

Highland Council

Community Safety, Public Engagement and Equalities Committee 13 June 2013

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Highland Local Police Area – Performance Against the Local Policing Plan

Report by the Highland Local Policing Commander - Chief Superintendant Julian Innes

Summary

To provide an update to Committee Members on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the Highland 2013/14 Policing Plan.

1. Background

1.1 The new Division has started the year well. There has been a general decrease in the volume of crime within Highland, especially in respect to violent offences and anti-social behaviour. The use of operations such as Operation NOTEBOOK targeting anti-social behaviour, Operation DETER targeting vandalism and Operation RESPECT targeting violence, disorder and incidents around licensed premises continues to provide a focus for the Division in tackling these types of crime. Furthermore, as outlined in the Police Scotland Update Paper, a number of Campaign Against Violence (CAV) days have also been conducted and will continue throughout the year. The CAV days, with additional officers deployed, also have a deterrent and disruptive effect on crime. Over the next few months the Division will be busy policing high profile events across Highland including: Rockness, The UCI Mountain Bike World Cup, The Scottish Open Championship, The Black Isle Show and Belladrum. A summary of the current performance against the 2013/14 Highland Policing Plan objectives is at Enclosure 1. The period covered by the report is as at Week 4 (1 April – 29 April 2013) of Police Scotland.

1.2 A general summary and description of the current standing operations which are used across the Highlands and Islands Division is provided at Enclosure 2 for your information.

1.3 Planning for the 2014-17 Policing Plan. Planning is underway to develop the next iteration of the Local Authority Policing Plans and Ward Plans. The current intent is for the future plans to cover a 3 year period and be reviewed on an annual basis. As occurred last year, there will be a requirement to consult widely and in particular capture the views of local councillors, community councils, local community groups and community partners on the setting of future policing priorities. The intent is to arrange, through the Area Commander and the Council Officers, a number of Ward meetings / workshops in September / October to review the current plans,

identify what has still be achieved and then capture the local issues and priorities. Where possible the aim will be to conduct these planning engagement activities, alongside our local Scottish Fire and Rescue Service colleagues, to reduce duplication of effort and to ensure that there is a level of synergy between both Police and Fire Plans. The Members may wish to consider an option to conduct a specific Community Safety, Public Engagement & Equalities Committee workshop to inform the next iteration of the Highland Local Policing Plan in proximity to their next Committee meeting on the 12 September 2013.

2. Progress and Next Steps

2.1 To arrange Local Policing Plan and Ward Policing Plan planning workshops.

3. Recommendation: It is recommended that:

3.1 Members note the progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2013-2014.

3.2 Members note the intent to conduct a number of Ward workshops / meetings in Highland during September and October 2013 to develop the next iteration of the Local and Ward Policing Plans.

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Highland and Island Divisional Commander
31 May 2013

Background Papers:

Enclosures

1. Performance report against Policing Plan Objectives
2. Force Operations Summary

PERFORMANCE AGAINST HIGHLAND COUNCIL LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2013/14 - WEEK 4 (APRIL) REPORT

PRIORITY 1 - Increase Public Confidence and Local Engagement

Target	Baseline 2012/13	YTD 2012/13	YTD 2013/14	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Attend all Ward Forums					Area Commanders state that majority of Ward Forums have been attended. A system of monitoring attendance is being developed.
Answer all 999 calls within 10 seconds	95.0%		95.0%		
Attend all 999 calls within 15 minutes within Inverness	66.0%	69.0%	75.0%	6.0%	
Last Community Advisory Group					Last CAG 5 March 2013 Next CAG 4 June 2013

PRIORITY 2 - Protecting People

Target	Baseline 2012/13	YTD 2012/13	YTD 2013/14	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Increase detection rates for crimes of domestic abuse	94.8%	105.4%	104%	-1.4%	157 detections in YTD 2012/13 (20 from previous period) 120 detections in YTD 2013/14 (17 from previous period)
Increase detection rates for sexual offences (Class 2)	80.9%	47.1%	26.7%	-20.4%	288 crimes and 233 detections during 2012/13 17 crimes and 8 detections in YTD 2012/13 period 15 crimes and 4 detections in YTD 2013/14 period
Reduce the number of hate crimes	100	0	0	None	Figures relate to Hate Crime incidents as there were no Hate Crime crimes in any period.

PRIORITY 3 - Road Policing

Target	Baseline 2012/13	YTD 2012/13	YTD 2013/14	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads	97	4	2	-2	
Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	402	28	24	-4	Majority of detections in all periods were made in the Inverness area, followed by Lochaber & Skye and Ross & Cromarty
Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences	510	43	57	+14	Majority of detections in all periods were made in the Inverness area, followed by Caithness & Sutherland
Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences	508	45	73	+28	Majority of detections in all periods were made in the Inverness area, followed by Badenoch & Strathspey and Ross & Cromarty

PRIORITY 4 - Violence, Disorder, and Antisocial Behaviour

Target	Baseline 2012/13	YTD 2012/13	YTD 2013/14	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of violent offences (Class 1)	332	35	16	-19	Majority of offences in all periods were made in the Inverness area, followed by Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty
Reduce the level of antisocial behaviour	17749	1432	1044	-388	Majority of offences in all periods were made in the Inverness area, followed by Ross & Cromarty and Caithness & Sutherland
Increase the number of licensed premises visits (on / off sales premises)	8374	468	736	+268	During all periods, the highest number of checks were carried out in Caithness & Sutherland (3532 in 2012/13) and Lochaber & Skye (2797). The fewest number of checks were carried out in Ross & Cromarty (434 in 2012/13) and Inverness (457).

PRIORITY 5 - Serious Crime

Target	Baseline 2012/13	YTD 2012/13	YTD 2013/14	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Increase the proportion of positive stop and search for drugs	21.1%	18.7%	17.9%	-0.8%	4230 positive searches for drugs during 2012/13. 283 positive searches for drugs in YTD 2012/13 273 positive searches for drugs in YTD 2013/14
Increase detections for the supply of drugs	228	17	14	-3	

Highland and Islands Operations

Divert

Deter

Disrupt

Detect

Operation DETER

“To raise the profile of vandalism and take a focused and proactive approach to deterring and detecting incidents”

Working in close partnership with other agencies to; reduce opportunities for vandalism, promote positive engagement with the public, preserve property and ensure that persons responsible for vandalism are detected.



Operation ENGAGE

“To engage with potential criminality by utilising stop searches to recover drugs, stolen property, weapons and alcohol”

This operation will result in safer communities and increased intelligence relating to; violence, anti-social behaviour and serious organised crime.



Operation NOTEBOOK

“To make people feel, and be safer, by tackling anti-social behaviour in and around residential properties and licensed premises within our communities”

This operation involves targeting problematic residential addresses with a '3 stage' process. This operation will also identify licensed premises that are linked to anti-social behaviour and focus resources on these premises and surrounding public spaces in order to prevent and deter crime.



Operation RAM

“Using the 4 D's principles, make every effort to remove those involved in illegal and harmful activities from our communities”

This operation will ensure ownership of nominals of interest within the respective Area Commands, giving officers the opportunity to research, develop and progress intelligence with a view to identifying and executing 4 D's opportunities.



Operation RESPECT

“To reduce street violence, disorder and incidents linked to licensed premises. Working with key partners in order to make our streets safer and to reduce the risk to the public”

This operation focuses on preventing crime and making people feel safe.



Operation ROUTE

“Positively engaging with travelling criminals using the roads network throughout the Force area whilst also promoting road safety awareness for the general public”

This operation aims to; engage, advise and educate road users with a view to preventing crime, road collisions and road casualties. It involves a co-ordinated approach from all Area Commands supported by intelligence.



Operation CONTEST

“To co-ordinate intelligence gathering and activity relating to Counter Terrorism”

The aim is to progress by tasking via the Force TT&CG, the CONTEST strategy delivery plans for each of the 4 P's (Prepare, Pursue, Prevent, Protect), actions from the Guardian Group / Force Security Group and Special Branch Intelligence Requirements.

