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Policy Statement

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) is a specialist Police Force whose primary function is the protection of civil nuclear sites and nuclear materials. This is achieved through the ability to deploy Authorised Firearms Officers.

In recognition of the fact that the CNC is a predominantly armed Police Force with limited capability and capacity to comprehensively deal with public disorder / protests / demonstrations, the CNC has agreed a Co-ordinated Policing Protocol with all Home Office / Scottish Police Forces (HO/SPFs) in which it is stated:-

The policing of anti-nuclear and environmental demonstrations and other occurrences requiring a police response in the vicinity of and relating to a civil nuclear site will primarily be the responsibility of the local Chief Constable / Commissioner. Where the Civil Nuclear Constabulary polices such a site, consultation will take place between the local Chief Constable and the Chief Constable of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.

This is restated in Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) which supplement the Coordinated Policing Protocol at a local level between the CNC and specific HO/SPFs in whose area sites protected by the CNC are located.

There may be spontaneous incidents of public disorder / demonstrations / protests which occur at and around civil nuclear sites that may require the CNC to provide an initial response pending the arrival of the HO/SPF. In such circumstances the CNC response will, as far as reasonably practicable, be:-

- carried out in a manner which is proportionate, lawful, accountable and necessary – the principles enabling the exercising of human rights, freedom of speech and peaceful protest;
- supported by appropriate procedures and guidance;
- managed / supervised through an effective Command and Control structure.

Aims of the Policy

To ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that the CNC has processes and procedures in place to provide an effective response to incidents of public disorder / demonstrations / protests which occur at and around civil nuclear sites.

To ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that any CNC response to such incidents is proportionate, lawful, accountable and necessary.

Human Rights and Equality

The CNC recognises the individual's human rights in respect of freedom of speech and peaceful protest within the framework of the law.

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This policy is enacted by the following Management System documents:-

CNC/PP/0056 Industrial Disputes.

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