

Highland Council

Community Safety, Public Engagement and Equalities Committee – 1 October 2014

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Performance against the Highland Local Policing Plan 2014-2017

Report by the Highland Local Policing Commander - Chief Superintendent Julian Innes

Summary

To provide an update to Committee Members on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the 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 24% reduction in Class 1-4 crimes as at 31 August 2014 (2844 crimes last year to date compared to 2168 crimes this year to date¹). This figure can be broken down as follows:

Class 1- Crimes of Violence: 23% reduction from the previous year (83 last year compared to 66 this year to date).

Class 2- Sexual Crimes: 28% reduction from the previous year (183 last year compared to 132 this year to date).

Class 3- Crimes of Dishonesty: 21% reduction from the previous year (1662 last year compared to 1293 this year to date).

Class 4- Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief etc: 26% reduction from the previous year (913 last year compared to 677 this year to date).

The official Police Scotland Management Information Statistics were published in June and can be found on the Police Scotland Website. The Scottish Government is due to publish official year end figures later this year and as such year averages are not included in the current report.

- 1.2 A summary of the current performance against the 2014-17 Highland Local Policing Plan objectives is at Appendix 1. The period covered by the report is as at 31 August 2014 unless stated otherwise.

Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (i) Members scrutinise the progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2014-2017.

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Highland and Island Divisional Commander
19 September 2014

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

¹Police Scotland ScOMIS Performance System Figures

**PERFORMANCE AGAINST HIGHLAND COUNCIL LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2014/2017 –
1 APRIL- 31 AUGUST 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.		13	8	- 5	Fatal Collisions which have occurred in this reporting period: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Collision occurred on B9169 at Dunvornie. There was 1 vehicle involved and 1 casualty. The road was closed for 5 ½ hours. Collision occurred on A87- 5 miles east of the A887 Bunloyne Junction. There was 1 vehicle involved and 1 casualty. The road was closed for 5 ½ hours. Collision occurred on A87- 3 miles south of Sconser. There were 2 vehicles involved and 1 casualty. The road was closed for 5 hours and 40 minutes. Collision occurred on A9 at Borgue, near Dunbeath. There were 2 vehicles involved (motorbike and campervan) and 1 casualty. The road was closed for 5 hours. Collision occurred on A9 at Drumochter. There was 1 vehicle involved and 1 casualty. The road was closed for 5 hours.
Reduce the number of people seriously injured on the roads in Highland.		38	22	- 16	Pro-active and focused deployments of increased road policing resources around priority routes has enabled enhanced enforcement, visibility and improved safety for road users.
Reduce the number of children (aged <16) killed/seriously injured on the roads in Highland.		3	0	- 3	
Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences		166	153	- 13	This figure includes failure to provide a specimen.

Increase the number of people detected for speeding.		1313	1696	+ 383	
Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		228	269	+ 41	
Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences		214	400	+ 186	
Conduct a Driving Ambition Campaign at each of the 22 High Schools within a 12 month period.					Since 1 st April 2014 Driving Ambition has been carried out at the following schools/colleges: North Highland Colleges- Thurso & Aness, Invergordon Academy, Thurso High School, Nairn Academy, Dingwall Academy, Culloden Academy, Portree High School. The following schools are due to receive the course in the coming months: Tain Royal Academy, Aness Academy, Lochaber High School (with Mallaig High School), Golspie High School (with Dornoch Academy), Kinlochleven High School (with Ardnamurchan High School), Wick High, Inverness High School (with Kilchuimen Academy), Inverness Royal; Academy, Grantown Grammar and Millburn Academy.
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.					In this period the following campaigns have been ongoing: National motorcycle campaign – Operation Zenith. May- National Pedal Cycles Campaign. 30 th May- 13 th June- Summer Drink/Drug Drive Campaign 16 th July- 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.
Trunk Road/Divisional Policing Units to conduct a targeted motorcycle campaign each Spring.					The national motorcycle campaign- Operation Zenith commenced on 17 th April and will run until 29 th 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.

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		3422	3821	+ 399	Officers will continue to be vigilant with licensed premises checks over the coming months/year. Without doubt by working collectively with licensees we are better placed to achieve our primary focus of keeping people safe.
Conduct a test purchasing operation within each of the Inspector led areas each year.			81		During this reporting period 81 test purchasing operations have been carried out in Skye & Lochalsh, Wick, Inverness and Badenoch & Strathspey. Of the 81 tested there were 5 failures. All were given advice and premises which failed have been re-tested and passed.
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.					Work is ongoing across the Division to develop this letter which is currently in draft format. It is anticipated that distribution will begin over the coming months. During this reporting period Chief Superintendent Innes has taken 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).					Work is ongoing to deliver a Drugs Awareness Input to Secondary Pupils and Parents as part of Operation Redwall. This would specifically address the issues around New Psychoactive Substances. 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 final was held in Dundee on the 12 th June. Two schools from Highland (Alness Academy and Charleston Academy) competed in the finals. Part funding is in place and plans are being made for Rock Challenge 2015.
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.		48	58	+ 10	
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.		335	222	- 113	
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.		50	58	+ 8	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation.

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.		3722	3199	- 523	
Contribute to the Safer Highland Antisocial Behaviour Group initiatives and campaigns to reduce antisocial behaviour.					The Antisocial Behaviour Group met for the first time on 28 th June, 2014.
Reduce the number of Section 38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 Offence		795	687	- 108	
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace		1151	863	- 288	
Reduce the occurrences of common assault		902	772	- 130	
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.					There are currently no premises at Stage 3- Positive multi-agency working has meant that identified issues have been resolved prior to escalation.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders currently in place.			7		The Antisocial Behaviour Orders include those applied for by the local authority, housing associations and after criminal proceedings.
Reduce the incidents of vandalism		660	499	- 161	
In relation to vehicles; increase the use of antisocial behaviour warnings.			48		
In relation to vehicles; Increase the number of vehicle seizures for antisocial behaviour.			4		

PRIORITY 4 – Crimes of Dishonesty

Target	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of crimes of dishonesty (Class 3)		1662	1293	- 369	
Increase the detection rate for dishonesties (Class 3)		39.7%	46.0%	+ 6.3%	
In partnership with Trading Standards develop and introduce an annual awareness campaign targeted at vulnerable people in respect to dishonesties.					Pro-active 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. Farm Watch has been shortlisted for a prize in the Partnership Working Category in the Local Policing Awards. The Awards were launched this year to recognise innovative ideas and successful initiatives and to improve the sharing of Policing best practice. The Awards Ceremony will be held on 30 th September.
Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking (including attempts) - Dwelling house/Non dwelling/ Other premises.		138	150	+ 12	
Increase the detection rate for thefts by housebreaking (including attempts)		31.9%	38.0%	+ 6.1%	
Reduce theft by shoplifting		239	156	- 83	
Reduce the number of thefts from motor vehicles		118	127	+ 9	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.		138	104	- 34	This figure shows a decrease in crimes/incidents and therefore fewer victims.
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for sexual crimes.	TARGET FOR 2014/15- 78%		124.0%		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.	TARGET FOR 2014/15- 80%		84.6%		
Increase in reporting of Hate crimes/incidents.		91	53	- 38	
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.					A Hate Crime Questionnaire is currently being developed. The questionnaire will be sent to every victim of a Hate Crime. The question set is currently undergoing a period of consultation and review prior to being formalised.
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.