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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

This report provides an update to Members on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the Highland 2014-2017 Policing Plan.

1. Performance

- 1.1 Crime in the Highland area has decreased over the past year; Recorded Class 1-5 Crimes have decreased from 5804 last year compared to 5741 this year to date which is a decrease of 1.09%.

The Performance in Highland remains strong with an overall detection rate of 61.71% (Class 1-5 Crimes).

Class 1 – Crimes of Violence: 2.27% reduction from the previous year (176 last year compared to 172 this year to date).

Class 2 – Sexual Crimes: 7.19% increase from the previous year (387 last year compared to 417 this year to date).

Class 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty: 2.64% increase from the previous year (2099 last year compared to 2156 this year to date).

Class 4 – Fire-Raising, Malicious Mischief: 3.27% decrease from the previous year (1436 last year compared to 1389 this year to date).

Class 5 – Other (Pro-Activity) Crimes: 5.8% decrease from the previous year (1706 last year compared to 1607 this year to date.)

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 December 2016 unless stated otherwise.

2. Policing Plan

- 2.1 The 2014-17 Local Policing Plan is due for renewal this year; the Local Policing Plans are a statutory requirement derived from the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and demonstrate Police Scotland's legislative responsibility in the delivery of national, corporate and local outcomes. The community planning landscape and the development of the LOIPs differs throughout each local

authority area and as such this presents an opportunity to take a more flexible approach to the implementation of the Local Policing Plans. Scottish Government and COSLA are supportive of flexible implementation dates for the Local Policing Plans; in order to fully imbed the priorities within the LOIP in the Highland Local Policing Plan it is proposed to extend the current plan and have the new plan approved and in place by October 2017. This allows us a period of further community engagement and a full year's return from our Public Consultation Survey. You can access the results for the Highland & Islands area by following this link:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/138327/307421/355352/368284/highland-s-and-islands-policing-survey-april-september-2016?view=Standard>

If you have not had time to take part yet, it's not too late and we would encourage you to take just 15 minutes of your time to tell us what is important to you about policing through www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts.

Recommendation:

The Committee is invited to scrutinise the local performance report against Highland Policing Plan Objectives from April to December 2016.

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30 January 2017

Appendix 1: Performance report against Policing Plan Objectives- April - December 2016.

PERFORMANCE AGAINST HIGHLAND COUNCIL LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2014/2017
1 April 2016- 31 December 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 2015/16	YTD 2016/17	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Highland.	18	17	12	12	=	There has been 4 fatal collisions during this reporting period: 1. Collision occurred on the A9 at the Milnafua, Alness junction and involved 3 vehicles. The driver of one vehicle sustained major injury and later died as a result. 2. Collision occurred on the A82 at Lochend and involved 2 vehicles. The driver of one vehicle sustained fatal injuries. 3. Collision occurred on the A862 Near Highfield, Muir of Ord and involved 3 vehicles. The driver of one vehicle sustained fatal injuries. (Averages provided are full year)
Reduce the number of people seriously injured on the roads in Highland.	80	67	50	44	-6	
Reduce the number of children (aged <16) killed/seriously injured on the roads in Highland.	3	3	0	0	=	
Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	297.8	283.3	294	261	-33	Includes failure to provide a specimen

Increase the number of people detected for speeding.	3,123.6	3,617.7	4,431	3,280	-1,151	
Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences.	455.2	489.3	528	321	-207	
Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences	568.0	668.7	689	382	-307	
Conduct a Driving Ambition Campaign at each of the 22 High Schools within a 12 month period.	<p>During this reporting period Driving Ambition was presented to: Fortrose Academy, Inverness High School and Millburn Academy.</p> <p>Police Scotland continue to support the Highland Council run Driving Ambition Campaign. The Driving Ambition Programme for 2017 continues with inputs scheduled as follows:</p> <p>February 2017 – Thurso High School, Alness Academy, Dornoch Academy March 2017 – Gairloch High June 2017 – Charleston Academy, Dingwall Academy, Glenurquhart High School, Nairn High School.</p> <p>Further information on Highland Council run Driving Ambitions campaign can be found at www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/road_and_pavements/87/road_safety/3</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>Festive Drink & Drug Drive Campaign-The Festive Drink/Drug Drive Initiative 2016 ran between Friday 2 December 2016 and Friday 2 January 2017. This year's initiative focussed on offenders who were just over the drink drive limit and 'morning after' offenders. Across the Highland and Islands Division during the initiative, 879 negative tests were carried out. A total of 38 drivers were caught under the influence in the Division, of which 8 were detected between 0600 hours and 1000 hours. This represents an increase of 2.5% from the previous year.</p>					
Trunk Road/Divisional Policing Units to conduct a targeted motorcycle campaign each Spring.	<p>Operation Zenith will recommence at the end of April 2017 with a formal launch of the campaign anticipated at the beginning of April 2017, and will run for several months. The focus of the campaign continues to focus on improving rider behaviour particularly aimed at the contributory factors which result in riders being killed or seriously injured, raise awareness and enforcement of legislation when required. Out with the campaign, the Road Policing Unit continues to carry out regular motorcycle patrols throughout the Highland Division.</p>					

PRIORITY 2 – Alcohol and Drugs Abuse/Misuse						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2015/16	YTD 2016/17	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks				9025		<p>Working collectively and constructively with licensees, with robust enforcement when required we continue to work towards keeping people safe.</p> <p>During the reporting period, the Highlands and Islands Division conducted 21.07% of all licensed premises checks carried out in Scotland (2224 checks out of 10554 recorded checks).</p> <p>This correlates to a 5.7% reduction in violence, a 13.9% decrease in anti-social behaviour and a 20.1% decrease in drunkenness and disorderly conduct over the Festive season compared with same period last year.</p>
Conduct a test purchasing operation within each of the Inspector led areas each 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 being involved in crime. They are effectively contributing to keeping friends, family and entire communities safe. During the last reporting period, six youths have been identified as potential candidates and the recruitment process continues. It is anticipated these youths will be ready to be deployed by April 2017.					
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 is currently being developed in conjunction with the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service.					
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).	<p>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. The Safe Highland events continue to be run annually throughout the area and contains inputs on drugs and alcohol.</p> <p>Targeted education sessions in response to emerging issues continues to take place. In the Tain area delivery to secondary school pupils of the 'Choices for Life', interactive drugs awareness presentation to each year group by Police Scotland Preventions and local School Liaison officers as well as Youth/drug Support workshops involving discussion groups with former addicts exploring the dangers of drug misuse were carried out.</p>					

Support multi-agency events including Rock Challenge.	<p>Police continue to support Rock Challenge and recently the dates for 2017 have been confirmed as 3rd, 4th and 5th April 2017.</p> <p>During the reporting period, Police Scotland conducted a Festive Campaign in conjunction with Operation Respect. This was launched at the end of November 2016 and involved Preventions and Interventions Officers working in conjunction with partners – Womens Aid, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, attending at various retail venues throughout the Highland area and actively engaging with patrons. This initiative ran for three weeks and during this time nearly 2000 members of the public were spoken to and given advice relating to online safety, party safety, home and business safety.</p>					
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	161.8	109.3	125	108	-17	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation

PRIORITY 3 – Antisocial Behaviour/Disorder						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2015/16	YTD 2016/17	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of antisocial behaviour incidents recorded.			5,113	5,024	-89	
Contribute to the Safer Highland Antisocial Behaviour Group initiatives and campaigns to reduce antisocial behaviour.	Ongoing multi-agency partnership working is proving successful in ensuring a real positive outcome for reducing incidents. During this reporting period, good practice identified in the Inverness area, based on the Caithness model, has been rolled out to the Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey area where regular multi-agency meetings occur weekly to discuss problematic addresses/individuals, it is anticipated this will have a positive impact on antisocial behaviour calls.					
Reduce the number of Section 38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 Offence- Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes	1,285.2	1,253.7	1,228	1,193	-35	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace	1,938.8	1,659.0	1,547	1,401	-146	BOP
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	1,908.6	1,831.0	1,869	1,841	-28	Crimes and offences
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 N Division continues to utilise the ward trending tool, which allows us to direct resources and focus on emerging issues. All incidents are reviewed daily, monitoring repeat areas of disorder or repeat offenders and identifying opportunities for Prevention and Intervention or alternatively enforcement if required.					
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.	Operation Notebook is a multi-agency operation to make people feel, and be safer by tackling anti-social behaviour in and around residential properties with priority of identifying problematic premises and prevent anti-social behaviour escalating to serious criminality and violence. The operation focus is on encouraging the reporting of antisocial behaviour at the earliest opportunity and early intervention; better reassurance to the public of ongoing work undertaken by agencies in tackling antisocial behaviour; supporting victims of antisocial behaviour ; and continuing to focus on the use of education, prevention & intervention methods with a view to reducing future antisocial behaviour offending, developing effective working relationships with Local Authority Housing providers and other partner agencies. The operation has had continued success with a 11.2 % reduction in addresses meeting the Operation Notebook criteria from the same period last year.					
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	1,544.2	1,310.7	1,341	1,307	-34	Includes Malicious Mischief

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2015/16	YTD 2016/17	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
In relation to vehicles; increase the use of antisocial behaviour warnings.			76	61	-15	
In relation to vehicles; Increase the number of vehicle seizures for antisocial behaviour.			8	6	-2	

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches

		April 2016 – Dec 2016	April 2016 - Dec 2016 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	1,557	465		
	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	1,460	458		
	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	24	7		
	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	-	-		
	Number of seizures made	73	-		

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 2015/16	YTD 2016/17	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of crimes of dishonesty (Class 3)	2,673.4	2,416.3	2,099	2,156	57	Gp 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty
Increase the detection rate for dishonesty (Class 3)	47.5	44.6	46.2	42.0	-4.2	Gp 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty
In partnership with Trading Standards develop and introduce an annual awareness campaign targeted at vulnerable people in respect to dishonesties.	<p>Work continues with Trading Standards on the issue of vulnerable people being victims of crimes of dishonesty, and Operation Mornarda will commence during May 2017.</p> <p>In addition multi-agency days are planned during May 2017 to target Doorstop Crime, Postal Scams, Telephone/Banking Fraud and Romance Scams.</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 continues throughout the Division and promotion of this initiative continues. During the reporting period there were several new "sign ups", from businesses and firms which had recently reported theft from their sites.</p>					
Increase membership of Farm Watch	<p>There are currently in excess of 600 members of Rural Watch (formerly known as 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> <p>Any person wishing to sign up to Rural Watch can do so by calling 101 and asking for PC Dan Sutherland, Wildlife Liaison Officer, Dingwall.</p> <p>A successful Rural crime initiative was held at Dingwall Auction Mart recently involving Police Scotland Wildlife Crime and Road Policing unit, NFU, Crime stoppers, Black Isle Machine ring, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Chris Knight plant Sales and CESAR (Construction Equipment Security and Registration) installers. This initiative 'CESAR IT' encouraged data tagging of agricultural equipment, rural watch, crime prevention and safety awareness.</p> <p>Several Rural watch messages have been submitted regarding wildlife crime and rural crime which continue to act as an alert to members to any ongoing crime in their area.</p>					

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2015/16	YTD 2016/17	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking (including attempts) - Dwelling house/Non dwelling/ Other premises.	321.0	318.0	278	177	-101	<p>During the reporting period there were pro-active initiatives throughout the Highlands.</p> <p>Targeted advisory leaflet drop carried out by PSYV (Police Scotland Youth Volunteers) in residential areas previously subject to doorstep crime and housebreakings.</p> <p>Festive Campaign – Preventions and Interventions officers in conjunction with Partners attended at various retail venues within the Division and provided members of the public with personal and property security advice with the intention of reducing crime across the Highlands and Islands during the Festive period.</p>
Increase the detection rate for thefts by housebreaking (including attempts)	37.9	34.3	34.9	27.7	-7.2	<p>Highlands Division has a clear focus on this priority (Operation RAC) and this is subject to daily review. Over the last two months the Division (Highland Area) has undertaken two periods of focused anti-crime activity which has resulted in a number of prolific offenders being stop searched and arrested. These anti-crime initiatives makes use of specialist support from Road Policing Officers, Dog Section and officers from the Operational Support Teams.</p> <p>The support required for victims is discussed at a daily tactical meeting and involves the Community Policing Officers and Prevention and Intervention officers undertaking home safety security surveys and reassurance visits.</p>
Reduce theft by shoplifting	508.8	451.7	448	467	19	
Reduce the number of thefts from motor vehicles	237.6	226.0	239	240	1	Includes opening lockfast places under vehicle, theft of and from motor vehicles and attempted theft of motor vehicles

PRIORITY 5 – Protecting People						
Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2015/16	YTD 2016/17	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Increase in reporting of sexual crimes	276.2	325.3	387	417	30	Gp 2 – Crimes of Indecency
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for sexual crimes.	ACTUAL FOR 2015/16- 79.3%			70.7%	-8.6%	Gp 2 – Crimes of Indecency – Police Scotland are moving away from targets in relation to crimes of this nature. Enquiries in relation to sexual crimes and domestic abuse are focused on positive outcomes for victims of crime and led by their wishes.
Meet the Police Scotland detection rate target for domestic abuse.	ACTUAL FOR 2015/16-82.0%			76.5%	-5.5%	
Increase in reporting of Hate crimes			91	63	-28	
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	A Hate Crime Survey continues to be sent to all victims of Hate Crime; this survey has been in place since 1 January 2015. Members are welcome to see the survey which is also in an easy read format should they wish.					
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>Highlands and Islands was identified for a pilot for the Force Risk & Concern Project and now functions with embedded Force best practice processes for the triage, research and assessment of all concern information relating to Children, Adults, Domestic Abuse, Hate Crime and Youth Justice.</p> <p>This supports the National prevention agenda through early assessment and proportionate, relevant information share to partners to ensure appropriate interventions and support to those at risk of harm. Cumulative Concern processes have been developed to support the early identification of children and adults in need of support and protection to avoid situations deteriorating into crisis and to minimise harm.</p> <p>Neglect is a priority for the Highland Child Protection Committee (HCPC) with a planned themed annual conference in March 2017 raising awareness. This event compliments ongoing work by the HCPC to develop practice to support practitioners around risk assessment in cases where neglect, domestic abuse and child sexual exploitation (CSE) may be factors in a child's life.</p> <p>N Division partnerships in Child Protection across the four Local Authorities have actively contributed to the Scottish Government Child Protection Improvement Programme in the latter months of 2016; Ministerial announcements in early 2017 are awaited from the final report collated and submitted by Catherine Dyer, Review Lead.</p> <p>Officers of the N Division Domestic Abuse , local Women's Aid Groups and Divisional Prevention & Intervention Officers worked together under the banners of the National Domestic Abuse Campaign and the local Operation Respect violence reduction initiative to deliver a series of Roadshows on violence reduction and domestic violence safe messages across the Highlands in the lead-up to the festive season at high profile shopping centre venues and public spaces to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse reporting and improve confidence in victims to report abuse/ improve access to services.</p>					