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Policy Statement

The primary objective of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (the Constabulary) is the safeguarding of nuclear sites and nuclear materials.

Constabulary Operational Policing Units are situated within a number of host Home Office Constabulary or Scottish Government Police Forces, who will take primary responsibility for dealing with public disorder and public protest incidents. At this time reference will be made to the coordinated Policing protocol between the Constabulary and Home Office police forces and the Scottish police service and to the local memorandum of understanding.

There may be instances at and around nuclear sites, or in special operations, where the Constabulary will initiate the police response, and will continue to support the host Police Force's strategy until the incident is resolved. In so doing the Constabulary will:

- Recognise the right to freedom of expression, lawful protest and lawful assembly, but at the same time take measures to prevent crime and disorder.
- Where practicable, engage with community representatives and protest groups with a view to minimising public disorder and community disruption whilst allowing lawful protest.
- Gather evidence capable of supporting criminal prosecutions or civil remedies, and deal with disorder and breaches of criminal law in an effective manner.
- Work in partnership with local Police Forces, the host site, and local communities to develop strategies, contingencies, Memoranda of Understanding and common working practices to ensure a co-ordinated and effective approach in dealing with such incidents.

Aims of the Policy

To provide a robust but flexible approach to dealing with public protest and disorder, ensuring co-ordinated strategies and tactics in co-operation with the host Police Force, host site and local communities, allowing lawful assembly and protest but dealing effectively with any related unlawful activity

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents.

CNC/PP/0056 Industrial disputes

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