

Highland Council

**Badenoch and Strathspey Area Committee
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**Police- Area Performance Summary Report
Report by Chief Inspector Brian Mackay, South Highland Area Commander**

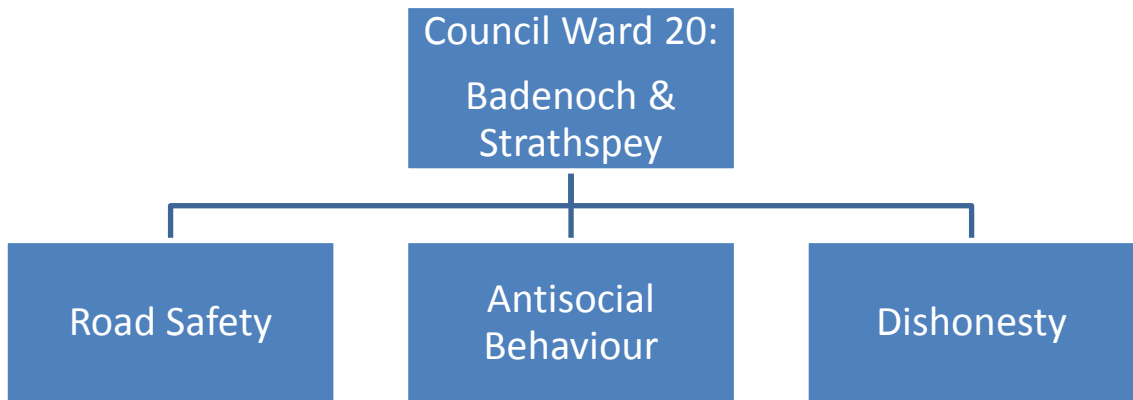
Summary

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.

The 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:



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 Badenoch and Strathspey 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.

A Member 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.

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.

There is evidence of increased proactivity in the Badenoch and Strathspey area, and the area command as a whole, in terms of targeting road traffic offences contributory to Road Traffic Collisions.

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 is scheduled for Kingussie High School during Autumn 2017.

Safer Highlanders took place in Aviemore during June 2017. Safe Highlanders is an annual event that promotes community safety, health and crime prevention to pupils.

Primary 7 pupils get their chance to experience a number of potentially hazardous situations and participate in a range of simulated practical exercises.

Pupils acquire life-saving skills including road safety as well as first aid, fire and water safety and internet safety. Children are also presented with the dangers of electricity, building sites and substance misuse.

Following contact from members of the public expressing concerns about road safety, recommendations for gateway signage at Boat of Garten, Dulnain Bridge and Drumullie have been submitted to Highland Council by the local area command.

Further, a local area command submission was made to Transport Scotland requesting the area at A95, Drumullie be assessed with a view to reducing the speed limit to 50 mph within this area.

Badenoch & Strathspey Summary

(1st April 2017 – 31st July 2017) -

There were no fatal collisions in the Badenoch & Strathspey area during this reporting period.

The tables below provide an overview of figures for the Badenoch & Strathspey Area;

1st April 2017 – 31st July 2017:

Badenoch & Strathspey	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Drink/Drug Driving (Detections)	5	8	+3 (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.

1st April 2017 – 31st July 2017

SOUTH	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Speeding (Detections)	899	712	-187
Seatbelt Offences (Detections)	56	37	-19
Mobile Phone Offences (Detections)	25	13	-12

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

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.

Operations/Campaigns

The following campaigns have been running recently throughout the Division:

The annual Motorcycle Safety Campaign – Operation Zenith - 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.

Drink/Drive Campaign - A Drink/Drug Drive Campaign will commence on Friday 5 May and will run for a period of one week until Thursday 11 May 2017.

Police Scotland is committed to achieving the Scottish Government's 2020 casualty reduction targets and increasing awareness of the risks associated with drink/drug driving will support the Force's efforts to reduce road casualties. The Campaign will be conducted through a combination of intelligence-led high visibility patrols and static road checks.

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.

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 noise calls. There are currently no residences under Operation Notebook in the Badenoch and Strathspey area.

Badenoch & Strathspey Performance Summary

(1st April 2017 – 31st July 2017)

Badenoch & Strathspey	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Breach of the Peace/Threatening & Abusive Behaviour			
TOTAL:	12	14	+2
Common Assault			
TOTAL:	23	15	-8
Vandalism (including Malicious Mischief)			
TOTAL:	10	26	+16

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.

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 including Badenoch and Strathspey. These involved Prevention and Intervention unit officers, Crimestoppers and Trading Standards raising awareness and providing advice to older people 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 Badenoch and Strathspey 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.

Badenoch & Strathspey Performance Summary

(1st April 2017- 31st July 2017) -

BADENOCH & STRATHSPEY	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Number of Thefts by Housebreaking (Dwelling house, Non-dwelling, Other premises)			
TOTAL:	3	6	+3
Theft by Shoplifting			
TOTAL:	1	10	+9
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:	10	2	-8

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The increase in shoplifting can be attributed to one premises in the Badenoch and Strathspey area and relates mainly to theft of alcohol. Police Scotland Preventions and Interventions in conjunction with the Police Scotland Licensing have identified this spike in recorded crime, and are currently working with the retailer in order to resolve this matter and improve their crime prevention response.

- (i) **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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21 August 2017