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Dear Colleague

The Smith Commission - Consultation

Lord Smith of Kelvin has written to individuals and organisations around Scotland inviting them to share their views. A copy of the letter can be seen below.

Copy of Lord Smith of Kelvin's letter to civic leaders – 26 September 2014

Dear

As you know I have been asked to lead a process through which Heads of Agreement are reached on the devolution of further powers to the Scottish Parliament, within the UK. I will submit my report on 30 November 2014.

I am simultaneously engaging with three groups: political parties, Scottish civic institutions and the Scottish public. It is therefore critical that your views are heard in this discussion. To that end I would encourage you to submit your thoughts to me by 5pm on Friday 31 October.

I appreciate the timing is tight but it is imperative that we stick to our timetable. I hope that any work or thinking you may already have done on the powers that could be devolved will come in helpful. Of course, you may want to reflect on that work in the context of the referendum campaign and outcome.

It is my intention to conduct our work transparently and I therefore intend to publish submissions from all organisations on the Commission's website shortly after the deadline. If you would like to discuss anything in this letter, please contact the secretariat on Secretariat@smith-commission.scot or by phone on [0330 123 2153](tel:03301232153).

I have asked Annabel Turpie and Miriam Simpson in the Secretariat to get in touch with your organisation this week and early next week to discuss this request and ensure we keep in touch during the process.

I look forward to receiving your submission.

*Yours sincerely
Lord Smith of Kelvin KT*

Whilst no specific invitation was received by the Scottish Police Federation, it is open to us to make a submission if we wish.

I have commissioned independent economic analysis (unrelated to the Smith Commission) and it is hoped this will provide valuable context to any submission the SPF may wish to make.

It is appreciated that time is tight and in order to assist in meeting Lord Smith's deadline, can I ask that any comment you wish to make is received by your local Federation Office no later than **Wednesday 22nd October 2014**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Calum Steele', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Calum Steele
General Secretary