

## **TAYSIDE POLICE - TRANSFORMING TAYSIDE PROJECT**

Tayside Police is one of many public sector organisations throughout Scotland facing significant budget constraints over the next few years. A small project team 'Transforming Tayside' has been formed to establish the best way that the Force can balance financial demands with the needs of our communities and remodel Tayside Police to become a leaner and more streamlined organisation.

The Force will work as hard as possible to ensure that front line policing is maintained in a way that is expected by local communities and that we continue to work closely with partner agencies in an effort to coordinate our approach. It is, however, important to highlight that a great deal of important work is carried out by the police service that is not as obvious to the public but is essential in supporting safer communities throughout the Tayside Area.

It would be wrong to report that this will be an easy time for Tayside Police but there is a genuine and focused commitment to provide the professional service our communities have grown to expect. The reality is that there will be changes and as a service we will need to trim back on non essential roles which have evolved into a police function over decades of policing. Ultimately if you need a police officer for policing reasons there will be one there for you, however, we will have to concentrate and refocus on exactly what a police service needs to provide.

In support of the work being carried out by the Transforming Tayside Team, Tayside Police welcomes suggestions or comments from the public that could help to shape the future of our force. We welcome any contributions which can be submitted via the Tayside Police website under the section 'About Us'

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