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Relevant extracts from emails – personal information and exempt material redacted

(Where an email is part of a chain the whole chain is included as one entry.)

From: Nisbet H (Helen) <Helen.Nisbet@gov.scot>
Sent: 07 February 2022 11:26
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot>
Subject: SOC STRATEGY

SOC STRATEGY

[Redacted]

Can you remind me of the timetable for publication for the strategy?

Helen Nisbet

**Deputy Director and Head of Defence, Security and Cyber Resilience
Safer Communities Directorate
Scottish Government**

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 08 February 2022 10:19
To: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
Subject: RE: 715274_SCT0122157548-001_Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh_P1(2) (1).pdf

Thanks [Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
Sent: 07 February 2022 12:43
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: 715274_SCT0122157548-001_Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh_P1(2) (1).pdf

Thanks [Redacted], I'll aim to have a revised proof to you tomorrow – are you still publishing this Thursday? We'll update the logo, I think the artworker kept the original low res version from the visuals – I'll let you know whether he has any issues. Also, the designer has told me he didn't use Keith Brown signature, just put in a placeholder for the visual – we'll have a look to see if we hold it but if not I may ask you to get me an electronic version.

Thanks
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @apsgroup.com
Sent: Wed 09/02/2022 16:17
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: 715274_SCT0122157548-001_Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh_P2.pdf

Hi [Redacted]

Please find attached, revised proof for your approval.

Thanks

[Redacted]



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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: Tue 08/02/2022 15:30

To: [Redacted] @apsgroup.com

Subject: RE: 715274_SCT0122157548-001_Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh_P1(2) (1).pdf

Many thanks [Redacted]. There is just one change to make, shown as a comment on the attached pdf.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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48-001_Serious Orgar

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: 08 February 2022 16:07

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: RE: Publication of SOC Strategy Refresh

11 great for me [Redacted] – cheers

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: 08 February 2022 16:02

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: RE: Publication of SOC Strategy Refresh

Team meeting is 10.30-11. Would either before or after that work for you?

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: 08 February 2022 15:38

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: RE: Publication of SOC Strategy Refresh

Hi [Redacted],

Yes no problem – would tomorrow morning be ok to have a chat? Maybe 10:45ish?

Cheers

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 08 February 2022 15:35
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: Publication of SOC Strategy Refresh

[Redacted]

When you have a minute, please could we have a quick chat (or email is fine) about the arrangements to publish the refreshed Serious Organised Crime Strategy. We're envisaging a soft launch with an electronic publication, news release from the Cab Sec, perhaps associated news releases from other members of the Taskforce and associated social media. (While the aims and objectives have remained broadly the same, the refreshed strategy is focussed on strengthening the links between intelligence and tasking, making better use of data and supporting efforts to improve collaboration across all sectors to combat the constantly evolving challenge that serious organised crime poses.)

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
Sent: Thu 10/02/2022 11:00
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: 715274_SCT0122157548-001_Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh_P3.pdf

Hi [Redacted],

Please see below, web reg link for your document – could you register this and let me know the date/time of publication so that I can advise my digital media team?

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From: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com

Sent: Wed 09/02/2022 16:46

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: 715274_SCT0122157548-001_Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh_P3.pdf

Hi [Redacted],

That's no problem, I'll send you through a web reg link so you can register the publication to w/c 21 Feb and we'll prepare files in the meantime for that week.

Thanks
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 09 February 2022 16:25
To: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
Subject: RE: 715274_SCT0122157548-001_Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh_P3.pdf

Many thanks [Redacted] – I am content. However Comms have just advised us that we should put publication back to w/c 21 February. I hope that won't make too much a mess of your work schedules?

Regards

[Redacted]
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[Redacted]
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From[Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
Sent: 09 February 2022 16:17
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: 715274_SCT0122157548-001_Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh_P3.pdf

Hi [Redacted],

Please find attached, final proof for approval – let me know if you're happy to sign off and we'll prepare files for publication?

Thanks
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: Thu 10/02/2022 09:44
To: [Redacted] @scotland.police.uk; [Redacted] @gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted] @scotland.police.uk [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh [OFFICIAL]

Hi [Redacted]

Apologies – had a meeting with officials about this yesterday and the publication date has changed to w/b 21 Feb likely to be 23 Feb specifically.

I will get in touch closer to the time r.e our plan/possible lines to take etc.

Cheers

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @scotland.police.uk

Sent: 10 February 2022 09:37

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted] @scotland.police.uk

Subject: RE: Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh [OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

All

My understanding is the strategy is being published today. I'd asked previously about any plans for publicising. I'm being asked again if there is likely be any requests for quotes/interviews.

Any advice welcomed.

Cheers

[Redacted]

Police Scotland

[Redacted]

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www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: Fri 11/02/2022 11:13

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

RE: Serious organised crime strategy

Publication will be w/c 21 February because of recess – apparently we can't publish this week because they need Cab Sec to be available for a few days after in case of press queries. Likely to be 23rd, but not confirmed yet by Comms.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: 11 February 2022 11:00

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: RE: Serious organised crime strategy

Hello,

Very good timing – we are just waiting for the final document back from APS.

[Redacted] – do we have a date set for publication yet next week?

Thanks,

[Redacted] | **Organised Crime Unit** | 1WR St Andrews House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG | [Redacted]



From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 11 February 2022 10:56
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: Serious organised crime strategy

Morning [Redacted]

I am updating our statutory guidance and we have a mention of the Serious organised crime strategy which was released 2015, are you planning to update this in the next year?

Thanks

[Redacted]

Scottish Government | Better Homes Division | Tenants' and Landlords' Rights and Responsibilities Team
4 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow | [Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: Thu 17/02/2022 11:40
To: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
RE: SCT01221575481 acronyms

Subject: Thanks [Redacted] – these acronyms are all correct. What does good alt tag text look like, and does it have to explain the whole thing? I'm presuming that it wouldn't be enough to say "Flowchart showing relationship between SOC Taskforce, planned steering group, the SMASTA threat assessment, short life working groups and action across the four strands to tackle individual threats."

I'm meeting Comms later today so should be able to complete the electronic form with date etc then.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
Sent: 16 February 2022 12:32
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: SCT01221575481 acronyms.csv

Hi [Redacted],

Could you check and approve the attached acronym meanings from your document?

In addition, grateful if you could supply alt tag text for the graphic on p16 of your document please?

Once we have both of these, we can finalise the HTML files for publication, and have them ready for your publication date.

Thanks



SCT01221575481
acronyms.csv

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: Thu 17/02/2022 11:30

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: Strategy publication

I've got a catch up with [Redacted] later today to pin the date down.

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: 17 February 2022 08:56

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: Strategy publication

Morning [Redacted]

Do we have a confirmed date for the publication? If so, could you stick it in at the first bullet point on the attached, please?

[Redacted]

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I am working from home. Please contact by email or on [Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: Thu 17/02/2022 11:36

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: FW: 715274_SCT0122157548-001_Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh_P3.pdf



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This is the final version I signed off.

From: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
Sent: 09 February 2022 16:17
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: 715274_SCT0122157548-001_Serious Organised Crime Strategy Refresh_P3.pdf

Hi [Redacted]

Please find attached, final proof for approval – let me know if you're happy to sign off and we'll prepare files for publication?

Thanks
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 17 February 2022 10:54
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: SOC STRATEGY

Hello,

[Redacted] can correct me if that's not the latest version but I don't think we have a final final version yet.

Thanks,

[Redacted] | **Organised Crime Unit** | 📧 1WR St Andrews House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG | 📞 [Redacted]



From: [Redacted] @gov.scot >
Sent: 17 February 2022 10:16
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: SOC STRATEGY

Morning [Redacted]

Not sure if [Redacted] is around , so are you able to send me a link to the revised SOC strategy.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: Thu 17/02/2022 14:54
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: [RE: SOC Strategy publication](#)
[Redacted]

When would suit you to chat?

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 17 February 2022 11:00
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: SOC Strategy publication

Hi [Redacted],

Thanks for coming back, apologies for the late return.

Would you be able to have a chat about this later on today at some point? Just want to run a few things by you.

Also, do you have any material for the news release, such as submissions etc that can help me to write up the NR. Equally, if you already have a form of words I could look at that would also be handy.

Many thanks
[Redacted]

Communications Justice and Constitution / External Affairs and Culture
Scottish Government, St Andrew's House
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: Fri 18/02/2022 09:16
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: Hot Issues - week beginning Monday 21st February

OK. I'll wait until you've heard.

[Redacted]

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I am working from home. Please contact by email or on [Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 18 February 2022 08:53
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: Hot Issues - week beginning Monday 21st February

Yes. Aiming for 11am Wednesday 23, but still need confirmation from Comms. Speaking to [Redacted] at 11.

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 18 February 2022 08:30

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: FW: Hot Issues - week beginning Monday 21st February

Publication of SOC Strategy?

[Redacted]

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Directorate

I am working from home. Please contact by email or on [redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 17 February 2022 12:57
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: Hot Issues - week beginning Monday 21st February

Folks

There will be a hot issues meeting with Don and the DDs on Monday at 11am. [Redacted] is standing in for Helen.

Grateful if you could send me any hot issues or work priorities for the week ahead that can be fed into the meeting by 10am on Monday morning.

Thanks

[Redacted]

I Defence, Security & Cyber Resilience Division | Scottish Government | Room
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Tel

My working pattern is Monday - Thursday

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: Fri 18/02/2022 13:03
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

[Redacted] News release now will be drafted around success of law enforcement eg on Op Venetic, highlighting the need to continue work esp on divert / deter, a bit about the impact of SOC on communities, a link back to the Justice vision and a small bit about here's our refreshed strategy putting assessment of threat at the heart of Taskforce work going forward.

We will publish at 11am on Wednesday 23rd.

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: Mon 21/02/2022 12:02
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: SOC Strategy publication

There's probably too much here, and it may be too generic, but hopefully this will be a starting point. Let me know if it is not what you were looking for and I'll see



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- bullets for Comms.d

what I can do.

Regards

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: Fri 18/02/2022 14:08
To: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
In that case, how about:

“Flowchart of links between SOC Taskforce, steering group, threat assessment, working groups, strands and action to tackle individual threats.”

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
Sent: 18 February 2022 15:14
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: SOC Taskforce publication

Got it, thanks [Redacted]. Re alt tag descriptions, I don't have an example but it would just be a descriptor of the graphic so that people with screenreaders are able to find out what it's about – if you already mention it in the narrative then you can keep it minimal.

Thanks
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 18 February 2022 14:08
To: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com
Subject: SOC Taskforce publication

I'm not sure if you can pick up from the electronic registration, but we now publication confirmed for 1100 on Wednesday 23 February

[Redacted] **The Scottish Government**
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[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: Mon 21/02/2022 16:58
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot >
Cc: Communications Justice <CommunicationsJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: SPAD VIEW PLS - SOC Taskforce Strategy Refresh - News release/Social Media
Thanks [Redacted],

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 21 February 2022 16:57
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Cc: Communications Justice <CommunicationsJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: SPAD VIEW PLS - SOC Taskforce Strategy Refresh - News release/Social Media

Ok thanks

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 21 February 2022 16:07
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Cc: Communications Justice <CommunicationsJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: SPAD VIEW PLS - SOC Taskforce Strategy Refresh - News release/Social Media

Hi [Redacted], SpAds,

Grateful for a SpAd view on the below draft news release and accompanying social media to highlight the publication of the refreshed Serious Organised Crime Taskforce Strategy on Wednesday.

Serious Organised Crime Taskforce Strategy updated Justice Secretary Keith Brown welcomes partnership approach

A strategy to combat serious organised crime has been strengthened to further squeeze criminals following a number of notable successes.

The Serious Organised Crime Taskforce (SOCT) has refreshed the SOC Strategy to ensure it remains relevant and effective.

The revised Strategy will see better collaboration across all sectors to combat the constantly evolving challenge that serious organised crime poses.

Organised crime is a serious threat to us all and we pay for it every day, either directly as victims or indirectly by paying for the services such as the police, prosecution and health services that are required to respond to it.

Police Scotland actively work with agencies in Scotland, the UK and internationally to tackle organised crime and to dismantle the groups responsible. This activity has delivered significant successes in recent times, particularly through the UK-wide Operation Venetic, and Scottish Operation Barricade which has seen the removal of firearms and significant quantities of illegal drugs from our streets alongside a number of arrests.

Cabinet Secretary for Justice Keith Brown said:

“I want to see a Scotland where we all work together to reduce the harm caused by organised crime. Harm reduction will benefit our communities, businesses and every one of us.

“Serious Organised Crime Taskforce members continue to work with other organisations at home and abroad to tackle these threats. Our multi-partnership approach has delivered notable successes, but there is more to be done.

“This updated strategy puts the emphasis firmly on identifying the key threats and putting our response to those threats at the heart of our efforts. We will have the greatest chance of success if everyone in Scotland plays their part in keeping our communities safe and continuing to make the country a hostile environment for those who co-ordinate and commit serious offences or seek to exploit others for their own gain.”

[Link to strategy](#)

Draft Social Media

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and [@SOCTaskforce](#) chair Keith Brown has launched the updated Serious Organised Crime Strategy.

The new Strategy focusses on identifying key threats and putting our response to those threats at the heart of our efforts.

Read more: [link to strategy](#)



Many thanks

[Redacted]

Communications Justice and Constitution / External Affairs and Culture

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: Tue 22/02/2022 12:31

To: > [Redacted] @gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: Strategy publication

Will do. Where can I find the final version of the press release?

[Redacted]

Organised Crime Unit | Scottish Government | 1WR St Andrews House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG



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I am working from home. If you need to speak to me urgently please contact me on the mobile.

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: 22 February 2022 12:00

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: Strategy publication

[Redacted]

Now that Cab Sec has cleared the news release could you possibly circulate that and the final version of the strategy to the Comms sub group telling them that it will publish tomorrow at 11am? Both are embargoed until 1100 obviously.

Thanks

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: Wed 23/02/2022 08:44

To: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com

Subject: FW: SOC Taskforce publication

Importance: High

Many thanks for such a speedy reply!

Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com

Sent: 23 February 2022 08:42

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: RE: SOC Taskforce publication

Morning [Redacted],

The link for your publication is <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781802019445> and there is nothing further required. It is ready to go live at 11am.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

APS Group
21 Tennant Street
Leith
Edinburgh
EH6 5NA

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: 23 February 2022 08:37

To: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com

Subject: FW: SOC Taskforce publication

Importance: High

[Redacted]

Are you able to answer my questions re today's publication? (IN the attached email)

Regards

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: Wed 23/02/2022 08:35

To: [Redacted] @theapsgroup.com

Subject: FW: SOC Taskforce publication

Importance: High

Good morning [Redacted]

Is there anything more you need from me ahead of publication this morning? Are you also able to let me know the hyperlink so that we can include it in the news release?

Thanks

[Redacted]

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From[Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: Wed 23/02/2022 08:45

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Justice <CommunicationsJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE - SOC Taskforce Strategy Refresh - News release/Social Media

Thanks [Redacted]. Here is the electronic link.

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[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: 22 February 2022 11:18

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Justice <CommunicationsJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE - SOC Taskforce Strategy Refresh - News release/Social Media

Hi [Redacted],

Many thanks – I will issue the news release and social media tomorrow morning.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Sent: 22 February 2022 11:04

To: [Redacted] @gov.scot Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Justice <CommunicationsJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: RE: CAB SEC CLEARANCE - SOC Taskforce Strategy Refresh - News release/Social Media

Hi [Redacted]

Mr Brown is content to clear.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] – Office of Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Veterans – Keith Brown
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Email: cabsecjv@gov.scot

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot

Sent: 22 February 2022 10:15

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Justice <CommunicationsJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot

Subject: CAB SEC CLEARANCE - SOC Taskforce Strategy Refresh - News release/Social Media

Good morning PO, Cab Sec,

I'd be grateful for Mr Brown's view on the below news release to highlight the refresh of the Serious Organised Crime Taskforce Strategy. We plan to publish this tomorrow morning alongside the Strategy publication.

I'd also be grateful for Mr Brown's clearance to issue the accompanying social media below the NR as well.

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[Link to strategy](#)

Draft Social Media

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Read more: [link to NR](#)



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Communications Justice and Constitution / External Affairs and Culture

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 23 February 2022 08:50

To: [Redacted] @homeoffice.gov.uk>; [Redacted] @justice-ni.gov.uk; [Redacted] @gov.wales;

Subject: Scottish Government Serious Organised Crime Strategy publication



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Good morning

I wanted to let you all know that our refreshed strategy will (finally!) publish at 1100 this morning at <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781802019445>. I've attached an embargoed copy for you – there are no surprises in the content which is as I have previously described to you.

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From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 23 February 2022 08:52
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot>
Subject: SOC Strategy

Here is an electronic link <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781802019445> – it will go live at 1100. The PDF of the final document is also attached.

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Sent: 23 February 2022 08:59
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: SOC Publication

For info – I've shared a link and an embargoed copy of this with the other admins this morning. [Redacted] has also previously circulated the newsrelease and the text to the Comms subgroup.

Off to the dentist now for my filling – deep joy. Back asap

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Sent: 23 February 2022 10:09
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: Publication of refreshed SOC Strategy OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Thanks [Redacted],

Can add them in at top of fourth par, no worries.

Cheers
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Sent: 23 February 2022 10:07
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Subject: FW: Publication of refreshed SOC Strategy OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

[Redacted]
To see email 'request' from the NCA below.

Regards

[Redacted]
Organised Crime Unit | Scottish Government | 1WR St Andrews House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

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Riaghaltas na h-Alba

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From: [Redacted] @nca.gov.uk
Sent: 23 February 2022 10:04
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot **Subject:** RE: Publication of refreshed SOC Strategy OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Classification: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

[Redacted] - any chance of a name check in the release below, either at the top of 4th par "Police Scotland and the NCA" or in the bit around Op V "NCA-led Operation Venetic"◆?

Kind regards
[Redacted]
Communications Manager
National Crime Agency
[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 22 Feb 2022 16:16
To: [Redacted] @snapdragon-ip.com; @soca.local; @northlan.gov.uk; @copfs.gov.uk; @scotland.pnn.police.uk; @gov.scot; @nhs.scot;@sepa.org.uk; @sbrcentre.co.uk; @eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk; @scotland-excel.org.uk; @actionforchildren.org.uk; @hmrc.gov.uk
Subject: Publication of refreshed SOC Strategy

Folks

I attach for your information a copy of the final SOC Strategy which will be published tomorrow at 11:00. The accompanying press release is set out below. The SG Justice Comms desk will tweet about the publication

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Please note this is under embargo until 11 tomorrow. I should be grateful if you would retweet, with a comment if possible, the tweet that will also be issued by the SG Justice Comms Desk.

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Read more: *link to NR*



Regards.

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 23 February 2022 13:11
To: [Redacted] @justice-ni.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Scottish Government Serious Organised Crime Strategy publication

Thanks – that was quick!

From: [Redacted] @justice-ni.gov.uk
Sent: 23 February 2022 13:07
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted] @justice-ni.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Scottish Government Serious Organised Crime Strategy publication

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for sharing - see it is getting some news already

[Ministers revise serious and organised crime strategy | Law Society of Scotland \(lawscot.org.uk\)](https://www.lawscot.org.uk)

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 23 February 2022 13:28

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: SOC Strategy

[Ministers revise serious and organised crime strategy | Law Society of Scotland \(lawscot.org.uk\)](#)

[Serious Organised Crime Taskforce strategy updated | Scottish Legal News Police Professional | Response to growing threat from organised crime strengthened](#)

Our own SG link is not showing up on Google, though it is on Twitter. Been retweeted by NCA, Law Society, UK County Lines and a couple of others. [Redacted] - are we able to pick up twitter activity across Taskforce members or does it have to be done through manual searches?

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Sent: 23 February 2022 16:14

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: SOC Strategy

Just a heads up that [Redacted] has been asking questions of Comms – in particular was the previous strategy the 2015 one – so presumably looking to write about this.

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