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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Sutherland Area Committee

Date: 5 November 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 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 – 30 September 2020.

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 – 30 September 2020

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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 Sutherland.		1	5	4	See appendix A
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.	148	126	-22	Includes failure to provide a specimen
Number of people detected for speeding.		1089	715	-374	
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		41	52	11	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences		72	74	2	

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			735	474	-261	Ongoing liaison with licensees
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	2.0	2.3	4	1	-3	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	36.4	34.34	34	32	-2	Below 3 and 5 year averages
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	45.20	41.67	44	45	1	Below 5 year average
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				0		Police continue to work closely with partnership agencies. Through early intervention, there are no Stage 3 Notebook addresses.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.				0		
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	43.80	42.33	46	36	-10	Figures well below 5 year and 3 year average

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches

	April 2019 – March 2020	April 2019 – March 2020 (positive searches)
Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	14	5 (35.7%)
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 – 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	12	12.34	3	15	12	70% of this total involves non-dwelling and other premises
Number of theft by shoplifting	3.80	3.67	3	3	0	Figures below 3 and 5 year average
Number of theft from motor vehicles	2.20	1.67	2	0	-2	Figure below 3 and 5 year average

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	28.20	20.67	23	32	9	Includes non-recent reports.
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	During March, N Division welcomed HMICS where our Hate Crime processes were subject to a thematic review. When the results are available, they will be shared with elected members.					
Missing Persons	<p>Missing Person enquiries are very high risk area of police business and necessitate immediate response. Police Scotland missing person co-ordinator meets with the local authority on a weekly basis to review placements for looked after children.</p> <p>There have been 227 missing person reports in North Highland during the reporting year. Of this figure, 58.19% of investigations relate to missing children and missing care experienced young people. This figure does not include missing persons from other areas who are traced in the North Highland Command area.</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	Serious organised crime has the potential to affect every community in Scotland and can be described as multiple people exerting control, planning and use of specialist resources to commit serious crime. Police Scotland will work in partnership to prevent harm caused to individuals, communities and businesses by serious organised crime .
Prevention and Intervention Activity	County Lines - when criminals from major cities such as Liverpool, Manchester, London and Birmingham are expanding their drug networks to other areas, bringing with it serious criminal behaviour such as violence, exploitation and abuse. The term County Lines refers to the use of a single telephone number to order drugs, operated from outside the local area. They often set up a base in a rural area for a short time, taking over the home of a vulnerable person by 'cuckooing' and use adults and children to act as drug runners. Preventions and Interventions delivered advisory presentations to Partner agencies including Housing, Social Work and NHS.

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

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.

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.

09/04/2019	Inchnadamph	One Vehicle RTC. Motorcycle rider sustained non survivable injuries.
04/07/2019	Lairg	Two vehicle RTC. Motorcycle rider pronounced dead at scene.
31/07/2019	The Mound	Three vehicle RTC. Vehicle driver pronounced dead at scene.
23/12/2019	Ardgay	One vehicle RTC. Pedestrian hit by vehicle and pronounced dead at scene.
06/03/2020	Ardmore	One vehicle RTC. Motorcycle rider pronounced dead at scene.

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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 Sutherland.		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.	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 Sutherland. All intelligence will continue to be monitored daily and passed to the local area inspector for proactive approach.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Proactive drugs seizures continue in the Sutherland area and this reporting period has seen the execution of three search warrants all with a positive result. Additionally on one occasion suspect packages have been intercepted prior to delivery.

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	6.8	8.34	10	4	-6	Decrease on 5 and 3 year average.
Number of theft by shoplifting	2.33	2.00	2	2	0	Majority of retail premises did not trade during lockdown period.
Number of theft from motor vehicles	1.20	1.00	0	1	1	Figures below 5 year average.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Covid lockdown in our Sutherland 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. 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.					

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			273	79	-194	Majority of premises closed during lockdown period
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	0.2	0.3	0	0	0	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	20.8	19.33	21	11	-10	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences. YTD figures well below 5 and 3 year average.
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	28.20	26.67	28	10	-18	Crimes and offences. Figures well below 5 and 3 year average.
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				0		Police continue to work closely with partnership agencies. Through early intervention, there are no Stage 3 Notebook addresses.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.				0		
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	23.00	22.00	12	19	7	Includes Malicious Mischief. YTD figures below 5 year and 3 year average.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Communities in Sutherland 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. For North Highlands, this included 48 fixed penalty notices issues for this period.					

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches

		April 2020 – August 20	April 2020 – August 2020 (positive search)
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	11	6 (54.5%)
	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 2019/20	YTD 2020/21	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Class 2 Crimes - sexual crimes	14.40	7.67	8	4	-4	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 64 missing person reports in North Highland. Of this figure, 56.25% 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 Sutherland
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