

Highland Council

Communities and Partnerships Committee 9 June 2016

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Performance against the Highland Local Policing Plan 2014-2017

Report by the Highland Local Policing Commander – Chief Superintendent Philip MacRae

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

A summary of the current performance against the 2014-2017 Highland Local Policing Plan objectives is at **Appendix 1**. The period covered by the report is between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016.

Over the next year, in line with our focus of “keeping people safe” we will ensure that through the implementation of our Community Engagement Framework we are able to identify the issues and concerns of people in our communities. As Police Scotland enters its 4th year of operation, the organisation recognises the diverse communities across Scotland and is committed to working with those communities and our partners to deliver services which are tailored to address local needs and expectations.

In April 2016 the Police Scotland new public consultation process was launched; this is a digital survey accessed from the Police Scotland website. The survey will be accessible all year round and will evidence seasonal trends and emerging priorities for communities throughout the year. This approach is also intended to ensure our consultation and engagement with the public and our partners is more inclusive to facilitate broader participation across our communities. The survey can be accessed at:-

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The digital survey will be developed through the forthcoming year, with versions to support those with sensory impairment and learning difficulties planned. For communities who may have difficulties accessing the digital format, local officers will continue to undertake the traditional method of collection using the written questionnaires where appropriate.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to scrutinise the Local Performance Report against Highland Policing Plan Objectives from April 2015 to March 2016.

Chief Superintendent Philip MacRae
Highland and Islands Divisional Commander
27 May 2016

Appendix 1: Performance report against Policing Plan Objectives from April 2015-
March 2016

PERFORMANCE AGAINST HIGHLAND COUNCIL LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2014/2017
April 2015 – March 2016

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 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Highland.	20	18	15	18	+3	There have been 3 fatal collisions during this reporting period: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Collision occurred on the A836 at Brims, Forss and involved 2 vehicles. The passenger of one of the vehicles sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for around 10 hours. Collision occurred on the B9006 at Cantraybruich and involved 2 vehicles. Two passengers in one of the vehicles sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for 7 hours. Collision occurred on the A9 at Cuaich, Dalwhinnie and involved 2 vehicles. The driver of one of the vehicles sustained fatal injuries. The road was closed for 6 ½ hours. (Averages provided are full year)
Reduce the number of people seriously injured on the roads in Highland.	89	81	63	71	+8	(Averages provided are full year)
Reduce the number of children (aged <16) killed/seriously injured on the roads in Highland.	3	2	4	4	=	(Averages provided are full year)

Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences.	393.4	367.0	328	377	+ 49	This figure includes failure to provide a specimen
Increase the number of people detected for speeding.	3706.0	4809.7	4299	5445	+1146	In this reporting year, in the Highland area, the tactical approach which has been taken by the Division involves targeting speed, use of mobile phones whilst driving and seatbelts. It is disappointing to see the numbers continuing to increase in terms of speed 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.
Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences.	635.4	603.7	690	668	-22	
Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences	728.6	747.0	943	828	- 115	
Conduct a Driving Ambition Campaign at each of the 22 High Schools within a 12 month period.	The Driving Ambition Programme for 2015 is complete and it is estimated that around 1600 young people across Highland had the opportunity to take part in this campaign.					
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.	There have been a number of high profile campaigns/operations over the past year and in 2016/17 a similar programme will be delivered at a local level in collaboration with our partners; the campaigns will focus on priority road safety issues including drink and drug driving, speeding, motorcyclists and other vulnerable road users.					
Trunk Road/Divisional Policing Units to conduct a targeted motorcycle campaign each Spring.	Motorcycle Campaign- Operation Zenith will run between 25 th March and 30 th September 2016. The focus of the campaign is on improving rider behaviour particularly aimed at the contributory factors which result in riders being killed or seriously injured.					

PRIORITY 2 – Alcohol and Drugs Abuse/Misuse						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks	8042	9121	8397	10170	+ 1773	Without doubt by working collectively and constructively with licensees we are better placed to achieve our primary focus of keeping people safe. The Area Commanders in Highland have been working hard to ensure that visits to licensed premises are meaningful and our relationships with licensees are positive. Within the Highland area we are working to increase the number of visits to licensed premises in line with our key priorities in terms of visibility.
Conduct a test purchasing operation within each of the Inspector led areas each year.	A number of Test Purchasing Operations have been carried out in the Highland area during this reporting year. The scheme consists of a fully briefed teenager (under 18 years of age) entering licensed premises under controlled conditions and in line with agreed guidelines to purchase alcohol. By taking part in these operations young volunteers are helping to protect their peers from potentially being a victim of or involved in crime, and the physical and emotional affects that potentially come with. They are effectively assisting in keeping friends, family and entire communities safe.					
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 been given to all custodies / those issued with fixed penalties from 1 st 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.					
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 Drugs and New Psychoactive Substances.					

<p>Support multi-agency events including Rock Challenge.</p>	<p>Rock Challenge 2016 took place in Eden Court, Inverness from 19th - 21st April.</p> <p>Rock Challenge is a performing arts event that promotes positive life choices and has been held in Eden Court each year since 2011. The key aim is to utilise the performing arts to divert and dissuade young people from involvement in antisocial behaviour including substance misuse. Over the past 5 years, more than 2300 opportunities have been created for young people from schools across Highland to participate and be their best. The event has proved so popular that it has now been extended from 1 to 3 days. This year the event was also supported by the Scottish Government's 'Choices for Life' programme which, locally, we are utilising to raise awareness around the dangers of substance misuse - especially New Psychoactive Substances (NPS).</p> <p>The finals are due to take place in Dundee in June 2016 and 5 schools from Highland will be taking part: Alness Academy, Dingwall Academy, Invergordon Academy, Millburn Academy and Thurso High School.</p> <p>As a Division we recognise the impact of diversionary activities on young people's behaviour and lifestyle choices. The positive effect that events such as Rock Challenge have on our communities cannot be underestimated.</p>					
<p>Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.</p>	<p>231.8</p>	<p>158.0</p>	<p>138</p>	<p>198</p>	<p>+ 60</p>	<p>These figures relate to detections for drugs supply, productions and cultivations.</p>

PRIORITY 3 – Antisocial Behaviour/Disorder						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of antisocial behaviour incidents recorded.	11756.4	9133.7	7024	6401	- 623	
Contribute to the Safer Highland Antisocial Behaviour Group initiatives and campaigns to reduce antisocial behaviour.	In this reporting period continued focus has been given to the Inverness Response Team and the implementation of the Safer Caithness model. The effect of the ongoing multi-agency partnership working within the Inverness Response Team is proving successful in ensuring a real positive outcome for reducing incidents.					
Reduce the number of Section 38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 Offence-Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes	1484.0	1809.0	1593	1589	-4	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace	1175.6	612	337	336	- 1	
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	2544.6	2431.3	2307	2415	+ 108	
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.	Police Scotland are utilising a ward trending tool. This product is monitored by the Divisional Violence Reduction Unit. This enhanced analysis has allowed us to direct resources and focus on emerging issues. In addition to the ward trending tool, Area Support Inspectors have been developing and implementing Area Tactical Plans, these are designed to provide focus around local emerging issues.					
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.	At the end of this reporting period there are 3 premises at Stage 3 for noisy behaviour in relation to Operation Notebook. Positive multi-agency working has meant that issues identified have been resolved prior to escalation. Premises reach stage 3 if they have had 3 calls to the address each month for 3 months- At stage 1 and 2 multi-agency responses are carried out to try and divert occupants away from their course of behaviour.					
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.	There are currently 3 Antisocial Behaviour Orders in place in the Highland area.					
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	2211.8	1820.7	1519	1745	+ 226	Includes Malicious Mischief

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In relation to vehicles; increase the use of antisocial behaviour warnings.				121		
In relation to vehicles; Increase the number of vehicle seizures for antisocial behaviour.				14		

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches				
	Jun 2015 - Oct 2015	Jun 2015 - Oct 2015 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	1674	450		
Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	1610	443		
Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	64	7		
Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
Number of seizures made	115	-		

An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions. Management Information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication>.

PRIORITY 4 – Crimes of Dishonesty

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of crimes of dishonesty (Class 3)	3773.8	3366.3	2840	2764	- 76	
Increase the detection rate for dishonesties (Class 3)	49.2%	49.1%	46.9%	45.5%	- 1.4%	
In partnership with Trading Standards develop and introduce an annual awareness campaign targeted at vulnerable people in respect to dishonesties.	<p>Operation Monarda 4 took place at the end of September and Operation Monarda 5 during April. Many victims are embarrassed, fearful or indeed do not realise 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. As a Division we continue to work hard to reduce the number of individuals affected by doorstep crime, ultimately keeping vulnerable groups safe and empowering communities.</p> <p>In addition to this the Division produced a film featuring an elderly householder that had successfully deterred possible Bogus Workmen. This film was used as a springboard for the local media launch in September and saw extensive coverage. The film is on the Police Scotland website and can be viewed at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doczPoJvtKE</p>					
Develop and introduce a 'Construction Watch' campaign in order to increase awareness, intelligence and information around plant and building material theft.	<p>Construction Watch was launched at Divisional Headquarters in Inverness on 28th April 2016. The aim of the project is to allow a joint working initiative with Police and companies involved in construction in targeting thefts from building sites. PC Ross Polworth is co-ordinating the initiative and is actively involved in promoting this work in the Highlands.</p> <p>Construction Watch aims to reduce crime within the construction industry through information sharing, the use of crime prevention techniques and the forensic marking of equipment and material. The forensic marking systems use uniquely coded DNA in a variety of substances with the aim of marking property and/or the criminal.</p>					
Increase membership of Farm Watch	<p>There are currently in excess of 600 members of Rural Watch (new name 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.</p>					

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Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking (including attempts) - Dwelling house/Non dwelling/ Other premises.	430.0	419.7	360	352	- 8	
Increase the detection rate for thefts by housebreaking (including attempts)	41.0%	39.5%	38.9%	35.5%	-3.4%	
Reduce theft by shoplifting	733.2	661.0	513	568	+ 55	
Reduce the number of thefts from motor vehicles	319.4	286.3	267	290	+ 23	Includes opening lockfast places-motor vehicle, theft of and from a motor vehicle and attempted theft of a motor vehicle

PRIORITY 5 – Protecting People							Context/Narrative
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2014/15	YTD 2015/16	YTD Variation		
Increase in reporting of sexual crimes	325.6	370.3	373	489	+ 116		
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for sexual crimes.	TARGET FOR 2015/16-90%			76.9%	- 13.1%		
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for domestic abuse.	TARGET FOR 2015/16- 82%			83.0%	+ 1.0%		
Increase in reporting of Hate crimes			144	135	-9		
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	<p>A Hate Crime Survey is now being sent to all victims of Hate Crime; this survey has been in place since 1st January 2015.</p> <p>During 2015 over 140 surveys were sent out. There was a 21.5% return, the results of which are currently being collated.</p> <p>Members are welcome to see the survey which is also in an easy read format should they wish.</p>						
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.	<p>The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 became law on 27th March 2014 and contains several changes to how children and young people in Scotland will be cared for. The Act has created new systems to support children and young people and to help identify any problems at an early stage, rather than waiting until a child or young person reaches crisis point. Over the coming year we will support the implementation of the Children and Young People Act 2014 across public protection partnerships.</p> <p>The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland is now 'live' across Scotland. The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse provides a formal mechanism for potential victims, their family members, or another concerned member of the public or professional body e.g. Police Scotland, Social Work, Advocacy Services, Woman's Aid etc. to make enquiries about an individual who they are in a relationship with or is in a relationship with someone they know, and there is a concern that the individual may be abusive towards their partner. It provides Police Scotland with a way of disclosing information about a partners abusive past with their potential victims and gives people at risk of Domestic Abuse the information they require to make an informed decision on whether to continue in a relationship. The scheme operates two entry pathways that may lead to a disclosure being made: 'Right to Ask' and 'Power to Tell'.</p> <p>We continue to prevent, deter and detect those who pose the greatest risk in our communities by maximising use of legislative powers and effectively working with partners and communities to share information and develop meaningful action plans with clear identification of ownership and accountability.</p>						