

**Highland Council**

**Community Safety, Public Engagement and Equalities  
Committee  
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**Performance against the draft Highland Local Policing Plan 2014-2017**

**Report by the Highland Local Policing Commander - Chief Superintendent  
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**Summary**

To provide an update to Committee Members on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the draft Highland 2014-2017 Policing Plan.

**1. Performance**

- 1.1 Performance is being maintained within the Highland Area and overall crime continues to fall with a drop of 210 Class 1-4 crimes as at 26 May 2014 (941 crimes last year to date and 731 crimes this year to date<sup>1</sup>). There has been a 60.6% drop in Class 1 violent crimes (such as murder, attempted murder and serious assaults) from the previous year (from 33 last year to date and 13 this year to date). It should be noted that the timing of this meeting is in advance of the completion of the year end procedures and reconciliation processes that are undertaken each year in association with the publication of official statistics. For this reason the baseline averages have not been included but will appear in the October report. Should Members wish a year-end report for performance against the 2013-2014 Local Policing Plan, this can also be provided to the Committee at the next meeting in October.
- 1.2 A summary of the current performance against the draft 2014-17 Highland Local Policing Plan objectives is at Appendix 1. The period covered by the report is as at 26 May 2014 unless stated otherwise.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that:

- (i) Members scrutinise the progress made against the objectives set within the draft Highland Local Policing Plan 2014-2017.
- (ii) Members note the new performance reporting format.

**Chief Superintendent Julian Innes  
Highland and Island Divisional Commander  
30 May 2014**

Appendix 1: Performance Against draft Highland Local Policing Plan 2014-2017

<sup>1</sup>Police Scotland ScOMIS Performance System Figures

**PERFORMANCE AGAINST HIGHLAND COUNCIL LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2014/2017 –  
1st APRIL- 25th MAY 2014**

**PRIORITY 1 – Road Safety**

**GO SAFE ON SCOTLAND'S ROADS ITS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY- SCOTLAND'S ROAD SAFETY FRAMEWORK TO 2020**

Target	2015 Milestone % reduction	2020 target % reduction
People killed	30%	40%
People seriously injured	43%	55%
Children (aged <16) killed	35%	50%
Children (aged <16) seriously injured	50	65%

(In addition to the above there remains a 10% reduction target in the slight casualty rate to 2020)

Target	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Highland.		5	3	- 2	There have been 3 Fatal Collisions since 1 <sup>st</sup> April: 1. Collision occurred in Tain. There was 1 vehicle (Mobility Scooter) involved and 1 casualty and the road was closed for 4 ½ hours. 2. Collision occurred on A82 south of Fort William. There was 1 vehicle involved and 1 casualty. The road was closed for 5 ¾ hours. 3. Collision occurred on A87 on Isle of Skye. There were two vehicles involved (motorbike and car). The casualty was rider of motorbike. The road was closed for 6 hours.
Reduce the number of people seriously injured on the roads in Highland.		13	5	- 8	There were 5 collisions resulting in serious injury since 1 <sup>st</sup> April. Collisions occurred in Nairn, Inverness, A87 (Glengarry), B8008 (South of Mallaig) and A82 (Glencoe). Two of the collisions involved pedestrians and two involved motorbikes.
Reduce the number of children (aged <16) killed/seriously injured on the roads in Highland.		1	0	-1	
Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences		55	50	- 5	
Increase the number of people detected for speeding.		494	606	+ 112	
Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		85	73	- 12	
Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences		71	59	- 12	

<p>Conduct a Driving Ambition Campaign at each of the 22 High Schools within a 12 month period.</p>					
<p>Participate in all Police Scotland Road Safety Campaigns and safety initiatives identified through the safer Highland Road Safety Group, including specific targeted campaigns for young and male drivers.</p>					<p>In this period the following campaigns have been ongoing:  National motorcycle campaign – Operation Zenith.  10<sup>th</sup> April- Campaign in relation to Carriage of Dangerous Goods.  14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April- Speed campaign with focus on areas outside schools.  21<sup>st</sup> May- Operation Mermaid- this is a multi-agency road check focused on casualty reduction and targeting criminals through their use of the roads by enforcing the law.  May- National Pedal Cycles campaign.</p>
<p>Trunk Road/Divisional Policing Units to conduct a targeted motorcycle campaign each Spring.</p>					<p>The national motorcycle campaign- Operation Zenith commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> April and will run until 29<sup>th</sup> September. This campaign primarily focuses on safe and responsible motorcycling, reducing the number of casualties resulting from road collisions and improving driver/rider behaviour and awareness.</p>

**PRIORITY 2 – Alcohol and Drugs Abuse/Misuse**

Target	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks		1462	1662	+200	
Conduct a test purchasing operation within each of the Inspector led areas each year.			53		During this reporting period 53 test purchasing operations have been carried out in Skye & Lochalsh, Wick, Inverness and Badenoch & Strathspey. Of the 53 tested there were 4 failures.
In conjunction with the Safer Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership introduce an advisory 'signpost' letter outlining available assistance for alcohol, drugs and violence issues to all custodies/ those issued with fixed penalties.					Chief Superintendent Innes is taking over the chair of the Safer Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership
As part of the ADP contribute to the development and conduct of a targeted drug and alcohol awareness campaign for school children (e.g. Safer Highlander).					Inverness Safer Highlanders took place between 7 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2014. The event involved Primary 7 pupils and involved fire safety, safety on the roads, internet safety, lifesaving skills, first aid, dangers of building sites and electricity, substance misuse and water safety.  Work is also ongoing in local schools with Officers for the Division delivering talks and presentations to various school groups.
Support multi-agency events including Rock Challenge.					The Rock Challenge event held at Eden Court on 28 <sup>th</sup> February proved to be very successful. As a result of the event two schools from Highland (Alness Academy and Charleston Academy) are competing in the national finals. Part funding is in place and plans are being made for Rock Challenge 2015.
Increase the number of <b>positive</b> stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.		11	28	+17	
Increase the number of <b>positive</b> stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.		105	76	- 29	
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.		18	26	+ 8	

**PRIORITY 3 – Antisocial Behaviour/Disorder**

Target	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of antisocial behaviour incidents recorded.		756	846	+ 90	
Contribute to the Safer Highland Antisocial Behaviour Group initiatives and campaigns to reduce antisocial behaviour.					The Antisocial Behaviour Group is scheduled to meet on 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 2014.
Reduce the number of Section 38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 Offence		260	220	- 40	
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace		101	41	- 60	
Reduce the occurrences of common assault		370	334	- 36	
Reduce the level of serious assaults, petty assaults, breach of the peace, vandalism and antisocial behaviour in the top 3 beats with the highest levels of incidents.					At this stage in the reporting year, there is no discernable pattern in relation to the top 3 beats. This will develop over the year.
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.					Positive multi-agency working has meant that identified issues have been resolved prior to escalation.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.			9		
Reduce the incidents of vandalism		299	236	- 63	
In relation to vehicles; increase the use of antisocial behaviour warnings.			27		
In relation to vehicles; Increase the number of vehicle seizures for antisocial behaviour.			3		

Target	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of crimes of dishonesty (Class 3)		532	432	- 100	
Increase the detection rate for dishonesties (Class 3)		42.1%	47.9%	+ 5.8%	
In partnership with Trading Standards develop and introduce an annual awareness campaign targeted at vulnerable people in respect to dishonesties.					Operation Monarda 2 took place in April. Information regarding this successful operation is provided in the Divisional Update paper. Work is ongoing in this area with our key partners to protect the most vulnerable in our communities from this type of crime.
Develop and introduce a 'Construction Watch' campaign in order to increase awareness, intelligence and information around plant and building material theft.					At present the Construction Watch campaign is still under development but it is anticipated that it will take a similar form to Farm Watch
Increase membership of Farm Watch				254	The purpose of the Farm Watch scheme is to help combat and prevent criminal activity within the farming and wider rural community by establishing and developing trust and communication pathways between member of the rural community and Highland Division. Recent successes of the scheme include a high risk missing person being traced safe as the result of a Farm Watch message.
Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking (including attempts) - Dwelling house/Non dwelling/ Other premises.		53	71	+ 18	
Increase the detection rate for thefts by housebreaking (including attempts)		33.3%	32.4%	-0.9%	
Reduce theft by shoplifting		115	66	-49	
Reduce the number of thefts from motor vehicles		31	16	-15	This figure includes thefts from motor vehicles both secure and insecure.

**PRIORITY 5 – Protecting People**

Target	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Increase in reporting of sexual crimes/incidents.		54	51	- 3	This figure shows a decrease in crimes/incidents and therefore fewer victims.
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for sexual crimes.	<b>TARGET FOR 2014/15- 78%</b>		158.5%		This figure will reduce over the year as at present it includes detections from the legacy year 2013/2014.
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for domestic abuse.	<b>TARGET FOR 2014/15- 80%</b>				
Decrease the number of people who are victims of hate crimes.					
Increase in reporting of Hate crimes/incidents.		32	15	- 17	
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.					Work is ongoing in developing a questionnaire which will be distributed to people who report hate incidents.
In support of the Safer Highland Child Protection, Adult Support and Protections and Violence against Women groups play an active role in preventative initiatives and campaigns.					These groups are meeting regularly and some positive work is being developed.