**THE FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE ON THE CRITERIA SET FOR CARRYING OUT INTERNAL FOOTBALL POLICING ASSURANCE REVIEWS:**

**Football Policing Assurance Reviews**

Football policing assurance reviews are conducted by NFIP-Scotland on behalf of the Police Scotland Strategic Lead (ACC) and are intended to provide a quality assurance function which identifies good practice as well as areas for improvement.

The aim of the assurance review is to ensure the greatest possible benefits through learning for all Police Scotland colleagues. All Police Scotland officers and staff are therefore required to cooperate with the assurance review when requested to do so and this may include assisting with, for example, access to relevant documentation, access to relevant staff for face-to-face discussions or facilitating match day observation of the policing operation.

**Assurance Review Criteria**

NFIP-Scotland will conduct Football Policing Assurance Reviews in accordance with and incorporating the following criteria annually (where football policing is present):

* At least one Scottish Premier League (tier one) football fixture incorporating each of the tier one clubs at their home stadium
* At least one Scottish Championship League (tier 2) football fixture incorporating each of the tier 2 clubs at their home stadium
* At least one Old Firm football fixture at Celtic Park and at least one Old Firm football fixture at Ibrox Stadium
* At least one European competition football fixture in Scotland
* At least one international football fixture in Scotland
* At least 2 League Cup competition football fixtures (which will include a semi-final or final fixture and a fixture which is neither a final or semi-final)
* At least 2 Scottish Cup competition football fixtures (which will include a semi-final or final fixture and a fixture which is neither a final or semi-final)
* Any other football fixture at the discretion of the Police Scotland Football Lead (ACC)
* A 6-monthly Assurance Review update report shall be submitted by NFIP-Scotland for the consideration of the Police Scotland Football Lead (ACC) and the Football and Events Working Group