

Agenda Item	4
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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Nairnshire Committee

Date: 21 September 2017

Report Title: Police Scotland – Area Performance Summary

Report By: South Highland Area Commander

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 To provide a local summary update to Committee Members on progress with reference to the local priorities within the Highland 2014-2017 Policing Plan.

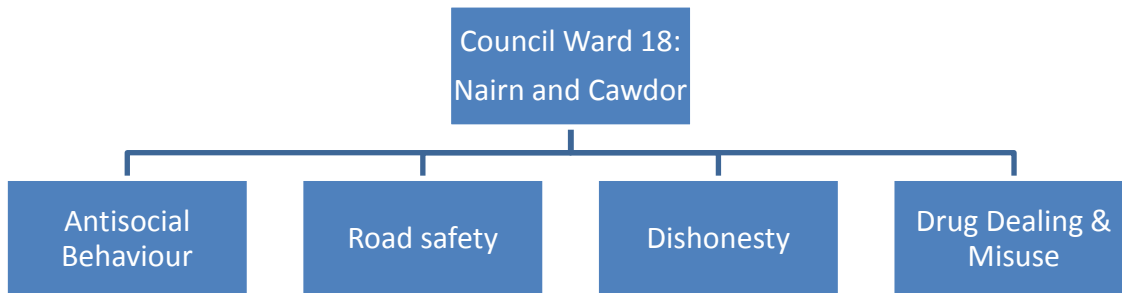
2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The committee is invited to scrutinise and discuss the progress report and updates in relation to the 4 Priorities; Road Safety, Drug Dealing & Misuse, Antisocial Behaviour and Dishonesty.

3. 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 Nairnshire Committee sits within the South Highland Area Command of the Highland and Islands Divisional Policing Structure. The Nairnshire Committee covers the Multi-Member Ward which has 4 priorities:



Local Policing Plans

The current Local Policing Plans for 2014-2017 have come to the end of their term, the Policing Plan has been drafted and is currently with members for consultation.

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 Nairn 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.

The following report provides an overview of performance in terms of the four priorities identified for the Nairn area as detailed above:

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.

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.

Driving Ambition continues and took place in Nairn Academy during June 2017.

(1 April 2016- 31 March 2017)-

- There have been no fatal collisions in the Nairn area during this reporting period.

(1 April 2017 – 31 July 2017) –

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The below tables provide an overview of figures for the Nairn Area;

1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017:

NAIRN	15/16 FYTD	16/17 FYTD	Variation
Drink/Drug Driving (Detections)	12	13	+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.

1 April 2017 to 31 July 2017:

NAIRN	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Drink/Drug Driving (Detections)	6	2	-4

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1 April – 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 – 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

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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 - Drink/Drug Drive Campaign commenced on Friday 5 May and ran 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.

During July 2017, Police Scotland undertook a day campaign to specifically target mobile phone/hand-held devices and other distraction-related offences.

Priority 2- Drug Dealing & Misuse

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. The South Highland Prevention and Intervention Officer regularly attends meetings.

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.

Since April 2016 there have been no drug related deaths in Nairn.

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

Nairn Performance Summary

(1 April 2016- 31 March 2017-

- 308 licensed premises checks were carried out in the Nairn area.

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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(1 April 2017- 31 July 2017)-

- During this reporting period 44 licensed premises checks were carried out in the Nairn area.

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)

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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.

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.

There are currently no premises under Operation Notebook in the Nairn area.

An appendix outlining the process of Operation Notebook is attached to this report for the reference of new members.

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

NAIRN	15/16 FYTD	16/17 FYTD	Variation
Breach of the Peace/Threatening & Abusive Behaviour			
TOTAL:	69	42	-27
Common Assault			
TOTAL:	74	70	-4
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)			
TOTAL:	45	33	-12

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**Nairn Performance Summary
(1 April 2017 – 31 July 2017)-**

NAIRN	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Breach of the Peace/Threatening & Abusive Behaviour			
TOTAL:	12	27	+15
Common Assault			
TOTAL:	23	45	+22
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)			
TOTAL:	11	21	+10

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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.

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 Nairn. 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 Nairn 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.

Regular internet safety inputs are given to our most vulnerable groups. Most recently an internet safety session was conducted at Cantray House College.

**Nairn, Performance Summary
(1 April 2016- 31 March 2017)**

NAIRN	15/16 FYTD	16/17 FYTD	Variation
Number of Thefts by Housebreaking (Dwelling house, Non-dwelling, Other premises)			
TOTAL:	11	5	-6
Theft by Shoplifting			
TOTAL:	52	18	-34
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:	7	7	-

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**Nairn, Performance Summary
(1 April 2017- 31 July 2017)**

NAIRN	16/17 FYTD	17/18 FYTD	Variation
Number of Thefts by Housebreaking (Dwelling house, Non-dwelling, Other premises)			
TOTAL:	4	3	-1
Theft by Shoplifting			
TOTAL:	5	14	+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:	3	1	-2

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Background Papers: Operation Notebook (Appendix 1)

APPENDIX 1

Operation Notebook

“To make people feel, and be safer by tackling anti-social behaviour in and around residential properties within our communities”

Local Authority/Police Joint Strategy

- Encouraging reporting of antisocial behaviour at the earliest opportunity and then early intervention
- Better reassurance to the public of the ongoing work undertaken by agencies in tackling anti-social behaviour
- Supporting victims of anti-social behaviour
- Continuing to focus on the use of education, prevention & intervention methods with a view to reducing future antisocial offending
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What is Operation Notebook?

This operation involves targeting problematic residential addresses with a “3 stage” process and requires close working practices between Local Authority, Housing providers and Police Scotland.

Process - Police regularly analyse and review repeat calls to residential properties. Should an address receive three or more instances of police attendance for anti-social related disorder, liaison is carried out with relevant housing provider. Thereafter follows a three tiered process, although proceedings can start at any level depending on the severity of the anti-social behaviour:

Level 1: A local police officer will attend at the address and speak to the householder regarding the nature of the complaint. This visit is also followed up by an acknowledgement letter.

Level 2: A local police sergeant and representative of housing provider will carry out a visit.

Level 3: The Area Commander will carry out a warning, usually taking place at the Police Station, in the presence of the Housing provider. An anti-social behaviour contact will be signed at this time.

Should Level 3 be breached, Housing will initiate the eviction process.

Outcomes - Reduced number of repeat calls to residential addresses

Jointly saved resourcing and costs of responding to complaints of anti-social behaviour

Residents affected by anti-social behaviour have confidence in services to effectively tackle anti-social behaviour.