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**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Committee:** Easter Ross Area Committee

**Date:** 17 February 2021

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

**Report By:** Chief Inspector Jamie Wilson, Area Commander (North Highland Area Command)

**1. Purpose/Executive Summary**

1.1 To provide an update to the Committee Board on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the Highland Policing Plan 2020-2023.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 Members are invited to note:

- i. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2020-2023 Year 1 for the period covering 1 April 2020 – 30 November 2020.

**3. Report Format – Police Area Performance Summary Report**

3.1 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 implications arising from this noting report.
- 4.2 Legal – There are no immediate legal implications arising from this noting report.
- 4.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – There are no immediate community implications arising from this noting report.

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- 4.4 Climate Change/Carbon Clever – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.
- 4.5 Risk – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.
- 4.6 Gaelic – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

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**EASTER ROSS - PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2020-23**  
**01 April 2020 – 30 NOVEMBER 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 2019/20	YTD 2020/21	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Easter Ross.		3	3	-	Please 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.	90	90	0	Includes failure to provide a specimen
Number of people detected for speeding.		567	590	23	Reduction of traffic on public roads during lockdown period
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.		41	28	-13	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences		67	31	-36	
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 Easter Ross. 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 Easter Ross area and this reporting period has seen the execution of eight search warrants all with a positive result. Additionally on thirty six occasions 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	14.6	10.99	9	14	5	Figures include Theft by Housebreaking, Attempted Housebreaking With Intent to Steal, Theft by Opening a Lockfast Place, Opening a Lockfast Place With Intent to Steal.  These include dwelling and non-dwelling properties.
Number of theft by shoplifting	34.6	41.67	50	27	-23	Majority of retail premises did not trade during lockdown period. Figures below 5 and 3 year average.
Number of theft from motor vehicles	9.2	7.67	4	4	-	Figures below 5 and 3 year average.
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Covid lockdown in our Easter Ross 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 – 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 2019/20	YTD 2020/21	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks			507	140	-367	Majority of premises closed during lockdown period
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	5.4	5.3	8	11	3	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	143.8	144.34	109	122	13	High detection rate- 88.5 %
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	150.2	140.00	120	149	29	High detection rate- 77.11% 24 incidents refer to Assault on Emergency Worker
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				0		
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.				0		
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	149.00	129.00	93	143	50	There has been an increase in number of low value vandalisms that have been attributed to Youth Offending during lockdown and Covid 19 restrictions.
Prevention and Intervention Activity (including Rock challenge, Safer Highlander, Pub Watch)	Communities in Easter Ross 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 52 fixed penalty notices issues for this period.					

<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches</b>			
		April 2020 – November 2020	Positive April 2020 – November 2020
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	143	53 (37.06%)
	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 – 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 2019/20	YTD 2020/21	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Class 2 Crimes -sexual crimes	42.40	46.00	70	18	-52	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 and 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	<p>Missing Persons</p> <p>There have been 80 missing person reports in North Highland. Of this figure, 58% relate to missing children and missing care experienced young people.</p> <p>Easter Ross 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 – 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 response effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).**

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism	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.
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11/04/2020	C1012 Scotsburn Road	One vehicle RTC. Male driver sustained non survivable injuries.
06/11/2020	A832 Loch Tollaidh	One vehicle RTC, Male driver sustained non survivable injuries.
29/11/2020	Ardross Road, Alness	One vehicle RTC, female driver sustained non survivable injuries.