

Highland Council

Badenoch and Strathspey Area Committee 23rd February 2016

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Police - Area Performance Summary Report by the South Area Commander

Summary

To provide a local summary update to Committee Members on progress with reference to the local priorities within the Highland 2014-2017 Policing Plan.

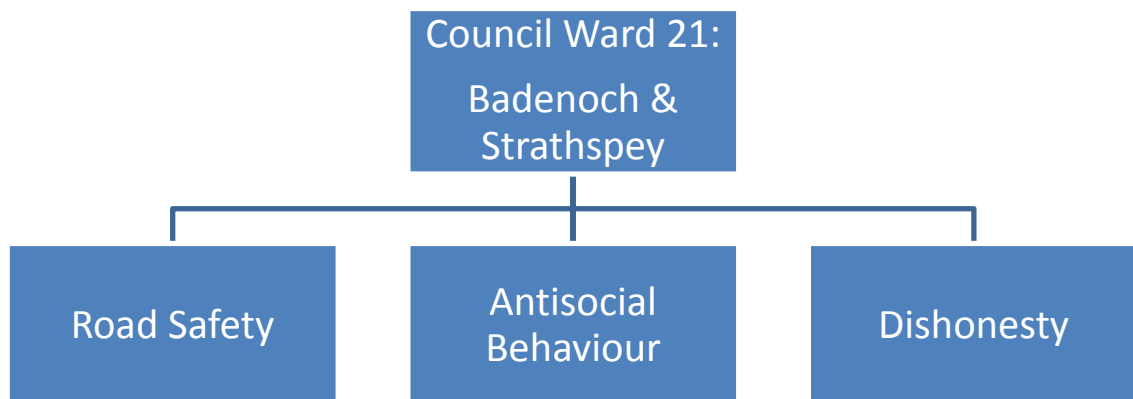
Introduction

In 2014 the Highland Local Policing Plan was considered by the Community Safety, Public Engagement and Equalities Committee (now Communities and Partnerships Committee) and the Education, Children and Adult Services Committee before being approved by full council; the plan sets out the policing priorities and objectives which the 3 Highland Area Commands of the Highland and Islands Division for 3 years from 2014-2017.

The priorities and objectives within the plan have been identified by looking at the national and local intelligence picture; reviewing the community safety trends and securing the views and concerns of the public, locally elected officials and community planning partners.

As we approach the end of the 3rd year as Police Scotland and the end of the 2nd year of the Highland Local Policing Plan we continue to adapt and review local process and plans to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of communities.

The newly formed Badenoch & Strathspey Committee sits within the South Highland Area Command of the Highland and Islands Divisional Policing Structure. The Badenoch & Strathspey Committee covers the Multi-Member Ward which has 3 priorities:



Planning for the Future

Localism is key to empowering communities to take responsibility and have a voice on issues affecting them. Police Scotland recognise the diversity of communities and cultures that exist within Scotland, with the Highland area being no exception to that. Moving forward, the future of Policing in the Highland and Islands Division is about engaging with, listening and responding to local people and ultimately adopting an asset based approach in achieving successful outcomes for communities. Over the coming months, along with key partners, we will remain agile in terms of local development through the community planning partnership and involving and communicating with local people in local communities.

The following report provides an overview of performance in terms of the four priorities identified for the Badenoch & Strathspey area as detailed above:

1. Priority 1- Road Safety

The impact of death and injury on our roads is significant, not only from the impact on victims and their families but to communities and the wider economy. It consistently features as a concern for the communities in Highland and Road Policing remains a priority for every officer.

We continue to work in partnership to improve road user behaviour through education, enforcement and engineering solutions. This informs our actions, using intelligence and analysis to identify priority routes and road users who may be vulnerable. Evidence has shown that a highly visible presence on our roads has a significant impact on driver behaviour. We continue to ensure our officers are in the 'right place at the right time' to employ both prevention and enforcement tactics and continue working with partners to consider the development of appropriate schemes for diversion from prosecution. We are continuing to support Local Authorities, Community and Road Safety Partnerships in delivering road safety activities.

These commitments are reflected in Police Scotland's three year Road Safety and Road Crime Strategy, published in 2015.

Over the past year the Divisional and Trunk Roads Policing Unit has increased its establishment and currently has 45 dedicated officers covering the Division who can be tasked with local issues in each of the wards.

Driving Ambition took place in Kingussie High School on August 2015.

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(1 April 2015- 31 January 2016)-

- There has been 1 fatal collision in the Badenoch & Strathspey area during this first reporting period:

A9, North of Grainish Junction, Aviemore- This was a 4 vehicle collision where 1 driver sustained fatal injuries as a result.

The below tables provide an overview of figures for the Badenoch & Strathspey Area; these figures relate to the reporting period -1st April 2015 to 31st January 2016:

Badenoch & Strathspey	14/15 FYTD	15/16 FYTD	Variation
Drink/Drug Driving (Detections)	13	20	+ 7 (Figure includes failure to provide a specimen)

* Please note: Some of the Multi-Member Ward data results in small numbers. Where this occurs great care should be taken in the interpretation of emerging trends or percentage changes.

In this reporting year, in Badenoch & Strathspey and wider Highland area, the tactical approach being taken by the Division involves targeting speed, use of mobile phones whilst driving and seatbelts. It is disappointing to see the numbers increasing however, we know that if we can reduce speed and ensure that people use their seatbelts and avoid the use of mobile phones whilst driving then they are less likely to be involved in a collision.

SOUTH	14/15 FYTD	15/16 FYTD	Variation
Speeding (Detections)	1408	2320	+ 912
Seatbelt Offences (Detections)	132	210	+ 78
Mobile Phone Offences (Detections)	101	104	+ 3

* Please note that due to system configurations the above figures are not available at multi-member ward level.

Operations/Campaigns

The following campaigns have been running recently throughout the Division:

- Getting Ready for Winter
- Brake National Road Safety Week
- Festive Drink & Drug Drive Campaign

2. Priority 2- Antisocial Behaviour

Antisocial behaviour remains a concern within our communities. As a member of the Antisocial Behaviour Group within the safer Highland Community Planning Framework we have contributed to the review and update of the

antisocial behaviour strategy. This will continue to be developed over the coming year and updates and progress against the Antisocial Behaviour Action Plan.

Operation Notebook aims to identify and deal with offenders at an early stage and has proved successful in terms of multi-agency work addressing and resolving issues before they escalate. This operation has a clear remit in terms of reducing antisocial behaviour and the number of people who are victims of antisocial behaviour and noise calls.

**Badenoch & Strathspey Performance Summary
(1 April 2015- 31 January 2016)-**

BADENOCH & STRATHSPEY	14/15 FYTD	15/16 FYTD	Variation
Breach of the Peace/Threatening & Abusive Behaviour			
TOTAL:	30	42	+ 12
Common Assault			
TOTAL:	45	49	+ 4
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)			
TOTAL:	39	49	+ 10

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3. Priority 3- Dishonesty

Although the likelihood of being a victim of crimes such as housebreaking, thefts and bogus caller fraud is small, when they do occur they have a disproportionate effect on individuals, families and communities in respect of their feelings of safety.

The most recent National Doorstep Crime Campaign- Operation Monarda ran between 28th September and 4th October

As part of the most recent operation and working in conjunction with Police Scotland's local Media and Corporate Communications dept.; a film was produced in the Division featuring an elderly householder that had successfully deterred possible Bogus Workmen. This film was used as springboard for the local media launch and saw extensive coverage. The film is now on the Police Scotland Website and can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doczPoJvtKE>

The most recent Operation Monarda had the following results:

- 4000 leaflets issued;

- Over 300 posters displayed;
- 49 offences detected;
- Over 50 people given advice;
- Over 170 vehicles stopped and checked;
- 6 Prevention Presentations; and
- 2 Multi-Agency 'Days of Action'

In addition to the above; work is ongoing in relation to a 'signpost' letter which has been given to all custodies / those issued with fixed penalties from 1st April 2015. The letter is in a standard format and is accompanied by an information sheet with contact details for local support organisations. The letter is currently being reviewed with local partners and it is hoped that the accompanying leaflet will be further developed to include additional support in relation to organisations who can assist with issues in relation to debt, addictions and also local support such as food banks etc.

**Badenoch & Strathspey Performance Summary
(1 April 2015- 31 January 2016)-**

BADENOCH & STRATHSPEY	14/15 FYTD	15/16 FYTD	Variation
Number of Thefts by Housebreaking (Dwelling house, Non-dwelling, Other premises)			
TOTAL:	24	9	-15
Theft by Shoplifting			
TOTAL:	6	7	+ 1
Number of Thefts from motor vehicles (This figure includes opening lockfast places- motor vehicle, theft of and from a motor vehicle and attempted theft of a motor vehicle).			
TOTAL:	16	17	+1

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Recommendation: The committee is invited to scrutinise and discuss the progress report and updates in relation to the 3 Priorities; Road Safety, Antisocial Behaviour and Dishonesty.

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11th February 2016**