

Agenda item	4
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THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Ross and Cromarty Area Committee

Date: 30 January 2019

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 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:

- i. progress made against the objectives set within the Highland and Islands Local Policing Plan 2017-2020 Year 2, attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 1 April 2018- 31 December 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.

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: 16 January 2019

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Background Papers: Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Policing plan 2017- 20, Year 2, covering 1 April 2017 – 31 December 2018.

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

PRIORITY – Road Safety and Road Crime

Intention – Whilst working with Partners, enhance Road Safety across the Highland Area

Objective – Whilst working with Partners, deliver a Road Safety Strategy which focuses on: Challenging Driver Behaviour; Education at the road side and elsewhere; Detection of offences linked to contributing factors of Fatal and Serious Road Collisions; and collectively reducing potential harm.

Target		YTD 2017/18	YTD 2018/19	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Ross and Cromarty.		1	7	+6	See appendix for further detail
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.	104	122	+18	
Number of people detected for speeding.		1015	864	-151	
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		61	36	-25	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences		114	65	-49	
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Driving ambition was delivered to pupils at Alness Academy</p> <p>Safe Highlander event at Dingwall – Over 350 P7 children provided with Road Safety advice</p>				
Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns	<p>The Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign 2018 ran between 1 December and 2 January 2019. Police Scotland N Division is committed to achieving the Scottish Government's 2020 casualty reduction targets. Increasing awareness of the risks associated with drink/drug driving supports the Force's efforts to reduce road casualties. The campaign was conducted through a combination of intelligence-led high visibility patrols and static road checks.</p> <p>11 Drink drivers and 1 drug driver reported in the Ross and Cromarty area. Over 3000 vehicles stopped by police in N Division during the campaign. Numbers across the Division were slightly down, however there is a trend emerging amongst males in their twenties featuring at a higher percentage than expected.</p>				

Operation Cedar - Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) builds on established practices and will focus on various agencies working in partnership to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured in the area. Operation CEDAR involves proactive multi-agency enforcement operations on the roads, which will sit alongside education activity aimed at improving the behaviour of drivers of all ages behind the wheel.

Partner agencies will also work together to gain a greater understanding of the factors which could be used to improve the safety of everyone on the roads and together respond to these issues.

Ultimately Operation Cedar also serves to support the Highland Road Casualty Reduction Group, as we work to keep the Highland economy moving and support healthy living. Historically, the long term trend across Highland has remained fairly static, for the 2018 calendar year the number of persons killed on Highland roads would indicate an increase, with 7 in the Ross and Cromarty area alone.

It is vital that death and injury on Highland roads continue to be tackled effectively by all agencies. We all recognise that the way in which we drive, ride and use our roads whether for business or recreation plays a huge part in avoiding us, our dependents and staff from becoming a road casualty. As a partnership we are committed to doing all we can to improve safety and reduce the number of persons killed and injured on our roads.

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 2017/18	YTD 2018/19	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks				1345		Continued liaison with licensed premises
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.	19.8	19.7	16	15	-1	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	299.8	273.3	279	277	-2	Figure below 5 year average
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	379.6	379	346	330	-16	Figure well below 3 year and 5 year average
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				0		Police have carried out increased patrols in the Tain, Alness, Dingwall and Muir of Ord area, proactively working with Partners regarding youth anti-social behaviour. This is in conjunction with a social media campaign and other educative measures including involving parent/guardian to advise of anti-social behaviour prior to criminality taking place.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.				0		

Reduce the incidents of vandalism	322.6	333.7	310	240	-70	Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average
Prevention and Intervention Activity (including Rock challenge, Safer Highlander, Pub Watch)	Festive safety campaign - Police Scotland is dedicated to Keeping People Safe and the advice we shared helped the public do that. By working together and advising on simple precautions we helped to remove the opportunities for criminals to commit crime. Partnership working with SFRS, Trading Standards, and Women's Aid took place in the main shopping hubs for Ross and Cromarty. Passing shoppers were spoken to by Police and Partners and preventative advice was given on a range of topics.					

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches

		April 2018 – December 2018	April 2018 – December 2018 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	273	102		
	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	-	-		
	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	-	-		
	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	-	-		
	Number of seizures made	12	12		

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 2017/18	YTD 2018/19	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of Theft by Housebreaking	48.8	44.7	45	31	-14	YTD figures well below 3 year and 5 year average
Number of theft by shoplifting	59.6	66	90	86	-4	Proactive anti-shoplifting initiative in Alness, Dingwall and Tain where local police carried out high visibility patrols and provided shoppers with crime prevention advice.
Number of theft from motor vehicles	26.4	31	26	13	-13	YTD figures well below 3 year and 5 year average
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Festive safety campaign - Police Scotland is dedicated to Keeping People Safe and the advice we shared helped the public do that. By working together and advising on simple precautions we helped to remove the opportunities for criminals to commit crime. Partnership working with SFRS and Women's Aid took place in the main shopping hubs for Ross and Cromarty. Passing shoppers were spoken to by Police and Partners and preventative advice given on a range of topics.					

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 2017/18	YTD 2018/19	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Class 2 Crimes -sexual crimes	67	71.7	55	75	+20	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>Hate Crime Champion training completed during November providing Divisional resources who will provide advice and support to colleagues regarding hate crime as well as acting as a conduit to share best practice nationally. Ross and Cromarty currently have two hate crime champions, based in Dingwall and Tain respectively</p>					
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Missing Persons</p> <p>Police investigated 263 reports of missing persons in North Highland during this reporting year. Of this number, 50% related to looked after children from residential units in North Highland.</p> <p>Ross and Cromarty have a local police liaison officer who maintains contact and liaison with the residential units in the area. This role has developed and regular contact has built a good relationship with residential unit(s). Where required this officer also works in conjunction with the missing person co-ordinator who similarly enjoys a good working relationship with residential units.</p> <p>Police Scotland working in partnership with NHS supported Suicide Prevention Week during September. Suicide is a major public health issue worldwide and the impact of it is felt throughout communities everywhere. This was followed up in November by the official launch of the Suicide Prevention app. This is free to download and The 'Prevent Suicide' safety plan on the app can be completed with the help of a trained listener on a helpline such as Breathing Space, a health professional or with a friend or family member.</p> <p>The app also includes telephone numbers for local and national helplines which can offer support in some situations where people are feeling distressed or suicidal. There is also guidance on what members of the public can do to help someone they</p>					

suspect is feeling suicidal.

(Android) <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.faffdigital.PSHighland>

(Apple Store) <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/prevent-suicide-highland/id1436026798?mt=8>

PRIORITY – Serious & Organised Crime

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

Objective – With Partners work to safeguard the Highland area by taking all opportunities to prevent crime and make the Highland area a hostile environment for Serious & Organised Crime Groups; to improve outcomes for individuals and communities and reduce offending through prevention, early intervention and diversion; in support of our Partners in the Local Authority and NHS via the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy we will direct those who are substance dependant towards recovery through prevention, treatment and support services; with Partners work to reduce the instances of substance misuse in our communities

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.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Proactive enquiry in Ross and Cromarty has resulted in warrants being executed in Alness during this reporting period. Drugs worth between £15,000- £20,000 were seized and the now accused both charged accordingly. Continued liaison and information sharing with Dingwall post office has lead to 5 suspect packaged being seized and found to contain controlled drugs.

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>WRAP sessions delivered to local authority staff in Dingwall. Continued liaison with local authority and secondary schools in Dingwall.</p>
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RTC Fatal Breakdown YTD Dec 2018

Date	Locus	Detail
05/06/2018	B9176 High Bridge Struie	One vehicle RTC, driver sole occupant pronounced dead at scene
24/06/2018	A835 West of Tarvie	Two vehicle RTC, driver of one vehicle later died in hospital
27/06/2018	A9 at Foulis	Three vehicle RTC, driver of vehicle pronounced dead at scene
19/07/2018	A835 at Braemore Junction	Two vehicle RTC, driver of vehicle pronounced dead at scene
21/07/2018	A832 between Tore and Munloch	Two vehicle RTC, driver of vehicle pronounced dead at scene
06/12/2018	A835 Conon Bridge	One vehicle and pedestrian RTC. Pedestrian pronounced dead at the scene
12/12/2018	A9 at Foulis	Two vehicle RTC, driver pronounced dead at the scene