recycling Blue Bins

In recent times we have had problems with what people have been placing within the blue bins and we would remind you only to put the undernoted items in the bins

**You can recycle the following items within your blue bin:**

- Mixed papers - newspapers, magazines, journals, junk mail, brochures, catalogues, directories, yellow pages, envelopes
- Cardboard - cardboard boxes, card packaging
- Plastic bottles - milk bottles, drinks bottles, sauce bottles, shampoo bottles, cleaning product bottles
- Food and drink cans - steel cans, aluminum cans, food tins, empty aerosol cans

Placing items, other than those noted above, into the blue bin will adversely affect the quality of the material that we send to our re-processing partners which can result in material not being recycled. The quality of items collected is as important as the quantity of items collected.

**Please do not place the following items into your blue bin:**

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| • General waste/food waste | • Plastic bags          |
| • Glass bottles            | • Margarine/butter tubs |
| • Yoghurt pots             | • Cartons               |
| • Tetra paks               | • Foil                  |



## Bulk Uplift

Glasgow City Council operate the bulk uplift and they have recently advised us that as an Association we will not be able to phone or email in bulk from our properties. As a tenant, owner or private landlord's tenant you will be able to do this by calling on 0141 287 9700 or by filling in the bulk uplift form online at Glasgow City Council

Bulky items such as beds, sofas, tables, chairs and bikes that are in good condition, could be re-used. If they haven't been left outside and sofas and armchairs still have the necessary fire labels please donate online on the Glasgow City Council Website.

These will be collected free by local organisations who will ensure the item stays in use rather than going to waste.

If your items can't be re-used then these items can be taken to the recycling centre at Polmadie



## BREAK-INS

There have been several reports recently of attempted break-ins within the Cathcart & Mount Florida area. These attempts are happening in the morning and during the day. From reports received from residents of the area and conversations with the local police it seems that the properties being targeted are those with close doors being left open.

We would remind you that the door entry and back doors are there to keep you safe at all times and would ask that you ensure that they are kept in the locked position even if you are just popping to the shops etc.

# House visits



When you are allocated a property with Cathcart & District Housing Association as per the tenancy agreement we will ensure that it is wind and watertight, tenanted and in all other respects reasonably fit for human habitation, if repairs or other works are required to bring it up to standard we will do so before the tenancy begins. Any other repairs may be carried out once the tenancy begins.

As a tenant you also have responsibility for ensuring that your property is kept in reasonable repair and that you must take reasonable

care to prevent damage to your flat. Alongside your tenancy agreement your tenant's handbook gives clear guidelines as to what you are responsible for as tenant and what we are responsible for as landlord.

In recent times we have inspected some properties that have not been maintained in line with the tenancy agreement. Housing Officers and our maintenance staff will endeavour to ensure every house is inspected at least once a year. Over the course of the next year your housing officer will be advising you of appointments to carry out

an inspection of your property to ensure that you are maintaining your part of the tenancy agreement.

If during these inspections they find problems with how the property is being managed they will advise you of what requires to be done to bring your property up to standard and then arrange to call back to see if you have carried this out

We do realise that the majority of residents keep their property in good condition but unfortunately the minority who do not conduct their tenancies in a correct manner make this process necessary.





# Police Scotland Public Consultation – 2026 – Serving a Changing Scotland – Help local opinion influence the future of Policing

## INTRODUCTION

'Policing 2026' is a collaborative and strategic programme led jointly by the Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland over the next 10 years.

2026 – Serving a changing Scotland

*"Policing in Greater Glasgow has a long and successful record of adapting to the changing demands and needs of local people and communities. Through this consultation we are asking for everyone to provide their views on the approach outlined in the draft strategy. I would urge as many people as possible in Greater Glasgow to grasp the opportunity to influence the future of policing."*

**Chief Superintendent Brian McNulty**  
**Greater Glasgow Divisional Commander**

## WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Scottish policing has undergone major change and despite the challenges we face our communities have seen consistent and excellent local and specialist operational policing.

However, Scotland's communities are growing and continuing to diversify. Demands on policing are increasingly focused towards addressing vulnerability and the consequences of inequalities.

Policing must evolve and we must continue to design our services around citizen and community needs. We need to focus on ensuring that we have the skills, tools,

and capacity to address future needs, rather than the focusing on the size or structure of our organisation.

## HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

Developing our approach in five key areas of activity will drive the transformation:

- Prevention – tackling crime, inequality and critical problems facing communities
- Protection – based on threat, risk and harm
- Communities – focused on localism, diversity and the virtual world
- Knowledge – informing the development of better services
- Innovation – becoming a dynamic, adaptable and sustainable service.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

The strategy is now published in draft form to allow the public and stakeholder to offer their views and feedback over a 10 week period before a final strategy is approved and published before the summer.

Thank you for taking time to read this brief insight into 'Policing 2026' further details can be found on our webpage [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk) the full draft strategy and online consultation portal can be accessed at <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/>

On Wednesday 10th May 2017 between the hours of 10.00 to 11.00 am police officers will be at our offices at 3-5 Rhannan Road to answer any questions regarding these changes. Please feel free to pop in and ask them about Policing 2026.

# December Newsletter

The winner of the hamper in our December newsletter was Miss Clare Boyle who can be seen receiving this from our Director Christine Leitch and Davie Masterson from Power-lite who provided the hamper. The winner of the children's competition was Kieran McCallum.







# PSYV East Renfrewshire are recruiting Adult Volunteers

for more information visit: [www.scotland.police.uk/psyv](http://www.scotland.police.uk/psyv)

## Aims of the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers:

- The promotion of a practical understanding of policing amongst all young people.
- Encouraging a spirit of adventure and good citizenship amongst young people.
- Supporting local policing priorities through volunteering and giving young people a chance to be heard.
- Inspiring young people to participate positively in their communities.



**Police Scotland**  
**Youth Volunteers**

*Volunteering for our communities*

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