

Agenda item	6
Report no	RC/021/18

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Ross and Cromarty Area

Date: 15 August 2018

Report Title: **Police – Area Performance Summary Report**

Report By: Chief Inspector Iain MacLelland, Area Commander

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 To provide an update to Committee Board on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the Highland Policing Plan 2017-2020.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are invited to **NOTE** progress made against the objectives set within the Highland and Islands Local Policing Plan 2017-2020:-
- i. Year 1, attached as Appendix A to this report, for the period covering 1 April 2017- 31 March 2018.
 - ii. Year 2, attached as Appendix B to this report, for the period covering 1 April 2018 - 30 June 2018.

3. Report Format – Police Area Performance Summary Report

- 3.1 Highland Council have moved towards more detailed reporting of Police Performance at a local level. With this in mind, this is a good opportunity to revise the format of reporting and the attached document at Annexe A has been drafted with a view to doing this.
- 3.2 This document will now cover all priorities featured in the local Policing Plan and evidence Prevention and Intervention work corresponding to each of the policing priorities, provide local narrative in relation to Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism and finally a section covering local events for the interest of members.

4. Implications

4.1 Resource – There are no immediate resource applications arising from this noting report

4.2 Legal – There are no immediate legal implications arising from this noting report.

Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – There are no immediate community implications arising from this noting report.

Climate Change/Carbon Clever – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

Risk – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

Gaelic – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

Designation: Area Commander

Date: 3 August 2018

Author: Chief Inspector Ian MacLelland

Background Papers: Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland

(a) Policing plan 2017- 20, Year 1, covering 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018.

(b) Policing plan 2017- 20, Year 2, covering 1 April 2017 – 30 June 2018.

ROSS AND CROMARTY - PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017/20
01 April 2017 – 31 March 2018

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Target		YTD 2016/17	YTD 2017/18	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Ross and Cromarty.		3	3	-	<p>A832 at Badrailich Road. Two vehicle RTC, the occupant of one vehicle later died from complications of an injury sustained.</p> <p>A835 Tore to Ledmore junction. Two vehicle RTC, the driver of one vehicle sustaining fatal injury and pronounced dead at the scene.</p> <p>A832 Braemore to Aultbea road. One vehicle RTC, both occupants of the vehicle pronounced dead at the scene.</p>
Number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	North Highland – Due to system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level.	114	129	+15	Includes failure to provide a specimen. It is disappointing to note this 11% increase however this is linked to proactive stopping of

					vehicles and increased calls from the public
Number of people detected for speeding.		1226	1238	+12	
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		131	78	-53	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences		182	140	-42	
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Driving ambition took place at Ullapool High School during February 2018, further scheduled sessions to take place throughout Ross and Cromarty during the next reporting year.				
Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns	Rider Refinement North - A new training scheme to help reduce the number of collisions involving motorcyclists has been launched by road safety partners in the north of Scotland and Highlands. The 'Rider Refinement North' one day course, which has been part funded by Transport Scotland's Road Safety Framework Fund, will be led by qualified police motorcyclists and take place on various dates across the summer period in Highland area.				

PRIORITY – Violence, Disorder and Anti-social Behaviour including Alcohol and Drugs Misuse

Intention – With partners, better understand the causes to prevent and reduce instances of Anti-social Behaviour, Violence and Disorder to enhance community safety across the Highland Area

Objective – Work with partners to share information, support Education, Prevention, Diversionary and Enforcement Measures linked to harmful alcohol consumption; maintain robust procedures around licensed premises; support victims of violent crime by working with partners to improve service provision and prevent repeat victimisation.

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2016/17	YTD 2017/18	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks				2033		17.4% of all licensed premises checks carried out in N Division (2033 of 11653 checks)
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.						See Stop and Search details at Antisocial Behaviour / Disorder section below
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.						
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	21.4	14.5	17	12	-5	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	362.0	274.6	287	271	-16	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences. Figure below 5 year and 3 year average.
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	404.4	386.9	378	325	-53	Crimes and offences
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.						There are currently no premises at Stage 3 Operation Notebook within Ross and Cromarty.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.						
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	378.8	359.1	357	337	-20	Includes Malicious Mischief. Figure below 5 year and 3 year average.

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2016/17	YTD 2017/18	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Prevention and Intervention Activity (including Rock challenge, Safer Highlander, Pub Watch)						Alcohol continues to be a significant factor in violent crime in the Highland area. We will continue to maintain robust licensing procedures and focus on licensed premises inspections and also work with partners to reduce the harm caused by private space violence. Domestic Abuse incidents remain at a significant level across the area, with an upward trend in reporting over the last 6 years. This will remain a priority for the Division. We will continue to work with partners to give victims improved outcomes and confidence to report.

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		April 2017 – March 2018	April 2017 – March 2018 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	285	110		
	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	32	14		
	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	-	-		
	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	1	-		
	Number of seizures made	10	10		

An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items.

Management Information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication>.

Positive Stop Search – A positive stop and search is when an item is recovered where possession of same implies criminality on the part of the individual being searched or any other; or potentially compromises the safety of that individual or another.

A **Seizure** occurs when – alcohol, and/or; tobacco product, and/or; cigarette papers are surrendered, or are removed from an individual by a Police Officer, for the purpose of safeguarding the health and well-being of that individual or any other, in circumstances where the stop and search tactic has NOT been utilised and no physical search of an individual has taken place.

PRIORITY – Acquisitive Crime

Intention – With Partners and Communities, prevent instances of acquisitive crime across the Highland area

Objective – With Partners, share information, support education, prevention, diversionary and enforcement activity linked to acquisitive crime; develop work with targets – recidivist offenders to reduce reoffending linked to acquisitive crime e.g. Persistent Offenders programme; enhance the use of all media platforms to raise awareness of local and national preventative initiatives.

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2016/17	YTD 2017/18	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of Theft by Housebreaking	57.8	54.5	36	44	+8	YTD figures below 3 year and 5 year average
Number of theft by shoplifting	66.2	62.8	66	102	+36	High detection rate – North Highland 87.3% 35% increase, this spike in recorded crime has been addressed as a Division and ongoing work relating to tactical planning and prevention and intervention strategies have been implemented across the Division to inhibit this type of criminality. Police are encouraging retailers to sign up to Retailers Against Crime (RAC).
Number of theft from motor vehicles	53	56.4	59	41	-18	Figures well below 3 year and 5 year average.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>The Banking Protocol is an initiative between the police, banking institutions & Trading Standards. Its aim is at the earliest opportunity to identify vulnerable victims who are in the process of being defrauded of funds from their bank accounts by unscrupulous criminals and to intervene to prevent these crimes.</p> <p>Victims, particularly elderly and other vulnerable people are targeted by suspects for a range of fraud offences, including courier fraud and bogus worker offences. These crimes often involve the perpetrator encouraging the victim to attend their bank, post office or other financial services provider in person and withdraw or transfer cash.</p> <p>The Protocol is designed to provide a standardised method for how these concerns are dealt with and reported to police and to stop multiple victimisation. This protocol commenced nationally and in the Highland region during March 2018.</p>					

PRIORITY – Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Intention – Protect people at risk of harm

Objective – With Partners and as corporate parents we will deliver the C.H.A.M.P.S (Highland Champion Board) strategy; with Partners we will focus on safeguarding communities; with Partners we will address emerging issues through Prevention and Intervention

Target	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2016/17	YTD 2017/18	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Class 2 Crimes -sexual crimes	32.8	30.1	44	23	-21	Enquiries in relation to sexual crimes are focused on positive outcomes for victims of crime and led by their wishes. This figure also includes reporting of non-recent incidents.
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	<p>Third party Reporting Centres – New and existing centres to receive new training early in 2018.</p> <p>A Hate Crime Survey is sent to all victims of Hate Crime; this survey has been in place since 1st January 2015 and its purpose is to ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.</p>					
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Missing Persons</p> <p>Police investigated 304 reports of missing persons in North Highland during this reporting year. Of this number, 74% related to looked after children from residential units in North Highland.</p>					

PRIORITY – Serious & Organised Crime

Intention – With Partners, reduce the threat, risk and harm caused by Serious Organised Crime

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Serious & Organised Crime	Divisional Operation - intelligence development and investigation into drug supply and use in educational establishments throughout the Division, including Ross and Cromarty. All intelligence will continue to be monitored daily and passed to the local area inspector for proactive approach.
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PRIORITY – Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism

Intention – Support the delivery of the CONTEST strategy to reduce the threat posed by terrorism and domestic extremism

Objective – Strengthen PREVENT work with Partners and institutions; with Partners, support individuals who are vulnerable to terrorism and violent extremism; strengthen PREVENT work in relation to the internet and Social Media; Effective Multi-agency planning in respect of Counter Terrorism is taking place; Develop our ability to response effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism	<p>The ACT NOW for schools project consists of four lessons exploring issues surrounding terrorism, It centre around a fictitious table top exercise delivered by external community facilitators with support from the local police. The lessons also cover political and historical terrorism and human safety versus human rights. The purpose of ACT NOW for schools is to encourage diverse communities to understand counter-terrorism issues and to feel confident about making decisions based upon the information they are given.</p> <p>ACT (All Communities Together) Now several presentations delivered to pupils at Tain Royal Academy during November and December 2017.</p> <p>Port visit to Invergordon</p>
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Activity/Events

January 2018	Strathpuffer Cycle Event
February 2018	Control Room Transition Chinese New Year
March 2018	Grand Tour filming NC 500

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Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Ross and Cromarty.		0	2	+2	A9 at Foulis, RTC involving 5 vehicles. The driver of one vehicle died at the scene. A835 at Tarvie, two vehicle RTC, the driver of one vehicle sustained serious injury and later died in hospital.
Number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	North Highland – Due to system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level.	35	38	+3	Includes failure to provide a specimen. It is disappointing to note this 11% increase however this is linked to proactive stopping of vehicles and increased calls from the public
Number of people detected for speeding.		405	352	-53	
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		26	16	-10	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences		28	28	-	
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Driving ambition took place at Plockton High School and Fortrose Academy during June 2018, further scheduled sessions to take place throughout Ross and Cromarty during the next reporting year.				

Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns	Rider Refinement North - A new training scheme to help reduce the number of collisions involving motorcyclists has been launched by road safety partners in the north of Scotland and Highlands. The 'Rider Refinement North' one day course, which has been part funded by Transport Scotland's Road Safety Framework Fund, will be led by qualified police motorcyclists and take place on various dates across the summer period in Highland area.
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Licensed Premises Checks				432		10.1% of all licensed premises checks carried out in N Division (432 of 4277 checks)
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.						See Stop and Search details at Antisocial Behaviour / Disorder section below
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.						
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	4	2.6	3	2	-1	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	84.6	75.8	75	61	14	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences. Figure below 5 year and 3 year average. 18% reduction on previous year.
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	102.4	98.5	81	88	+7	Crimes and offences. Figure below 5 year and 3 year average.
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.						There are currently no premises at Stage 3 Operation Notebook within Ross and Cromarty.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.						There are no antisocial behaviour orders in place within Ross and Cromarty
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	98	100.5	97	61	-36	Includes Malicious Mischief. Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average.

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Number of theft from motor vehicles	13	15.1	10	15	+5	
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Operation Monarda - 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. Two week period of action carried out across the N Division with roadshows taking place throughout the Highlands. These involved Prevention and Intervention unit officers, Crimestoppers and Trading Standards. In addition visits were carried out to all quarries, builders' merchants, banks, financial institutes and caravan sites to brief them on door step crime issues. Scam/bogus caller talk delivered to friendship clubs, lunch clubs and to members of Mens Shed throughout Highland.					

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Activity/Events

April 2018	Football fixtures
May 2018	Introduction of minimum alcohol pricing Highland Cross
June 2018	