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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Caithness Committee

Date: 19 February 2020

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

Report By: Chief Inspector Jamie Wilson, 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:
- 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 20120

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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.

CAITHNESS - PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017/20
01 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 Caithness.		3	0	-3	
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.	119	93	-26	Includes failure to provide a specimen
Number of people detected for speeding.		851	573	-278	
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		34	42	8	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences		63	69	6	
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Safer Highlander Caithness delivered to 300 pupils including road safety input.				
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>Seven drink drivers were reported in the North Highland area, this is an decrease of -7 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 six positive drug tests obtained in the North Highland 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</p>				

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.

Any interested parties looking for more information can contact highlandandislandsdriverengagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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			710	961	251	26% increase on same period last year.
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	7.2	8.7	13	4	-9	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation. In addition on 12 occasions, packages containing controlled substances have been intercepted prior to delivery.
Reduce number of drug related deaths in Caithness			6	0	-6	Partnership working through HADP
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	118.8	103.0	85	92	7	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences. YTD figures well below 5 year and 3 year average.
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	179.6	171.3	139	215	76	Crimes and offences.
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				0		Safer Caithness continues to work closely with partnership agencies including Highland Council, Albyn, Cairn and Pentland Housing, CJSW, SFRS and Child Services meeting twice weekly with a face to face meeting once a month. Through early intervention, there are no Stage 3 Notebook addresses. Joint visits regularly conducted reinforcing the message that any form of Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.				2		

Reduce the incidents of vandalism	200.0	193.7	189	190	1	Includes Malicious Mischief. YTD figures below 5 year and 3 year average.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Caithness Drugs initiative – Scottish Families Affected by Drugs and Alcohol – training event took place at Thurso Police Station. Over two sessions, 58 individuals from SAS, NHS, SW, YAT, Occupational Health from Dounreay benefitted from this. The efficacy of this training session was confirmed when SFADA received a referral less than 24 hours after the training taking place.</p> <p>Awareness raising and education continues to be of paramount importance and sessions were delivered to staff at North Highland College, Farr High and to Caithness Klics.</p> <p>Safer Highlander Caithness delivered to 300 pupils.</p>					

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches

		April 2019 – December 2019	April 2019 – December 2019 (positive search)
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	215	55 (25%)
	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	31.2	27.7	33	23	-10	Reduction in dwelling and non-dwelling properties
Number of theft by shoplifting	30.0	33.3	46	24	-22	Retail crime input to retailers. High detection rate 91%
Number of theft from motor vehicles	9.4	5.7	5	4	-1	YTD figures below 3 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 attending Tesco stores in Wick and Thurso 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>Ongoing liaison with retailers, delivering retail crime awareness sessions.</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 2018/19	YTD 2019/20	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Class 2 Crimes - sexual crimes	54.4	67.3	73	39	-34	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.	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.					
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Police investigated 203 reports of missing persons in North Highland during this reporting year. Of this number, 47% related to care experienced youth people in North Highland.</p> <p>Caithness 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>					

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 Caithness. All intelligence will continue to be monitored daily and passed to the local area inspector for proactive approach.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Twenty one positive Misuse of Drugs search warrants executed.</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. Current liaison with local secondary schools in Wick and Thurso in order to identify suitable dates to carry out awareness raising sessions.</p> <p>As with all policing priorities, awareness raising and education is important which is why County Lines presentation delivered to NHS, Farr High School and staff responsible for supported accommodation 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>

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

Ongoing counter terrorism liaison with Dounreay, Wick airports, Scrabster Harbour and Wick Harbour.

Appendix A

Fatal RTC Year to Date December 2019

Date	Locus	Note
25/05/2018	A836 Bridge of Forss	One vehicle RTC. Motorcyclist later died in hospital
01/12/2018	Unclassified near A836 from Thurso	One vehicle RTC. Driver died following injury sustained.
10/12/2018	A882 Milton	Two vehicle RTC. Driver of one vehicle sustained fatal injuries.