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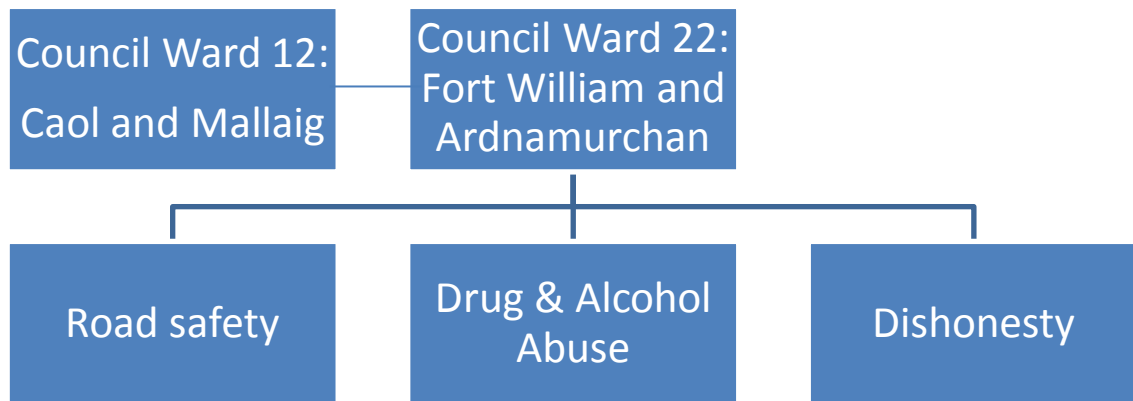
**Police- Area Performance Summary
Report by the South Area Commander**

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

The Lochaber Committee sits within the South Highland Area Command of the Highland and Islands Divisional Policing Structure. The Lochaber Committee covers the 2 Multi-Member Wards which each have 3 priorities (in this case they each have the same priorities):



The following report provides an overview of performance in terms of the four priorities identified for the Lochaber 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.

Lochaber Summary

(1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017)-

There has been 2 fatal collisions in the Lochaber area during this reporting period:

- Collision occurred on the A82 at Glencoe Ski Centre and involved one motor vehicle. The driver and passenger sustained nonlife-threatening injury and both were conveyed to hospital. However the passenger later developed complications as a result of this injury and died in hospital.
- Incident occurred on A82, North Road, Fort William and involved a HGV and cyclist. Cyclist sustained fatal injuries.

The below tables provide an overview of figures for the Lochaber Area; these figures relate to the reporting period – 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017):

LOCHABER	15/16 FYTD	16/17 FYTD	Variation
Drink/Drug Driving (Detections)	40	28	-12 (Figure includes failure to provide a specimen)

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SOUTH	15/16 FYTD	16/17 FYTD	Variation
Speeding (Detections)	2540	2190	-350
Seatbelt Offences (Detections)	224	109	-115
Mobile Phone Offences (Detections)	120	64	-56

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

Operations/Campaigns

Operation Zenith - The annual Motorcycle Safety Campaign commenced on Friday 24 March 2017 and runs until Sunday 1 October 2017. Road Policing officers will deliver a 6 month period of focused activity around motorcycle safety, including engagement, education and enforcement. Rider behaviour and speeding are significant contributory factors in collisions involving motorcycles. The robust enforcement of these offences will be delivered via speed checks and high visibility patrols on key routes

2. Priority 2- Drug & Alcohol Abuse

By working effectively with our partners in the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership and supporting campaigns we are working hard to reduce alcohol and drug abuse/misuse in the Highland area.

Operation Catalufa relating to the investigation into drug supply and use in the educational establishments is ongoing in the N Division area. Prevention and Intervention work is ongoing in the Lochaber area and during January, Police attended at the Birchwood Childrens Home to deliver Drug and Alcohol Awareness presentation to high tariff young people ie young people at particular risk from drug and alcohol abuse.

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.

Between 01 April 2016 and 31 March 2017 there were two drug related deaths in the Lochaber area.

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.

SOUTH	15/16 FYTD	16/17 FYTD	Variation
Supply of Drugs or being concerned in the supply of drugs (Detections)	26	25	-1 (This figure includes detections for drugs supply, productions and cultivations)

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Police Scotland has now established a National Stop and Search Unit to provide scrutiny and governance around the use of this policing tactic.

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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.

**Lochaber Performance Summary
(1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017)-**

LOCHABER	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Number of Thefts by Housebreaking (Dwelling house, Non-dwelling, Other premises)			
Caol & Mallaig	7	12	+5
Fort William & Ardnamurchan	18	24	+6
TOTAL:	25	36	+11
Theft by Shoplifting			
Caol & Mallaig	6	4	-2
Fort William & Ardnamurchan	3	3	-
TOTAL:	9	7	-2
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).			
Caol & Mallaig	3	11	+8
Fort William & Ardnamurchan	13	18	+5
TOTAL:	16	29	+13

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- (i) **Recommendation:** The committee is invited to scrutinise and discuss the progress report and updates in relation to the 3 Priorities; Road Safety, Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Dishonesty.

**Chief Inspector Brian Mackay
South Highland Area Commander
16th August 2017**

Highland Council**Lochaber Committee**

Paper Two – 1 April 2017 – 30th June 2017
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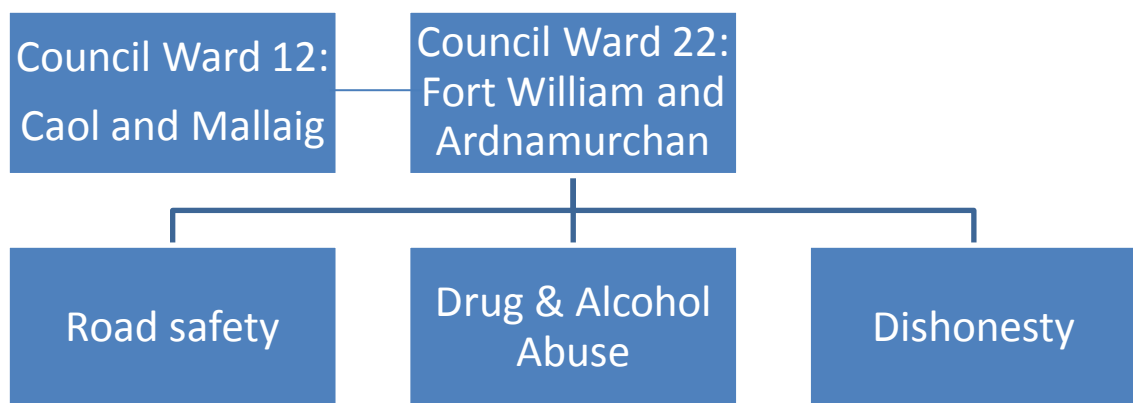
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Introduction

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.

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Local Policing Plans

The current Local Policing Plans for 2014-2017 have come to the end of their term.

Background

Police Scotland is committed to developing bespoke Local Policing Plans for each local authority area in Scotland. The Local Policing Plans are a statutory requirement derived from the Police and Fire Reform Act 2012 and demonstrate Police Scotland's legislative responsibility in the delivery of national, corporate and local outcomes.

The content of each Local Policing Plan is based on the following:

- Three year Local Strategic Assessment of the threats that will impact on policing at both Divisional and Local Authority area level. The strategic assessment will provide a true reflection of emerging issues and themes (including harm).
- Results from the Public Consultation 'Your View Counts' survey.
- Divisional contribution within the Community Planning Partnership setting, linking with the corresponding Local Outcome Improvement Plans.
- Local Engagement across communities.

Future

Without doubt over the last 4 years we have seen significant changes with the creation of a single Scottish Police force; we have now been operating as Police Scotland for over 4 years and you, as an elected member, join us at a pivotal point as we look to the future and shape the way that we deliver services in our communities, with our communities.

The way in which local services are delivered is changing and recognition that organisations; both public and private sector, need to constructively share and problem solve is crucial to the future of how we operate. In moving forward, we are committed to collectively implementing the Community Empowerment Act with our partners, implementing a holistic and preventative agenda increasing our ability to deter and divert those who pose a risk to our communities and ensure that the Lochaber area remains one of the safest places to live in the United Kingdom

C3 Project

As part of the remodelling of control rooms across Scotland, work is ongoing which will see the relocation of control room functions for N Division to Dundee.

Phone calls from the public will be answered in one of the Police Scotland Service Centres and thereafter controlled from Dundee.

At present the ongoing work is focusing on the testing of systems and training and briefing staff. Inverness Control room will see a change in function and will be developed into a data base enquiry unit to carry out checks for operational officers across Scotland.

Members of the project team will be available to attend this area meeting and answer any questions from members on the ongoing work of this project.

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The Divisional and Trunk Roads Policing Unit continues to provide assistance and in supported local police in the Lochaber area with several events –

During April 2017 Motorbike Trials event was held in Kinlochleven.

During May 2017 the Scottish Six Days Trial motorcycle event took place in Fort William. This event attracted 280 entrants, generating interest and attracting many hundreds of spectators for the duration of the event. This event was swiftly followed by Mountain Bike Event at Glencoe Ski Centre, attracting 270 competitors and many hundreds of spectators.

Driving Ambition inputs were presented to pupils at Mallaig High School, Lochaber High School and Ardnamurchan High School attended by a total of 140 S5/6 pupils.

Lochaber Summary

(1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017)-

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Speeding (Detections)	688	565	-123
Seatbelt Offences (Detections)	46	23	-23
Mobile Phone Offences (Detections)	20	10	-10

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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.

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Work continues in relation to Operation Catalufa, Prevention and Intervention officer attended at Lochaber High School and gave a Drugs awareness presentation to high tariff young people ie young people at particular risk from drug and alcohol abuse.

Between 01 April 2017 and 30 June 2017 there were no drug related deaths in the Lochaber area.

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.

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3. Priority 3- Dishonesty

Operation Monarda brings together public, private and third sector organisations to help minimise risk and prevent harm to vulnerable and older people from criminals who commit doorstep crime. Doorstep crime affects some of the most vulnerable within our society and communities, with victims being targeted due to their perceived vulnerability (age, gender, disability) with many becoming repeat victims.

During May 2017, Operation Monarda week of action ran within N Division with roadshows taking place throughout the area. These involved Prevention and Intervention unit officers, Crimestoppers and Trading Standards attending at the supermarket in Fort William raising awareness and providing advice to

older customers who may be at risk of financial harm.

During Operation Monarda support was gained from NHS Highland, NHS Shetland and NHS Western Isles, a door step crime leaflet was attached to all prescriptions leaving pharmacies in the Highland, including Lochaber, area (5500 leaflets distributed) this allowed information to be delivered direct to some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

We all have a role in protecting the often vulnerable members of society who could be targeted by Door Step criminals.

Lochaber Performance Summary (1 April 2017 – 30th June 2017)-

LOCHABER	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Number of Thefts by Housebreaking (Dwelling house, Non-dwelling, Other premises)			
Caol & Mallaig	-	1	+1
Fort William & Ardnamurchan	4	2	-2
TOTAL:	4	3	-1
Theft by Shoplifting			
Caol & Mallaig	-	-	-
Fort William & Ardnamurchan	5	2	-3
TOTAL:	5	2	-3
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).			
Caol & Mallaig	2	1	-1
Fort William & Ardnamurchan	6	1	-5
TOTAL:	8	2	-6

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