Highland Council

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Performance against the Highland Local Policing Plan 2017-20

Report by the Highland Local Policing Commander – Chief Superintendent George Macdonald

Summary

To provide an update to Committee Members on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the Highland 2017-20 Policing Plan.

1. Performance

 Crime in the Highland area has decreased slightly in comparison to 2016/17; Recorded Class 1-4 Crimes have decreased from 5632 (2016/17) compared to 5528 (2017/18) - a decrease of 1.8%.

The Performance in Highland remained strong with an overall detection rate of 66.4% (Class 1-5 Crimes) for 2017/18.

Class 1- Crimes of Violence: 10% reduction from 2016/17 (246 compared to 221).

Class 2- Sexual Crimes: 28% reduction from 2016/17 (619 compared to 445).

Class 3- Crimes of Dishonesty: 5.9% increase from 2016/17 (2946 compared to 3131).

Class 4- Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief: 4.9% reduction from the previous year (1821 compared to 1731).

Class 5- Other Crimes: 6.9% increase from 2016/17 (2176 compared to 2339).

 A summary of the current performance against the 2017-20 Highland Local Policing Plan objectives is at Appendix 1. The period covered by the report is as at 31 March 2018 unless stated otherwise.

Recommendation: It is recommended that members scrutinise:

1. Local performance report against Highland Policing Plan Objectives- April 2017- March 2018.

Chief Superintendent George Macdonald Highland and Island Divisional Commander 14 June 2018

Appendix 1: Performance report against Policing Plan Objectives- April 2017 – March 2018.

HIGHLAND PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017/20 01 April 2017 – 31 March 2018

PRIORITY – Road Safety and Road Crime

Intention - With Partners, enhance Road Safety across the Highland Area

Objective – 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	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2016/17	YTD 2017/18	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative	
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Highland.			17	15	-2	North Highland 5 Inverness 3 South Highland 7	
Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	361.0	344.0	328	379	51	Includes failure to provide a specimen. It is disappointing to note this 13% increase however this is linked to proactive stopping of vehicles and increased calls from the public.	
Increase the number of people detected for speeding.	4387.4	4640.7	4216	4050	-166	Proactive patrols take place daily	
Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences.	571.2	578.3	392	228	-164	throughout the Highland area carried out by local policing units	
Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences	707.8	747.0	482	352	-130	as well as specialised traffic officers based in the Divisional and Trunk Road Policing Units i Fort William and Dingwall.	

Prevention and Intervention Activity including Driving Ambition	Road Safety and Road Crime remains a local priority in the Highland area. Whilst the overall number of people killed and seriously injured on Highland roads has reduced over the past 3 years, when fatal or serious collisions do occur they have a significant impact on families and communities. We will continue to target and enforce inappropriate driving and behaviour whilst working alongside our partners and participating in initiatives to educate and promote positive outcomes. Driving Ambition delivered to 15 secondary schools in the Highlands (Wick, Thurso, Dornoch, Golspie, Tain, Ullapool, Millburn, I.R.A, Culloden Academy, Lochaber, Kinlochleven, Mallaig, Nairn, Kingussie and Portree). Further sessions scheduled for this reporting year. Safe Highlanders is a multi-agency event promoting community safety including road safety, health and crime prevention to pupils. After the event children become more aware of personal safety. Potentially, they avoid becoming victims of crime and understand how to react to emergency situations and their chances of becoming a good citizen increases. Sessions took place across throughout the Highlands including Inverness, Fort William, Lairg, Portree, and Caithness during 2017.
Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns	The annual Motorcycle Safety Campaign 2017 The annual Motorcycles delivered a 6 month period of focused activity around motorcycle safety, including engagement, education and enforcement. Rider behaviour and speeding are significant contributory factors in collisions involving motorcycles. The robust enforcement of these offences will be delivered via speed checks and high visibility patrols on key routes including NC500. <u>Rider Refinement North</u> - A new training scheme to help reduce the number of collisions involving motorcyclists has been launched by road safety partners in the north of Scotland and Highlands. The 'Rider Refinement North' one day course, which has been part funded by Transport Scotland's Road Safety Framework Fund, will be led by qualified police motorcyclists and take place on various dates across the summer period in Highland area. <u>Festive Safety Campaign 2017</u> – This commenced at 0700 hours Friday 1 December 2017 and ran for a period of 4 weeks until 0700 hours Tuesday 2 January 2018. <u>Area Negative Report to PF Drink/Drug driving</u> Inverness 15 South 40 5 13 North 17

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 2016/17	YTD 2017/18	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative	
Licensed Premises Checks			6991	7913	+922	 12% increase in licensed premises checks. This correlates with a reduction in disorder and violence. 16% of all licensed premises checks carried out in Police Scotland (7913 of 50942 checks) 	
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.						See Stop and Search details at Antisocia	
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.						Behaviour / Disorder section below	
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	176.2	181.7	213	130	-83	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation. It should be noted that during 2016/17 fifty charges were attributed to one case linked to internet sale and production of controlled drugs.	
Drug Deaths			24	31	7	Highland data reflects national trend in in increase of drug deaths.	

Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	3962.4	3514	3369	3031	-338	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences. 10% reduction on previous year and well below five year and three year average.	
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	2408.8	2351.7	2328	2120	-208	Crimes and offences. 9% reduction on previous year and well below five year and three year average.	
Reduce instances of serious assault	111.4	116.6	148	137	-11	7.4% reduction on previous year.	
Reduce instances of robbery	25.6	27.6	36	18	-18	50% reduction on previous year, well below five year and three year average	
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.						Data to follow	
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.						Data to follow	
Reduce the incidents of vandalism	1748.8	1660	1718	1641	-77	Includes Malicious Mischief. Figure below five year and three year average.	
In relation to vehicles; increase the use of antisocial behaviour warnings.			38	24	-14	Issued to drivers using their vehicles in an improper manner, increasing danger on the	
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Prevention and Intervention Activity	Alcohol continues to be a significant factor in violent crime in the Highland area. We will continue to maintain robust licensing procedures and focus on licensed premises inspections and also work with partners to reduce the harm caused by private space violence. Domestic Abuse incidents remain at a significant level across the area, with an upward trend in reporting over the last 6 years. This will remain a priority for the Division. We will continue to work with partners to give victims improved outcomes and confidence to report.						

N Division Police, Prison and Fire service came together to create an educational input to accompany participation in <u>Rock Challenge 2018</u> . This was delivered to all schools based in the Highland area. This was a significant commitment by the Services and aimed to educate young people on the legal consequences of drug/alcohol misuse, this accompanies and compliments Rock Challenge which is a Diversionary scheme and the focus is on healthy lifestyle choices and the consequences of involvement with drugs/alcohol. Four Highland secondary schools - Thurso, Invergordon, Alness and Dingwall - participating in Rock Challenge took part in the national final in Dundee on 15/06/218. Kinross High School won Rock Challenge, and each of the Highland schools were placed 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th – a great achievement. Festive Roadshow – a series of roadshows throughout shopping hubs throughout the North, South and Inverness Area Commands. Events organised by Preventions and Interventions Unit supported by SFRS, Womens Aid, Highland Council and Royal Bank of Scotland. Preventative advice on a wide range of criminality was given to members of the public who were encouraged to keep safe over the festive season. Fire Home Safety visits arranged.
Persistent Offender Project - has been running in the Inverness area and the joint agency project (police, criminal justice social work, NHS and SPS) provides an opportunity for individuals aged 16+ who have persistently offended within the Inverness area through their substance misuse, to be assessed and offered support to minimise their substance misuse and stop offending. There are currently 20 individuals working with the project. Participation is entirely voluntary.
Inverness City centre police team (CCPT) comprising of a Sergeant and 8 Constables has seen an immediate and noticeable reduction in street disorder and a surge in public confidence in Police Scotland. The implementation of the Inverness City Centre Policing team has cemented partnership working with security staff and the Business Improvement District (BID) task force who support retailers, security staff and police. Shopsafe radio is used by all city centre officers to link them to most retail outlets and licensed premises.

Violence, Disorder & Antiso	ocial Behaviour - Stop a	and Searches	-	
	April 2017 – Mar 2018	April 2017 – Mar 2018 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	2116	814		
Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	2115	814		
Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	1	-		
Number of consensual stop and searches refused	-	-		
Number of seizures made	44	-		

An enhanced version of the National Stop & Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions. Management Information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication.

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 2016/17	YTD 2017/18	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of Theft by Housebreaking Dwelling House – house used or fit for domestic purpose Non Dwelling – all roofed buildings used for domestic purpose other than dwellings Other – all roofed buildings not used for residential or domestic purposes i.e. commercial premises	374.8	325	258 Dwelling 137 Non 47 Other 74	287 Dwelling 89 Non 63 Other 135	29 Dwelling -48 Non +16 Other +61	35% reduction in dwelling house TBH. Total number below five year and three year average. Increase in 'Other' housebreaking
Reduce number of theft by shoplifting	643.4	582.3	666	865	199	 23% increase, this spike in recorded crime has been addressed as a Division and ongoing work relating to tactical planning and prevention and intervention strategies have been implemented across the Division to inhibit this type of criminality. High detection rate – North 87.3%, South 87.5% and Inverness 81.6%.
Reduce number of theft from motor vehicles	305.4	311.7	374	283	-91	24% decrease, number well below five year and three year average.
Prevention and Intervention Activity Operation Monarda - Although the likelihood of being a victim of crimes such as housebreaking, thefts and bogus caller fraud is small, when they do occur they have a disproportionate effect on individuals, families and						

with roadshows taking officers, Crimestopper merchants, banks, fina caller talk delivered to The Banking Protoco at the earliest opportu from their bank accou Victims, particularly el offences, including co encouraging the victin withdraw or transfer c The Protocol is design reported to police and region during March 2 Construction Watch construction equipmen and continues to show	 place throughout t rs and Trading Standancial institutes and friendship clubs, lub friendship clubs,	he Highlands. These in dards. In addition visits caravan sites to brief to nch clubs and to member ween the police, banking arable victims who are in scriminals and to interv herable people are targ us worker offences. The ak, post office or other for htimisation. This protocome a continued to see a de- le shows three less income nincidents recorded prior	riod of action carried out a hvolved Prevention and In s were carried out to all qui hem on door step crime is bers of Mens Shed throug ing institutions & Trading S in the process of being de vene to prevent these crime eted by suspects for a rane ese crimes often involve the inancial services provider how these concerns are de of commenced nationally a ecrease in the number of the idents were recorded ove for to the launch of Constr is initiative throughout the	Attervention unit uarries, builders' ssues. Scam/bogus hout Highland. Standards. Its aim is frauded of funds nes. Ange of fraud he perpetrator in person and ealt with and and in the Highland hefts of tools and er the same period ruction within the
	28/04/2015- 28/04/2016	28/04/2016 – 28/04/2017	28/04/17- 28/04/2018]
Thefts	31	16	13]
Cost	£79,465	£31,648	£8,786	
Inverness Area Comm Womens Aid, Highlan	nands. Events organ d Council and Roya to members of the p	nised by Preventions and Bank of Scotland. Pr	ng hubs throughout the No nd Interventions Unit supp eventative advice on a wid aged to keep safe over th	oorted by SFRS, de range of

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 2016/17	YTD 2017/18	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of sexual crimes	452	506.3	619	445	-174	Grp 2 Crimes of Indecency
Number of domestic crimes						Data to follow
Increase in reporting of Hate crimes			76	104	28	Third Party Reporting Centres facilitator training took place during December and new and existing centres received new training during 2018. All victims of hate crime are sent a survey and their responses are informing our work within the multi- agency setting. This also allows us to provide any follow up required.
Missing Persons	Police Scotland takes every report of a missing person seriously and investigates appropriately with access to local, regional and national specialist resources. Missing persons investigations are a core part of local policing and it is local officers who undertake all investigations, supported by specialist colleagues where necessary. Further, each Division including N Division has an allocated Missing Persons Co-ordinator who advises on operational and preventative approaches.					

	Number of Missing Person Investigations	16/17	17/18				
	Adult	344	252				
	Cared for Adult	106	112				
	Looked After Child	218	399				
	Child	311	368				
	Total	979	1131				
	N Division has seen a 13.4% increase in missing persons over the last reporting year. These investigations relate to 670 people, 130 of whom went missing more than once. 591 (52%) investigations related to someone who ha been missing more than once and 224 (20%) investigations related to someone who had been missing 10 or more times. Note: the Police Scotland National Missing Persons Database definition of a child changed from <16 in 2016/17 to <18 in 2017/18 to reflect the changes introduced by the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016.						
	We will work over t	he next 3 year	rs to ensure tl	ands on Police resources not only in Highland but across Scotland. hat best practice is used to develop strategies and initiatives to b abuse, exploit and pose the greatest risk of harm in our			
	<u>NHS Huddle</u> - Undoubtedly, we face real challenges when dealing with incidents relating to vulnerable person. The Mental lead in the Division speaks to NHS and Highland Council Mental Health colleagues daily to review concerns about local processes and we have a more formal meeting once a month. Covered is a wide range topics including, mental health detentions, use of police custody and transport of patients amongst other thing						
Prevention and Intervention Activity	 evention and Intervention Activity Community Mental Health Triage- 2018. The aim of the pilot is to demonstrate that Community Triage leads to more timely intervention by Mental Health professionals when required, avoiding unnecessary detention either in a police station or hospital. From Tuesday 5th June this service was extended and is now available between 1700 hours and 0800 hours Monday to Thursday as well as 1700 hours on Friday and 0800 hours on Monday every week. Officers are encouraged to use the service in the first instance to help provide the most appropriate response to someone in mental health crisis / distress. 						
	Distress Brief Inter	ventions are a	in innovative v	s been running in the Inverness are since the end of October 2018. way of supporting people in Distress. The programme is a 53 month rernment's work on the Suicide Prevention and Mental Health			

Strategies which showed that people in distress require improved co-ordination across agencies, quicker access to support and more consistency in the compassion they receive. We are fortunate to be one of 4 pilot sites in Scotland and are working closely with Support in Mind Scotland and other partner agencies.
Keep Safe was launched in Inverness and wider Highland area. This initiative works by providing Keep Safe places across shopping hubs offering support and assistance to anyone feeling lost, vulnerable, frightened or who has become a victim of crime. This includes elderly, disabled and vulnerable people.

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	Alcohol and Drug Misuse is a cross cutting issue in the Highland area and has a clear link with the mental wellbeing of individuals living in our communities. The effects of substance misuse is evident, to varying degrees, across the Highland area. Throughout the duration of this plan we are committed to working with communities to reduce harm caused by Drugs and Alcohol. Substance misuse will continue to be a persistent and challenging issue for communities and we recognise the need to remain agile and responsive to new trends and sources. Divisional arrests – 26 arrests in relation to Divisional Mapped Serious Organised Crime Groups during 2017/18 Drugs Offences – 134 nominals have been charged in relation to 174 supply offences, 1108 nominals have been charged in relation to 1568 possession offences Proceeds of Crime £2,671,465.88 = Cash £35,763.25 plus Assets £2,635,702.63
Prevention and Intervention Activity	Divisional Operation - multi-agency approach to suspected underlying criminality (money laundering, human trafficking, immigration, drugs, etc.) within the takeaway and restaurant industry. Partners include Environmental Health, Licensing Standards, Trading Standards, Internal Audit and Fraud investigation from the Highland Council; HMRC; Home Office Immigration Enforcement and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. There are an inordinate number of takeaways and restaurants throughout Highland and Islands, some of which are mapped to Organised Crime Groups. Divisional Operation – ongoing investigation into online/electronic frauds which have targeted Highland businesses/charities and have resulted in the loss of substantial amounts of money. In light of this a Cybercrime masterclass event was organised and live streamed across the Highland and Islands. Its main aim was to bring together businesses within the Highlands and Islands under one roof and to provide inputs from partner agencies highlighting current crime trends in the cyber world in an attempt to educate businesses. We secured the services of two Ethical Hackers from the Scottish Business Resilience Centre, who offered to do a one hour input on such topics as Updates, Ransomware, Social Engineering, Phishing, Malicious

websites, Wi-Fi, USB sticks and the danger and encryption aimed at the business community.
Several ongoing operations in relation to the supply and production of controlled drugs.

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	The threat from Terrorism and Domestic Extremism is a national priority. The Highland area has strategic sites and a vast coast line with numerous small ports. It is important that we protect our communities from Terrorism and Domestic Extremism and ensure that we have watchful, knowledgeable and resilient communities who can prevent Terrorism occurring through education, enforcement and vigilance. We work closely with Highland Council and other partners to deliver the four strands of the CONTEST Strategy; Protect, Prevent, Prepare and Pursue, as laid down by the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.
Prevention & Intervention Activity	 WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) is an interactive facilitated workshop aimed at frontline staff such as police, social services, probation, education and health staff. It seeks to support staff to recognise that using their existing expertise and professional judgement, they may be able to recognise potentially vulnerable individuals. The ACT NOW for schools project consists of four lessons exploring issues surrounding terrorism. Its purpose is to encourage diverse communities to understand counter-terrorism issues and to feel confident about making decisions based upon the information they are given. Work ongoing in Highland region to develop contacts in order to run WRAP and ACT NOW sessions for relevant groups. Sessions have taken place in South, North and Inverness area commands and delivered to schools, local authority, SFRS and Scottish Canals.

Highland Activity/Events April – March 2018		
April – June 2017	North Coast 500	Loch Ness Etape Highland Cross Polish Heritage Weekend Classic Car Rally UB40 Concert Operation Monarda
July – September 2017		Peak tourist season in Highland area, increased demand on infrastructure Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival Black Isle Show Groove Loch Ness Nairn Highland Games Nairn Triathlon Vintage Vehicle Calvacade – Grantown Thunder in the Glens Skye Music Festival Loch Ness Marathon HMS Queen Elizabeth berthed at Cromarty HRH Princess Royal visit to Dingwall/Muir of Ord Loopallu
October – December 2017		Aviemore Half Marathon Remembrance Parades – various Firework Display – various Festive Light Switch on – various Fort William – MOD Ultra Cycle and 3 peaks challenge – Fort William Halloween Night at the Islands, Inverness Winter Wonderland at Whin Park Red Dot Highland Fling
January – March 2018		Groove Cairngorm Cybercrime Event – UHI Inverness