

**Highland Council**  
**City of Inverness Committee**  
**23 February 2017**

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**Police- Area Performance Summary**  
**Report by the Inverness 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 for the 3 Highland Area Commands of the Highland and Islands Division for 3 years from 2014-2017.

We are now in the 4<sup>th</sup> year as Police Scotland and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year of the current 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 service has taken tangible steps over the last year to better capture the views and voices of communities, most notably through the “Your View counts” Campaign and consultation with Community councils. The results of these consultations will be fed back to communities and will also form part of the process of consultation which will shape the 2017 Highland Local Policing Plan

The City of Inverness Committee sits within the Inverness Area Command of the Highland and Islands Divisional Policing Structure. The City of Inverness Committee covers 7 Multi-Member Wards:

Council Ward No.13: Aird & Loch Ness  
 Council Ward No.14: Inverness West  
 Council Ward No.15: Inverness Central  
 Council Ward No.16: Inverness Ness-Side  
 Council Ward No.17: Inverness Millburn  
 Council Ward No.18: Culloden & Ardersier  
 Council Ward No.20: Inverness South

which combined have 5 priorities:

Road Safety  
 Drug/Alcohol Misuse  
 Antisocial Behaviour  
 Crimes of Dishonesty

Public Protection

### **Your View Counts**

Since the launch of 'Your View Counts' in April 2016 just under 16,000 surveys have been completed across Scotland by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

This valuable feedback on crimes and other issues that impact on communities, together with evidence from a number of other important sources will help us to formulate future national and local policing plans. We have tried to enhance the survey to best meet needs across Scotland, launching a Polish version in July, an "Easy Read" version and we are looking to develop a BSL (British Sign Language) version.

You can access the results for the Highland & Islands area by following this [link](#):

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](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

### **Demands on Service**

Police Scotland officers based in the Inverness area deal with a wide variety of calls many of which are not crime related. Calls relating to vulnerable people in a variety of contexts are steadily increasing and officers are regularly required to attend.

The figures below relate to the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. The total number of calls where vulnerability was the primary concern is 1901. In the same period there were 5,009 crimes (Class 1-6) recorded and 2,421 Advice/Assistance calls:

<b>City of Inverness Area</b>	<b>Number of Calls</b>
Mental Health Calls	230
Medical Calls	668
Concern Calls	458
Missing Person Calls	545

Police Scotland have responded to this change in demand to policing and a program of training – Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention – is currently being rolled out and delivered to all Police officers in the Inverness area and across the Division as a whole.

### **Livestock Worrying Campaign 2017**

The worrying of sheep by domestic dogs not only has the obvious financial impact on farmers when livestock is killed or injured but the day to day effect on the animals themselves, their productivity and welfare means that this is a serious issue in the farming community.

Analysis of sheep worrying crimes shows that incidents start to peak in mid-February through to end of May, coinciding with the main lambing season.

A national multi-agency initiative will be carried out in order to -

**Prevent** – further instances of sheep/livestock worrying during this period.

**Educate** – dog owners regarding their responsibilities, the effects of dogs worrying livestock and promote a better understanding of impact on the farming community

**Enforce** legislation, robustly ensuring all reported cases of sheep worrying are thoroughly investigated and offenders reported.

A press release will be will be issued during February 2017 in relation to this initiative.

### **Policing 2026**

Society, crime and demands on policing are changing and keeping pace with these changes is at the heart of Policing 2026.

The 10 year programme is the start of a new transformation journey following the transition to a single national service and is driven by Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority.

Its purpose is to look ahead and identify how policing needs to adapt and develop in order to tackle the emerging areas of threat, risk and harm while also meeting the needs of communities in a relevant, effective and sustainable way.

Policing 2026 is already raising some big questions about how increasing demand on police services can be met going forward. Answering these questions has required conversations with other emergency services and partner organisations but most importantly with the officers and staff delivering frontline services to our communities right now.

Alongside an analysis of demand, the Policing 2026 programme is also analysing changes in society, crime trends and how the operating environment is likely to change over the next ten years.

People will continue to conduct more of their lives online. The population will continue to live longer. Mental health, climate change and terrorism are also likely to be significant factors. All of these areas and others will place significant demand on policing.

## **Operation CONTEST – Update**

During the past 6 months a high volume of work in relation to Contest matters has been carried out in the Inverness Area. The ACT Now (All Communities Together) presentations continue to be rolled out to all senior pupils in all of the Inverness Secondary Schools. This police led presentation look at what effect an Extreme Right Wing Group can have in a community if no one is willing to share any concerns through the now established Prevent processes that are now in place. Each delivery requires to have 2 visits to each class as the session is delivered over 2 periods within each school.

In order to raise awareness of Contest matters a WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness in Prevent) Train the Trainer session was carried out for all statutory agencies (Local Authorities, Police, Prison, NHS and FE/HE) in Highland on 25th November 2016. This training is delivered to all nominated WRAP facilitators who will then carry out WRAP training within their own organisation as laid down in terms of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. There are now over 80 WRAP facilitators throughout Highland and the Islands with a number of agencies having delivered WRAP session to a high percentage of staff.

In December 2016 a Prevent Professional Concerns closure meeting was held in relation to an individual residing in Highland which involved a number of agencies. This is one of only a small number of Prevent Professional Concerns cases in Scotland which shows that no community is immune from the threat we face from terrorism.

Both the Prevent and Protect/Prepare sub-group meeting took place during the month of December. The Protect and Prepare meeting, chaired by SFRS, was the first such sub-group meeting to be held in Scotland at a local level. Attendees at this meeting included those responsible for security and emergency procedures for a number of areas throughout the Highlands and Islands with a view to protecting the critical infrastructure. Best practice will be shared at these meetings moving forward. The Prevent sub-group meeting is now well established and is chaired by NHS Highland and again best practice is looked at.

During December 2016 a presentation on the work of Borders Policing Command was carried out to Highland Council Harbour masters. Also delivered at this meeting was the Highland and Islands Division Small Ports initiative which involves the training up of Special Constables on Contest matters with an emphasis of security around the small ports. This then involves local patrols of the Small Ports in an effort to encourage those using the ports to remain vigilant to the possible use of the ports for illegal entry into the country as well as other forms of suspicious activity. A similar input was delivered to the Inverness Local Resilience Partnership. Feedback on this initiative has been very favourable and further training to all Special Constables throughout Highland is now being looked at after the initial trail period was carried out in Easter and Wester Ross.

The following report provides an overview of performance in terms of the five priorities identified for the Inverness 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.

During this reporting period, Driving Ambition took place at Culloden Academy, Inverness High School, Inverness Royal Academy, Millburn Academy. Further presentations are scheduled to take place within Inverness secondary schools during 2017.

Inverness Summary  
(1 April 2016- 31 December 2016)-

- There has been 1 fatal collision in the Inverness area during this reporting period
  - A82 at Lochend. Collision involved 2 vehicles. The driver of one vehicle sustained fatal injuries.

Across Scotland the causes of fatal and serious road traffic are reported as follows:

- **Driver/rider errors or reactions** were reported in 66% of **all** reported accidents with "failed to look properly" the most common type (involved in 31%).
- **Travelling too fast for the conditions** or **excessive speed** was reported in 11% of all reported accidents and 19% of fatal accidents.

- **Pedestrian only** factors were reported in 22% of **fatal** accidents whilst **loss of control** and **failed to look properly** were the most frequently reported driver/rider factors (involved in 39% and 25% of fatal accidents respectively).

The below tables provide an overview of figures for the Inverness Area; these figures relate to the reporting period -1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31 December 2016:

<b>INVERNESS</b>	<b>15/16 FYTD</b>	<b>16/17 FYTD</b>	<b>Variation</b>
Drink/Drug Driving (Detections)	90	85	-5  (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 Inverness and wider Highland area, the tactical approach being taken by the Division involves targeting speed, use of mobile phones whilst driving and seatbelts.

<b>INVERNESS</b>	<b>15/16 FYTD</b>	<b>16/17 FYTD</b>	<b>Variation</b>
Speeding (Detections)	920	594	-326
Seatbelt Offences (Detections)	270	155	-115
Mobile Phone Offences (Detections)	237	159	-78

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

It is encouraging to see the numbers decreasing, 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 or suffer less serious injury if involved in a collision.

### **December 2016 – Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign**

The Festive Drink/Drug Drive Initiative 2016 commenced at 0700 hours Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 and ran for a period of five weeks until 0700 hours Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Despite the general perception that drink/drug driving is socially unacceptable, many who persist in doing so consider it to be a low-risk activity in terms of the likelihood of being involved in a collision or being caught. This year's initiative focussed on offenders who were just over the drink drive limit and 'morning after' offenders.

The 'Festive Drink/Drug Drive Initiative 2016' was conducted through high visibility patrol work in marked police vehicles and static road checks. Based upon research and analysis of previous campaign returns, the aim of this initiative was to conduct high profile, high visibility patrols on main arterial routes and drink/drug drive hotspots.

<b>Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Variation</b>
N Division (Highlands & Islands) - Total Number of Drivers Tested	848	917	+69
Positive Sample (Fail)	14	38	+24
Negative Result (Pass)	834	879	+45

In 2015 the percentage of drivers providing a positive breath sample was 1.65%. It is disappointing to note that during the Festive Drink/Drug Drive campaign 2016, this figure increased to 4.15%. Of the 38 persons reported for drink/drug drive offences, 8 of those were detected between 0600 hours - 1000 hours.

### **2017 – Abandoned/Uninsured Vehicles Campaign**

Road Policing supported by Local policing are to participate in a local Multi-Agency two day initiative specifically targeted to resolve and address the high number of complaints to Police Scotland in relation to Antisocial behaviour specifically around vehicles.

Members of the public have been subjected to Antisocial behaviour from particular individuals who utilise residential parking spaces, and the public road for what can only be described as end of life vehicles. They leave mechanical debris littering the local footpaths and roads. Individuals have been identified and again while some positive action has already been taken this operation will progress things further.

The planning for this is under way and it is hoped to take action with partners early 2017.

## **2. Priority 2- Drug /Alcohol Misuse**

By working effectively with our partners in the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership and supporting campaigns such as 'Meet the Macphersons' we are working hard to reduce alcohol and drug abuse/misuse in the Highland

area.

We know that this remains a priority for our communities and we recognise the detrimental impact that drugs and/or alcohol has on the quality of life of individuals, their families and the community in which they live.

In this reporting period there were no drugs related deaths in the Inverness area.

Police Scotland continue to work proactively and during the last reporting period the following number of Stop/Searches were carried out in the Inverness area.

<b>INVERNESS</b>	<b>Statutory</b>	<b>Consensual</b>	<b>Seizures</b>
	653	11	32
Positive	224	5	-
Alcohol	-	1	-
ASB	-	1	-
Drugs	207	2	-
Firearms	-	-	-
Stolen Property	15	-	-
Weapons	2	1	-

Our communities have a significant role to play in reporting suspicious activities, we rely heavily on the support of the public in supplying us with information to disrupt the supply of drugs and arrest those responsible for causing harm to our communities. Police Scotland continue to encourage any person with information to contact the police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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<b>INVERNESS AREA</b>	<b>15/16 FYTD</b>	<b>16/17 FYTD</b>	<b>Variation</b>
Supply of Drugs or being concerned in the supply of drugs (Detections)	87	76	-11 (This figure includes detections for drugs supply, productions and cultivations)

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

Over a short time period there can be a number of reasons that cause a



significant variation of the figures. The command area continues to actively target those involved in the supply of controlled drugs with a number of enquiries ongoing. Support from the public by supplying us with information and reporting suspicious activities is key to the success of these operations.

- Regular licensed premises checks and collaborative working with licensees has been a key factor in reducing crime such as serious assaults and drink/drug driving. During the last reporting period, 939 licensed premises checks were carried out in the Inverness Area.
- During the reporting period, the Highlands and Islands Division conducted 22.5% of all licensed premises checks carried out in Scotland.
- Over the festive season, this correlated with a 5.7% reduction in violence, a 13.9% decrease in anti-social behaviour and a 20.1% decrease in drunkenness and disorderly conduct compared with same period last year, throughout the Division.

### 3. Priority 3- 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.

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<b>INVERNESS</b>	<b>15/16 FYTD</b>	<b>16/17 FYTD</b>	<b>Variation</b>
<b>Breach of the Peace/Threatening &amp; Abusive Behaviour</b>			
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>-66</b>
<b>Common Assault</b>			
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>-37</b>
<b>Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)</b>			
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>+27</b>

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Inverness Response Team is now well embedded, the model has successfully been rolled out in other areas of Highland, most recently in the Badenoch and Nairn area. The Caithness area continue to run the initiative following their pilot period. The Inverness Team are continually looking at ways of expanding their remit/portfolio in terms of dealing with problem individuals and working more closely with other partner agencies including those in the Third Sector.

#### **4. Priority 4- 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.

##### **Festive Campaign**

Police Scotland Festive Campaign was launched during the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The themes of this year's campaign were:

Festive Shoppers (those out and about within town centres/shopping centres)

Online Safety (personal and financial security and awareness when online – shopping/browsing or otherwise)

Party Safety (those out socialising over festive period, specifically those engaging on work nights out)

Home Safety (Homeowners/occupiers raised awareness of home security over festive period)

Business Safety (this was predominantly targeted during the last week and raised awareness of business security)

The Preventions and Interventions (P&I) Team carried out a series of events throughout the Highlands. During December 2016 P&I officers attended at various town centres throughout the Highlands, accompanied by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Caithness and Sutherland Womens Aid, actively engaged with members of the public and promoted winter/festive safety messages. This initiative ran for three weeks throughout Highland Division 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.

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(1 April 2016 – 31 December 2016)-**

<b>INVERNESS</b>	<b>15/16 FYTD</b>	<b>16/17 FYTD</b>	<b>Variation</b>
<b>Number of Thefts by Housebreaking (Dwelling house, Non-dwelling, Other premises)</b>			
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>Theft by Shoplifting</b>			
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>-55</b>
<b>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).</b>			
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>+14</b>

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**Priority 5- Public Protection**

N Division Public Protection Unit is led by a Detective Chief Inspector with 6 Detective Inspector-led teams providing specialist support for Local Policing Teams across the Division in Child Protection, Domestic Abuse, Rape Investigation and the management of information from Police Wellbeing Concerns for both children and adult concern information.

During 2016 Highlands and Islands was identified for a pilot for Police Scotland Risk & Concern Project and now functions with embedded Police Scotland best practice processes for the triage, research and assessment of all concern information relating to Children, Adults, Domestic Abuse, Hate Crime and Youth Justice.

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.

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.

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.

## Inverness Performance Summary

(1 April 2016- 05 February 2017)-

INVERNESS	15/16 FYTD	16/17 FYTD	Variation
Domestic Abuse Crimes <sup>1</sup>	447	385	-62
Domestic Abuse Crimes- Rate <sup>2</sup> Detection	75.8%	78.1%	+2.3%
Hate Crime <sup>3</sup>	53	29	-24
Sexual Crimes	173	188	+17

Please note: Whilst Police Scotland upgrades to a single integrated system, figures below this level i.e. to multi-member ward level are not available due to system configurations.

- (i) **Recommendation:** The committee is invited to scrutinise and discuss the progress report and updates in relation to the 5 Priorities; Road Safety, Drug/Alcohol Misuse, Antisocial Behaviour, Dishonesty and Public Protection.

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**Inverness Area Commander**  
**9 February 2017**

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

<sup>2</sup>Police Scotland ScOMIS Performance System Figures

<sup>3</sup>Police Scotland ScOMIS Performance System Figures

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