

Highland Council

**Isle of Skye and Raasay Committee
11th September 2017**

Agenda Item	6
Report No	SR/12/17

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

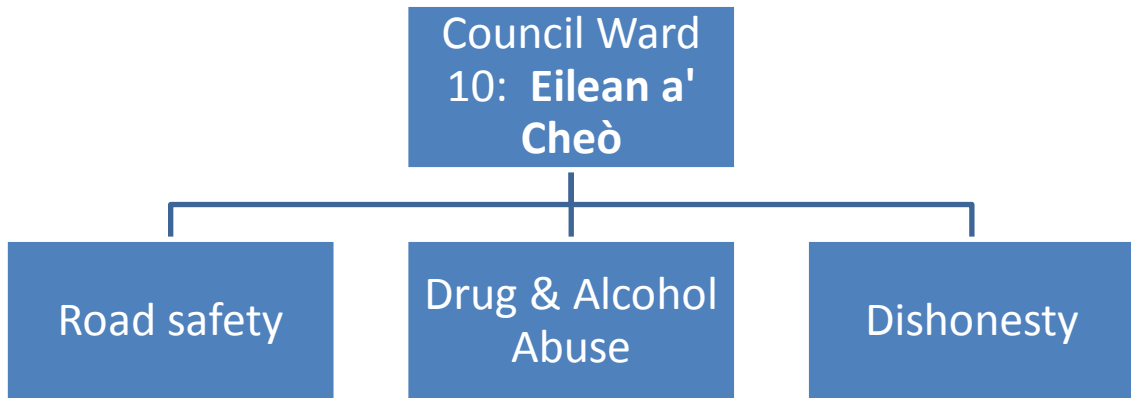
Summary

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

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 (extended).

The newly formed Isle of Skye and Raasay Committee sits within the South Highland Area Command of the Highland and Islands Divisional Policing Structure. The Isle of Skye and Raasay Committee covers 1 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 Skye and Raasay 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.

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

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.

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. 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.

The Divisional and Trunk Roads Policing Unit currently has 45 dedicated officers covering the Division who can be tasked with local issues in each of the wards.

Isle of Skye and Raasay Summary

(1 April 2016- 31 March 2017) - There were two fatal collisions during this reporting period

- One vehicle collision which occurred on the A87 at Broadford. Motorist sustained fatal injuries at the scene.
- Vehicle collided with a pedestrian at the A87 at Sconser. Pedestrian sustained fatal injuries at the scene.

(1 April 2017 – 31 July 2017) – There were no fatal collisions during this reporting period.

The below tables provide an overview of figures for the Isle of Skye and Raasay Area.

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

SKYE	15/16 FYTD	16/17 FYTD	Variation
Drink/Drug Driving (Detections)	13	20	+7 (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.

1 April 2017 – 31 July 2017

SKYE	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Drink/Drug Driving (Detections)	12	6	-6 (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.

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

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.

1 April 2017 – 31 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.

Operations/Campaigns

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/Drug Drive Campaign - this commenced on Friday 5 May and ran for a period of one week until 11 May 2017. Police Scotland is committed to achieving the Scottish Government's 2020 casualty reduction targets.

Increasing awareness of the risks associated with drink/drug driving will support the Force's efforts to reduce road casualties.

2. Priority 2- Drug Dealing & 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.

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017 – There have been no drug related deaths in the Isle of Skye and Raasay area.

1 April 2017 – 31 July 2017 – There have been no drug related deaths in the Isle of Skye and Raasay 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. Police Scotland continue to encourage any person with information to contact the police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Isle of Skye and Raasay Performance Summary (1 April 2016- 31 March 2017)-

- During this last reporting period, 1220 licensed premises checks were carried out in the South Highland area, representing 11.6% of all checks carried out in the Highland and Islands area (1220 of 10501 checks).

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)

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

(1 April 2017- 31 July 2017)-

- During this reporting period, 267 licensed premises checks were carried out in the South Highland area, representing 9.8% of all checks carried out in the Highland and Islands area (267 of 2728 checks).

SOUTH	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Supply of Drugs or being concerned in the supply of drugs (Detections)	16	5	-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.

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

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. These involved Prevention and Intervention unit officers, Crimestoppers and Trading Standards attending at the supermarket in Portree 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 Skye and Raasay, 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.

**Isle of Skye and Raasay Performance Summary
(1 April 2016- 31 March 2017)-**

SKYE	15/16 FYTD	16/17 FYTD	Variation
Number of Thefts by Housebreaking (Dwelling house, Non-dwelling, Other premises)			
TOTAL:	3	2	-1
Theft by Shoplifting			
TOTAL:	4	5	+1
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:	4	6	+2

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.

**Isle of Skye and Raasay Performance Summary
(1 April 2017 - 31 July 2017)-**

SKYE	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Number of Thefts by Housebreaking (Dwelling house, Non-dwelling, Other premises)			
TOTAL:	1	-	-1
Theft by Shoplifting			
TOTAL:	2	3	+1
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:	3	2	-1

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.

- (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
30th August 2017**