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**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Committee:** Black Isle, Dingwall, Seaforth Area Committee

**Date:** 13 October 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 Local Policing Plan 2017-20 Year 3, attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 1 April 2019- 31 March 2020.
- ii. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2020 – 23 Year 1, attached as Annex B to this report, for the period covering 1 April 2020 – 31 August 2020.

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**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

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Annex A: Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Policing Plan 2017- 20, Year 3, covering 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020.

Annex B: Progress made against the objective set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2020 – 23, Year 1, covering 1 April 2020 – 31 August 2020

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**BLACK ISLE, DINGWALL & SEAFORTH- PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2020/23**  
**01 April 2020 – 31 August 2020**

**PRIORITY – Road Safety and Road Crime**

**Intention – Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads**

**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 2019/20	YTD 2020/21	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in North Highland		0	0	-	
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.	52	64	12	Includes failure to provide a specimen
Number of people detected for speeding.		452	363	-89	Reduction of traffic on public roads during lockdown period
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		31	20	-11	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences		52	26	-26	
Prevention and Intervention Activity					
Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns					

**PRIORITY – Serious Organised Crime**

**Intention – Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including cyber related 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 Black Isle, Dingwall & Seaforth. All intelligence will continue to be monitored daily and passed to the local area inspector for proactive approach.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Proactive drug seizures continue in the Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth area and this reporting period has seen the execution of 4 search warrants all with a positive result.

**PRIORITY – Acquisitive Crime**

**Intention – Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending**

**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 2019/20	YTD 2020/21	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of Theft by Housebreaking	11.4	9.33	7	12	5	Slight increase on 5 year average
Number of theft by shoplifting	17.20	18.67	14	15	1	Majority of retail premises did not trade during lockdown period. Figure below 5 and 3 year average
Number of theft from motor vehicles	4	2	1	7	6	Increase attributed to linked incidents in other area commands
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Covid lockdown in our Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth area communities brought out the best in the majority of our people. Communities have rallied around their vulnerable residents and we have all collectively looked out for our neighbour. However, it was important also to send out the message that less scrupulous individuals' may seek to exploit vulnerability.</p> <p>National and local online messaging encouraged people to think about their personal safety and encouraged individuals to be vigilant about who they may wish to engage with and accept help from.</p>					

## PRIORITY – Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

**Intention –Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime**

**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 2019/20	YTD 2020/21	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks			268	137	131	Majority of premises closed during lockdown period. 48% of all checks carried out in North Highlands
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	3.40	1.33	0	2	2	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation. In addition on 5 occasions suspect packages have been intercepted prior to delivery.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	44.2	44.66	38	43	5	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences. High detection rate of 97.67%
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	61.20	46.67	37	46	9	Figure well below 5 year average
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				0		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.				2		
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	47.40	44.33	44	34	10	Includes Malicious Mischief. Figures well below 5 and 3 year average.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Communities in Black Isle, Dingwall & Seaforth adhered to Covid lockdown restrictions at great personal cost. We worked with our local communities and applied the national Engage, Explain, Encourage guidelines to any infractions of lockdown restriction. On a very small number of occasions we were required to Enforce and issue fixed penalty notices. This was done only to recidivist offenders.					

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches		
	April 2020 – August 2020	April 2020 – August 2020 (positive search)
Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	88	30 (34.09%)
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	-	-

**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 – Protecting Vulnerable People**

**Intention – Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners**

**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 2019	YTD 2020	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Class 2 Crimes - sexual crimes	12.80	12.00	13	20	7	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 underwent an HMICS National inspection in relation to Hate Crime and N Division Highland & Islands was 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	There have been 57 missing person reports in North Highland. Of this figure, 56% relate to missing children and missing care experienced young people.					



**PRIORITY – Terrorism and Public Order**

**Intention – Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness**

**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	Tackling terrorism and domestic extremism is a national priority for Police Scotland and we will work with our partners to protect our communities by reducing and mitigating the threat and harm it causes.  Ongoing liaison and contact with premises in Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth
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**BLACK ISLE, DINGWALL & SEAFORTH - PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017/20**  
**01 April 2019 – 31 March 2020**

**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 Ross and Cromarty.		4	4	-	See appendix for further detail
Number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	Due to system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level.	148	126	-22	Includes failure to provide specimen.
Number of people detected for speeding.		1089	715	-374	Moving towards education and engagement with road users
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		41	52	11	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences		72	74	2	
Prevention and Intervention Activity					
Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns					

## 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			671	660	-11	30.5% of all checks carried out in the North Highland Area Command
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	8.8	7.0	6	4	-2	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation. In addition 3 suspect packages were intercepted prior to delivery
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	85.6	99.4	107	77	-30	Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average, high detection rate of 90.9%
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	127.8	102.33	103	91	-12	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		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	114.8	117.33	111	130	19	Increase in relation to robust response to youth offending.

<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches</b>			
		April 2019 – March 2020	April 2019 – March 2020 (positive search)
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	157	67 (42.6%)
	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	-	-
<p><b>Positive Stop Search</b> - 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.</p> <p>A <b>seizure</b> 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.</p>			

**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	20.8	19.67	19	24	5	Increase on 5 and 3 year average
Number of theft by shoplifting	39.8	47.0	31	47	16	High detection rate of 82.97%
Number of theft from motor vehicles	9.8	5.6	4	6	2	Figures below 5 year average
Prevention and Intervention Activity						

**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	35.4	31.0	37	31	-6	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	Police investigated 244 reports of missing persons in North Highland during this reporting year. Of this number, 35% related to care experienced young people in North Highland.					

**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**

<p>Serious &amp; Organised Crime</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Prevention and Intervention Activity</p>	<p>During this period, 5 misuse of drugs warrants were executed, all of which yielded a positive return</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	<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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20/07/19	A9 Skiach	Three vehicle RTC. Driver of one vehicle pronounced dead at scene
21/09/19	B9160 Upper Raddery Junction	Two vehicle RTC. Driver of one vehicle pronounced dead at scene
20/12/19	A9 Munloch Junction	Three vehicle RTC. Passenger of one vehicle sustained non survivable injuries
21/02/20	Docharty Brae, Dingwall	One vehicle RTC. Driver pronounced dead at scene