

**Highland Council**

**Community Safety, Public Engagement and Equalities  
Committee  
25 March 2015**

Agenda Item	9
Report No	CPE 5/15

**Performance against the Highland Local Policing Plan 2014-2017**

**Report by the Highland Local Policing Commander – Temporary Chief  
Superintendent Gus Macpherson**

**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 19% reduction in Class 1-4 crimes as at 9 March 2015 (5862 crimes last year to date compared to 4752 crimes this year to date<sup>1</sup>). This figure can be broken down as follows:

Class 1- Crimes of Violence: 21% reduction from the previous year (188 last year compared to 149 this year to date).

Class 2- Sexual Crimes: 11.4% reduction from the previous year (370 last year compared to 328 this year to date).

Class 3- Crimes of Dishonesty: 21.5% reduction from the previous year (3506 last year compared to 2753 this year to date).

Class 4- Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief etc: 15.4% reduction from the previous year (1798 last year compared to 1522 this year to date).

- 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 January 2015 unless stated otherwise.
- 1.3 In the next reporting period a review of Year 1 of the Highland Local Policing Plan will be carried out and a report submitted to the Committee in June 2015. This review will seek to ensure that the priorities and focus are still relevant and current.

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

## **2. National Child Abuse Investigation Unit**

On 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Police Scotland launched a National Child Abuse Investigation Unit. There are currently 4 units across Scotland with one being in Inverness. The department has a national remit to investigate serious and complex child abuse cases.

## **3. Contest**

The aim of CONTEST (an abbreviation of COUNTER TERRORIST STRATEGY) is to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from international terrorism so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

The UK Government has revised the counter terrorism strategy to build on the experience gained and the lessons learnt tackling international terrorism since the strategy was first established in 2003.

The strategy is organised around four work streams:

- Pursue, to stop terrorist attacks;
- Prevent, to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism;
- Protect, to strengthen our protection against terrorist attack; and
- Prepare, where an attack cannot be stopped, to mitigate its impact.

The CONTEST approach needs to be local, national and international, involving a wider range of people and greater resources than ever before.

As a response to this we have a local Contest Delivery Group, which is a multi agency group that works together in partnerships to address the threat from terrorism in the Highlands and Islands. This group sits within the Safer Highland structure.

## **4. Emergency Planning**

During the recent spate of bad weather in the area, Highland and Islands Division has enacted its multi-agency response arrangements including the setting up of the Highland and Islands Local Resilience Partnership oversight Group which was led by Superintendent Mackillop. The response to the severe weather, which affected the whole of the region, included the set up of eight multi-agency emergency planning groups. The groups allowed for a proportionate response to events unfolding in their respective areas. Police Scotland maintained an oversight of events and planning arrangements from a senior executive level with the focus being on the changing consequences of major power and telecommunications outages, as well as a significant range of issues relating to vulnerable people in particular.

## 5. Road Safety

### **Average Speed Cameras-**

The performance data for A9 and the average speed cameras was published on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. Initial performance analysis of the route for the first quarter (October 2014- January 2015) and the main findings from Transport Scotland's report show:

- The camera detection system detected 298 vehicles exceeding the speed limit which warranted further action, this is less than 4 per day;
- Overall speeding is down from around one in three drivers to one in twenty;
- Examples of excessive speeding (10mph+ above limit) are down by 97%;
- Journey times have increased in line with predictions;
- Journey time reliability has improved;
- There is no evidence that drivers are avoiding the A9;
- Feedback from hauliers suggests a significant reduction in journey times for HGVs.

The following statement was issued by Chief Superintendent Iain Murray:

*"This is an encouraging start. In the first three months of operation we have seen a more than eight-fold decrease in the number of people caught speeding on this stretch of road compared with the same time last year when there were 2,493 offences recorded.*

*It is clear that the cameras are changing driver behaviour in the way that we expected. This will undoubtedly help to make the A9 safer for all road users. Speeding is not the sole cause of collisions on the route and we shall continue to engage positively with those who put themselves and others in danger through risky or illegal driving behaviour. Safety remains the responsibility of all road users and it is important that we interact appropriately with each other on the A9, and all of the other roads in Scotland"*

### **Reduction in Drink Drive Limit-**

The results of the Festive Drink/Drug Drive Initiative 2014 which ran between Friday 5 December 2014 and Friday 2 January 2015 are encouraging; Across the Highland and Islands Division there was a 55% reduction in the number of people caught drink driving compared to the same period in 2013. A total of 19 drivers were caught under the influence in the Division and of the 19; 9 were in the Highland area.

Police Scotland is committed to achieving the Scottish Government's 2020 casualty reduction targets. Increasing awareness of the risks associated with driving whilst unfit through drink or drugs will have a clear impact on the Force's efforts to reduce road casualties.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that:

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

**Temporary Chief Superintendant Gus Macpherson**  
**Highland and Island Divisional Commander**  
**13 March 2015**

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

**PERFORMANCE AGAINST HIGHLAND COUNCIL LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2014/2017**  
**1 April – 31 January 2015**

**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)

**Note:** All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.  
 All data sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at published date

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	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.	22	19	23	13	-10	There have been no fatal collisions in this reporting period. * Averages provided are full year.
Reduce the number of people seriously injured on the roads in Highland.	100	90	54	29	-25	* Averages provided are full year.
Reduce the number of children (aged <16) killed/seriously injured on the roads in Highland.	6	3.4	3	2	-1	* Averages provided are full year.
Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	341.0	368.4	318	281	-37	This figure includes failure to provide a specimen
Increase the number of people detected for speeding.	3001.3	2881.6	3637	3594	-43	

Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences.	473.3	534.2	518	549	+ 31	
Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences	531.7	561.2	678	800	+ 122	
Conduct a Driving Ambition Campaign at each of the 22 High Schools within a 12 month period.	<p>During 2014 Driving Ambition was carried out within the following Schools/Colleges across Highland:</p> <p>North Highland Colleges- Thurso &amp; Alness, Invergordon Academy, Thurso High School, Nairn Academy, Dingwall Academy, Culloden Academy, Portree High School. Tain Royal Academy, Alness Academy, Lochaber High School, Golspie High School, Dornoch Academy, Kinlochleven High School, Ardnamurchan High School, Wick High, Inverness High School, Kilchuimen Academy, Inverness Royal Academy, Grantown Grammar, Millburn Academy, Charleston Academy, Fortrose Academy and Gairloch High School.</p> <p>Around 1200 young people in Highland received this input in 2014.</p> <p>The Driving Ambition Programme for 2015 has now been published on the Highland Council website and estimates that around 1600 young people across Highland will have the opportunity to take part in this campaign over the next 12 months.</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>During this reporting period the following campaigns have taken place:</p> <p>Brake National Road Safety Week- Vulnerable Road Users- Monday 17<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.</p>					
Trunk Road/Divisional Policing Units to conduct a targeted motorcycle campaign each Spring.	<p>The national motorcycle campaign- Operation Zenith commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> April and ran until 29<sup>th</sup> September. This campaign primarily focused on safe and responsible motorcycling, reducing the number of casualties resulting from road collisions and improving driver/rider behaviour and awareness.</p>					

<b>PRIORITY 2 – Alcohol and Drugs Abuse/Misuse</b>								
<b>Target</b>	<b>Baseline 5 Year Average</b>	<b>Baseline 3 Year Average</b>	<b>YTD 2013/14</b>	<b>YTD 2014/15</b>	<b>YTD Variation</b>	<b>Context/Narrative</b>		
Licensed Premises Checks	7745	8498	8872	7434	- 1438	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. * Averages provided are full year.		
Conduct a test purchasing operation within each of the Inspector led areas each year.	Test purchasing has been carried out in 53 premises in Inverness, Dingwall & Seaforth, Tain & Easter Ross and East Sutherland areas. Of the 53 tested there was 1 failure in Tain. All were given advice and the premises which failed has since 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.	The 'signpost' letter has now been prepared and will go out to all custodies/those issued with fixed penalties from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015. The letter is in a standard format and will be accompanied by an information sheet with contact details for local support organisations. The information sheet will be unique to each locality.							
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).	A range of initiatives are taking place with local community officers visiting schools, youth groups and community events to help raise awareness and educate young people on the dangers of New Psychoactive Substances.  In this reporting period Guidance teachers in the Highland area have been receiving inputs around New Psychoactive Substances.							
Support multi-agency events including Rock Challenge.	<p>Rock Challenge 2015 is due to take place in Eden Court, Inverness on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April. The following schools are involved in this year's event:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2015 BE YOUR BEST INVERNESS J ROCK™ Eden Court, Inverness - Monday, April 27th, 2015 CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, Inverness LOCHARDILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, Inverness BRIDGEND PRIMARY SCHOOL, Alness PENNYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, Thurso SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, Inverness KINGUSSIE PRIMARY SCHOOL, Kingussie</td> <td>2015 BE YOUR BEST INVERNESS ROCK CHALLENGE® Eden Court, Inverness - Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 INVERNESS HIGH SCHOOL, Inverness KINGUSSIE HIGH SCHOOL, Kingussie ALNESS ACADEMY, Alness THURSO HIGH SCHOOL, Thurso WICK HIGH SCHOOL, Wick DINGWALL ACADEMY, Dingwall</td> </tr> </table>						2015 BE YOUR BEST INVERNESS J ROCK™ Eden Court, Inverness - Monday, April 27th, 2015 CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, Inverness LOCHARDILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, Inverness BRIDGEND PRIMARY SCHOOL, Alness PENNYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, Thurso SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, Inverness KINGUSSIE PRIMARY SCHOOL, Kingussie	2015 BE YOUR BEST INVERNESS ROCK CHALLENGE® Eden Court, Inverness - Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 INVERNESS HIGH SCHOOL, Inverness KINGUSSIE HIGH SCHOOL, Kingussie ALNESS ACADEMY, Alness THURSO HIGH SCHOOL, Thurso WICK HIGH SCHOOL, Wick DINGWALL ACADEMY, Dingwall
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Increase the number of <b>positive</b> stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.	The information relating to stop and search is currently subject to internal review and audit. Whilst this is being carried out no stop search data is available.					
Increase the number of <b>positive</b> stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.	The information relating to stop and search is currently subject to internal review and audit. Whilst this is being carried out no stop search data is available.					
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	216.7	217.2	93	93	=	The figure includes the number of detections for drug supply, productions and cultivations



<b>PRIORITY 3 – Antisocial Behaviour/Disorder</b>						
<b>Target</b>	<b>Baseline 5 Year Average</b>	<b>Baseline 3 Year Average</b>	<b>YTD 2013/14</b>	<b>YTD 2014/15</b>	<b>YTD Variation</b>	<b>Context/Narrative</b>
Number of antisocial behaviour incidents recorded.	10,224.0	12,027.4	6476	6141	-335	
Contribute to the Safer Highland Antisocial Behaviour Group initiatives and campaigns to reduce antisocial behaviour.	The Antisocial Behaviour Group, chaired by Scott Hay of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, is currently reviewing and updating the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy. The Strategy and Action plan will be discussed and agreed at the next Safer Highland Leadership Group.					
Reduce the number of Section 38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 Offence-Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes	1478.3	938.8	1439	1334	-105	
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace	916.0	1663.4	586	289	-297	
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	2177.7	2225.4	2083	1930	-153	
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.	Work is ongoing with our analysis and performance unit to identify the top 3 wards in terms of level of incidents. This will develop over the coming year.					
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.	There is currently 1 premises at Stage 3- Positive multi-agency working has meant that identified issues are usually resolved prior to escalation. Operation Notebook aims to identify and deal with offenders at an early stage thus resulting in a decrease in antisocial behaviour and a reduction in the number of people who are with victims of antisocial behaviour and noise calls.					
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.	There are currently <b>9</b> Antisocial Behaviour Orders in place in the Highland area.					
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	1880.0	2191.6	1516	1276	-240	These figures include Malicious Mischief

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In relation to vehicles; increase the use of antisocial behaviour warnings.				111		
In relation to vehicles; Increase the number of vehicle seizures for antisocial behaviour.				7		

PRIORITY 4 – Crimes of Dishonesty						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of crimes of dishonesty (Class 3)	3302.0	3475.2	3174	2448	- 726	
Increase the detection rate for dishonesties (Class 3)	49.0%	48.3%	44.6%	46.5%	+ 1.8%	
In partnership with Trading Standards develop and introduce an annual awareness campaign targeted at vulnerable people in respect to dishonesties.	<p>Operation Monarda 3 is going to take place between the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015. This year's operation will include presentations to various community groups, social media discussions, multi-agency challenge days, road side stop checks, drop-in advice clinics and more.</p> <p>The focus of this operation is to reduce the number of individuals affected by doorstep crime, ultimately keeping vulnerable groups safe and empowering local communities.</p> <p>Many victims are embarrassed, fearful or indeed do not realise that they have in fact been the victim of Bogus Tradesmen thus actual notification of crimes or complaints is thought to be as little as 1 in 10.</p>					
Develop and introduce a 'Construction Watch' campaign in order to increase awareness, intelligence and information around plant and building material theft.	<p>The Inverness Construction Crime Prevention Program is due to be rolled out in April 2015. This will form part of a trial with a view to it being developed more widely across Highland. The program is being lead by a Preventions &amp; Interventions Officer in Inverness and will involve working with local construction companies to develop and promote good practice in areas such as; forensic marking of property etc. Further information will be provided to members at future meetings as this develops.</p>					
Increase membership of Farm Watch	<p>There are currently <b>557</b> members of Farm Watch. The purpose of the 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 members of the rural community and Highland Division. The success of this scheme was recognised in 2014 at the NFU Crime Fighters Awards for helping to reduce crime in the local area. The scheme continues to be a success and recently assisted in locating a high risk missing person in the area.</p>					

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking (including attempts) - Dwelling house/Non dwelling/ Other premises.	381.3	372.0	427	312	- 115	
Increase the detection rate for thefts by housebreaking (including attempts)	39.5%	37.9%	34.9%	38.1%	+ 3.2%	
Reduce theft by shoplifting	635.3	670.2	596	408	- 188	
Reduce the number of thefts from motor vehicles	272.3	291.8	255	235	- 20	<p>This figure includes opening lockfast places-motor vehicle, theft of and from a motor vehicle and attempted theft of a motor vehicle</p> <p>Operation Quarterlight was launched in January this year. The aim of the Operation is to identify and target those responsible for vehicle break-ins and thefts. Officers will focus on the prevention of vehicle crime by engaging with partners, key stakeholders and members of the public. By changing habits, and working in partnership, vehicle crime can be prevented.</p>

<b>PRIORITY 5 – Protecting People</b>						
<b>Target</b>	<b>Baseline 5 Year Average</b>	<b>Baseline 3 Year Average</b>	<b>YTD 2013/14</b>	<b>YTD 2014/15</b>	<b>YTD Variation</b>	<b>Context/Narrative</b>
Increase in reporting of sexual crimes	256.7	248.6	331	294	- 37	This figure shows a reduction in crimes and therefore victims.
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for sexual crimes.	<b>TARGET FOR 2014/15- 78%</b>			89.1%	+ 11.1%	
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for domestic abuse.	<b>TARGET FOR 2014/15- 80%</b>			86.0%	+ 6%	
Increase in reporting of Hate crimes			144	104	- 40	This figure shows a reduction in crimes and therefore victims.
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	An extensive programme of consultation has taken place in relation to this and partners at a local and national level have inputted into the process. The Hate Crime questionnaire is now ready to be sent out and will be sent to victims who reported incidents from the 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2015. The questionnaire is available in a standard and easy read format and members are welcome to view a copy on request.					
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.					