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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 20th February 2020

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

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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:
- i. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland and Islands Local Policing Plan 2017-2020 Year 3, attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 1 April 2019- 31 December 2019.

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: 10 February 2020

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Background Papers: Progress made against the objectives set within the

Highland Policing plan 2017- 20, Year 3, covering 1 April 2019 – 31 December 2019.

INVERNESS - PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017/20
1 April 2019 – 31 December 2019

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 2018/19	YTD 2019/20	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in the Inverness area command.		2	3	1	A862 at Inchberry – One motor vehicle collision. The driver later died as a result of injury sustained. B862 Culduthel Road, Inverness – One motor cycle collision. The rider sustained fatal injury at the locus A82 Kerrowdown – One vehicle collisions. A pedestrian sustained fatal injury at locus.
Number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	Inverness Area Command – Due to system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level.	96	107	+11	Includes failure to provide a specimen
Number of people detected for speeding.		639	243	-396	
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		70	40	-30	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences		52	24	-28	
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Driving Ambition sessions delivered to pupils at Millburn and Culloden Academy and Glenurquhart High School.</p> <p>Safe Driving in the North is a health and safety focused-event in Inverness, organised by the Highland Construction Training Group (HCTG) and funded by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB. Police Scotland in partnership with SAS, SFRS, HC and H&SE will carry out a series of workshops and training</p>				

	delivered to apprentices in the construction industry. Planning ongoing in respect of this event.
Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns	<p>Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign 2019 ran between 1 December 2019 and 2 January 2020. Police Scotland 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>Thirteen drink drivers were reported in the Inverness area, this is an increase of +8 on the same period last year. Following the introduction of S5A Road Traffic Act 1988 in October 2019, preliminary drug drive testing is now available to officers. There were nine positive drug tests obtained in the Inverness area command during the campaign period.</p> <p>Driver Engagement North, a multi-agency initiative makes use of an interactive driving simulator designed to assess and highlight a participant's reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities on the roads. The project, launched in Inverness during October, received funding from Transport Scotland and is led by Police Scotland, with support from a number of partners including the NHS, Local Authority Community Safety Groups, IAM Roadsmart, Age Concern and RoSPA. The simulator has been specially designed to assess and demonstrate a driver's reactions and abilities in a safe environment under the supervision of specialists who will be able to offer support and advice. While this initiative is aimed at older drivers, we will also be able to offer advice to family members or friends who are concerned about whether someone they know is fit to drive.</p> <p>Any interested parties looking for more information can contact highlandandislandsdriverengagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p>

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 2018/19	YTD 2019/20	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks			2353	2193	-160	Ongoing liaison with licensees.
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	74.2	81.0	65	58	-7	Number of detections for Drugs supply. In addition 16 packages have been intercepted prior to delivery
Drug Deaths			15	8	-7	Ongoing liaison with Drugs Death Liaison Group
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	703.8	637.7	588	546	-42	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences. Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average.
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	706.2	666.3	628	637	9	Crimes and offences. Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average.
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				2		Partnership working with Highland Council, Albyn, Cairn Housing. Through early intervention, there are no Stage 3 Notebook addresses. Where required, joint visits conducted reinforcing the message that any form of Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.				0		
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	491.6	509.3	395	393	-2	Includes Malicious Mischief. Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average.

<p>Prevention and Intervention Activity</p>	<p>Operation Respect – Joint working with street pastors, BID, Red Cross, SAS car to keep people safe. Police patrols including plain clothes officers supported by special constables all working within the City centre led to a reduction of 23% of reported incidents for the same period last year.</p> <p>Operation Keeva - targeted night time economy and drug misuse. Focussing on licenced premises checks in particular toilet areas has contributed to the rise in positive drug searches.</p> <p>Custody Link Worker Project is being piloted in the Highland area. The project, which is being funded and supported by National Lottery Community Fund, The Robertson Trust, Police Scotland and The Highland Community Justice Partnership, will run for three years. The project has created three new jobs, employed within the charity Highland Third Sector Interface (HTSI) but working from the Police Station on Burnett Road in Inverness, to support people brought into custody. They will work with eligible individuals back in the community to help them identify options for linking into activities, services or support that will help that individual avoid instances of custody in the future and prevent repeat victimisation.</p> <p>Drugs Awareness - Rolling program of awareness raising in schools and other educational establishments most recently at Freshers Fayre, UHI and UHI School of Forestry.</p>
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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches

		April 2019 – December 2019	April 2019 – December 2019 (positive search)
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	528	302 (57%)
	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	7	-

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 2018/19	YTD 2019/20	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of Theft by Housebreaking	100.8	85	76	89	13	Figures well below 5 year average. Increase related to non-domestic property
Number of theft by shoplifting	393.4	480.0	630	514	-116	High detection rate 81%.
Number of theft from motor vehicles	41.8	47.7	31	38	7	Figures well below 3 year and 5 year average.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>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. Passing shoppers in Eastgate Centre were spoken to by Police and partners and preventative advice given on a range of topics including crime prevention, personal safety and suicide/vulnerability awareness.</p> <p>Custody Link Worker Project which is being piloted in the Highland area. The project, which is being funded and supported by National Lottery Community Fund, The Robertson Trust, Police Scotland and The Highland Community Justice Partnership, will commence early 2020 and will run for three years. The project will create three new jobs, employed within the charity Highland Third Sector Interface (HTSI) but working from the Police Station on Burnett Road in Inverness, to support people brought into custody. They will work with eligible individuals back in the community to help them identify options for linking into activities, services or support that will help that individual avoid instances of custody in the future as well as reducing victims of their crime.</p>					

PRIORITY – Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Intention – Protect people at risk of harm

Objective – 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 2018/19	YTD 2019/20	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Class 2 Crimes -sexual crimes	166.4	186.3	184	145	-39	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.
Domestic Crime	400.0	344.0	359	364	5	Domestic – 72.6% YTD Detection Rate
Hate Crime	33.4	29.7	33	13	-20	Hate Crime – 89.5% YTD Detection Rate. Hate Crime divvy up.
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	<p>Police Scotland N Division continues to embark on educative sessions in relation to Hate Crime and most recently contributed to Show Racism The Red Card at ICT stadium. These sessions utilise the high profile status of football and football players to publicise their anti-racism message.</p> <p>Police Scotland will undergo a HMICS National inspection in relation to Hate Crime and N Division Highland and Islands has been identified as one of the three focussed Divisions. The result of this report will be circulated to elected members when available.</p>					
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Missing Persons – During this reporting period, there have been 371 missing person reports in the Inverness Command area, of this number (48%) reports relate to missing children. This figure does not include missing persons from other areas who are traced in the Inverness Command area.</p> <p>These incidents represent a very high risk area of police business and necessitate immediate response. Police</p>					

Scotland employs a missing person co-ordinator who meets with the local authority on a weekly basis to review placements for looked after children. Where necessary this includes daily contact when incidents occur. Inverness Area Command have two local police liaison officer who maintain 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.

Education and awareness raising enhances multi-agency work in relation to protection of people at risk of harm. Numerous sessions took place at Community Fayre Alzheimer events, internet safety awareness, party safe sessions and drug/alcohol awareness at UHI.

<p>PRIORITY – Serious & Organised Crime</p> <p>Intention – With Partners, reduce the threat, risk and harm caused by Serious Organised Crime</p> <p>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</p>	
<p>Serious & Organised Crime</p>	<p>Divisional Operation - intelligence development and investigation into drug supply and use in educational establishments throughout the Division, including Inverness Area Command. All intelligence will continue to be monitored daily and passed to the local area inspector for proactive approach.</p> <p>Divisional Operation – ongoing investigation into recent online/electronic frauds which have targeted local business/charities and have resulted in the loss of substantial amounts of money in the Division and in the Inverness Area over the current reporting year.</p>
<p>Prevention and Intervention Activity</p>	<p>Proactive drug seizures continue in the Inverness Command area and this reporting period has seen positive conclusions to several Operations and significant drug and cash seizures as well as the execution of 36 search warrants with a positive result.</p> <p>The Slide is a specially-created film detailing a young person's downward spiral into criminality from teenage years into early adult life. After watching each film scene, attendees participate in a range of discussions to promote positive lifestyle choices and discuss the consequences of becoming involved in crime. These sessions were delivered to Millburn, Charleston, Kilchuimen Academy and Glenurquhart High School.</p> <p>As with all policing priorities, awareness raising and education is important which is why County Lines presentation delivered to Barnardos and staff at the Corbett Centre can help communities identify people at risk of exploitation when their accommodation is taken over and drugs dealt from this address (Cuckooing) and how to report any concerns.</p> <p>Romance Fraud - Romance fraud is widespread, estimates suggest that only one in five instances of fraud is reported.</p>

What happens?

All frauds require the offender to establish trust and rapport with the victim. In romance fraud, the victim believes there to be a genuine relationship. Techniques include attempts to build rapport with and gain the trust of the victim by claiming to adhere to the same religious faith or spiritual beliefs and articulating an intense desire for and attraction to the victim.

Types of romance fraud include –

- ‘foot-in-the door’ technique, in which the perpetrator initially asks for a small sum and, then having gained this small sum from the victim, manufactures new or escalating crises requiring larger and larger sums of money.
- ‘face-in-the-door’ technique, in which the perpetrator initially asks for a sum of money so extreme that most would refuse, followed by a request for a far more modest sum(s) to persuade the victim to part with their money.
- Third is webcam blackmail.

Police advice is always if someone asks for money, report it immediately to the dating platform, and call the Police on 101.

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 respond effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism	<p>WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) The workshop covers issues such as crime, normal social processes that are used to influence and manipulate, case studies that cut across the spectrum of extremism, terrorist ideologies and factors which may contribute to an individual's susceptibility to a terrorist ideology.</p> <p>In particular, it seeks to support them to recognise that using their existing expertise and professional judgement, they may be able to recognise potentially vulnerable individuals who may be susceptible to being persuaded by an extremist or terrorist ideology.</p> <p>ACT Now delivered to Millburn Academy pupils, Extremism awareness raising to UHI Students.</p> <p>Partnership working in respect of Prevent agenda continues and regular liaison takes place, most recently in September when as part of a series of regular meetings Prevent subgroup and Contest group met.</p>
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