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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Lochaber Area Committee

Date: 23 January 2019

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

Report By: Chief Inspector Brian MacKay, Area Commander, presented by Inspector Isla Campbell, Area Inspector.

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

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

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are invited to note:

- i. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland and Islands Local Policing Plan 2017-20 Year 2, attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 1 April 2018- 31 December 2018.

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

Date: 10 January 2019

Author: Chief Inspector Brian MacKay

Background Papers: Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Policing plan 2017- 20, Year 2, covering 1 April 2018 – 31 December 2018.

LOCHABER - PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017/20
April 2018 – December 2018

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 2017/18	YTD 2018/19	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Lochaber.			4	1	-3	A87 west of Invergarry. One vehicle RTC, single occupant and driver pronounced dead at the scene.
Number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences	South Highland – Due to system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level.		81	84	+3	
Number of people detected for speeding.			1341	1272	-69	
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.			22	17	-5	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences			63	23	-40	
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Driving Ambition at Lochaber and Kinlochleven High School.</p> <p>Road safety inputs to primary schools including Invergarry and Kinlochleven.</p>					
Road Traffic Operations/Campaigns	<p>The Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign 2018 ran between 1 December and 2 January 2019. Police Scotland N Division is committed to achieving the Scottish Government's 2020 casualty reduction targets. Increasing awareness of the risks associated with drink/drug driving supports the Force's efforts to reduce road casualties. The campaign was conducted through a combination of intelligence-led high visibility patrols and static road checks. This resulted in two Drink Drivers for Lochaber and Skye</p> <p>Over 3000 vehicles stopped by police in N Division during the campaign. Numbers across the Division were slightly down, however there is a trend emerging amongst males in their twenties featuring at a higher percentage than expected.</p>					

Operation Cedar - Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) builds on established practices and will focus on various agencies working in partnership to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured in the area. Operation CEDAR involves proactive multi-agency enforcement operations on the roads, which will sit alongside education activity aimed at improving the behaviour of drivers of all ages behind the wheel.

Partner agencies will also work together to gain a greater understanding of the factors which could be used to improve the safety of everyone on the roads and together respond to these issues.

During October and November 134 persons were warned/ educated and 27 persons reported to the PF.

Of note

- 1 x Sect 5/6,
- 1 x van and trailer 53% overweight,
- 5 x Prohibitions issued,
- 36 speeding offences detected – 60 in a 30mph, 101 in 60mph and 92 in 60mph.

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 2017/18	YTD 2018/19	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks			395	449	54	Increased liaison with licensees.
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing alcohol.						See Stop and Search details at Antisocial Behaviour / Disorder section below
Increase the number of positive stop searches/ confiscations for those possessing drugs.						
Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.	7.8	8.3	11	3	-8	Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes	133.6	117.7	130	123	-7	Threatening and Abusive Behaviour Crimes and Offences
Reduce the occurrences of common assault	137.2	143.3	144	143	-1	Crimes and offences
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.				0		There are currently no premises in Lochaber at Stage 3.
Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.				0		There are no antisocial behaviour orders in place in Lochaber
Reduce the offences of vandalism	100.8	82.7	86	70	-16	Includes Malicious Mischief

<p>Prevention and Intervention Activity (including Rock challenge, Safer Highlander, Pub Watch)</p>	<p>Safety/drugs input delivered to new students at UHI Lochaber campus.</p> <p>Lochaber Pubwatch - Best Bar None is an Accreditation Scheme with National Awards supported by the Home Office and the drinks industry which is aimed primarily at promoting responsible management and operation of alcohol licensed premises. Ongoing liaison and encouragement with licensees to consider applying for this award.</p> <p>Ongoing liaison with Partners and planning in place to deliver substance abuse inputs in schools in the Lochaber area.</p> <p>Conversation Café in conjunction with Fergusons Transport and Lochaber Chamber of commerce, awareness raising regarding community mental health and raising awareness of drugs and alcohol misuse.</p> <p>Festive safety campaign - Police Scotland is dedicated to Keeping People Safe and the advice we shared helped the public do that. By working together and advising on simple precautions we helped to remove the opportunities for criminals to commit crime. Partnership working with SFRS and Womens Aid took place in the main shopping hub for Lochaber. Passing shoppers were spoken to by Police and Partners and preventative advice given on a range of topics.</p>
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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches

		April 2018 – December 2018	April 2018 - December 2018 (Positive)	Victims	% Change
	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	134	47		
	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	1	1		

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.

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.

Positive Breakdown
 Care and Welfare - 1
 Drugs – 37
 Stolen Property – 3
 Warrant – 5
 Weapons – 1

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 2017/18	YTD 2018/19	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of Theft by Housebreaking	27.2	24	28	19	-9	Figure well below 5 year and 3 year average
Number of theft by shoplifting	21.8	23.7	27	25	-2	
Number of theft from motor vehicles	11.4	9.7	10	12	2	
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<p>Ongoing partnership working with financial institutions in Lochaber led to presentation to University of Highland and Islands, Lochaber campus regarding online scams and financial crime as well information stall at community Highland Games at Arisaig.</p> <p>Festive safety campaign - Police Scotland is dedicated to Keeping People Safe and the advice we shared helped the public do that. By working together and advising on simple precautions we helped to remove the opportunities for criminals to commit crime. Partnership working with SFRS and Womens Aid took place in the main shopping hub for Lochaber. Passing shoppers were spoken to by Police and Partners and preventative advice given on a range of topics.</p>					

PRIORITY – Protecting People at Risk of Harm – Safer Communities

Intention – Protect people at risk of harm

Objective – With Partners and as corporate parents 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 2017/18	YTD 2018/19	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Class 2 Crimes – sexual crimes	28.4	33.7	38	43	5	Enquiries in relation to sexual crimes and domestic abuse are focused on positive outcomes for victims of crime and led by their wishes. This number also includes the reporting of non-recent incidents.
Hate Crime			13	20	+7	South Highland – Due to current system configurations these figures are not available at multi-member ward level for this report.
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	Third party Reporting Centres – New and existing centres to receive new training early in 2018. Further information is included in Appendix 1 of this report.					
Prevention and Intervention Activity	<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>Year to date, there have been 112 missing person reports in South Highland. Of this figure, 57% of investigations relate to missing children and missing looked after children. This figure does not include missing persons from other areas who are traced in the Lochaber Command area.</p> <p>Lochaber have a dedicated local police liaison officer in Lochaber who maintains contact and liaison with the residential units in the area, assisted by the Prevention and Interventions officer. This has led to a reduction of 20 missing person reports on the same period last year.</p> <p>Local prevention and intervention officer working in partnership with NHS supported Suicide Prevention Week during September. Suicide is a major public health issue worldwide and the impact of it is felt throughout communities everywhere. This was followed up by an event during December in Lochaber where Police in partnership with Lochaber Chamber of Commerce and Fergusons transport encouraged the communities in Lochaber to think about their own mental health and to support others in the community to do so.</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	Rolling program of attendance at community groups to advise and raise awareness regarding doorstep crime and scams/online safety. Ongoing liaison with Skye and Lochalsh Drugs and Alcohol Forum and planning in place to deliver substance abuse inputs in schools in the Lochaber area. Drugs initiative Glencoe Ski Centre regarding drugs misuse by patrons and staff. Drugs operation focussing on licensed premises and targeting hotspots. Five positive recoveries including a door steward caught whilst dealing on duty. Preventative advice given to licensees.

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 respond effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).

Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism	<p>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.</p> <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>Ongoing liaison and contact with premises in Lochaber.</p>
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Appendix 1

What is Third Party Reporting?

Recommendation 16 of the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Report stated:

“That all possible steps should be taken by Police Services at local level in consultation with local Government and other agencies and local communities to encourage the reporting of racist incidents and crimes. This should include:

- ***The ability to report at locations other than police stations; and***
- ***The ability to report 24 hours a day”***
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Giving members of the public this safe, confidential and supportive environment to report incidents in order to encourage a greater number of reports.

Several organisations were approached by Police/nominated themselves as a Third Party reporting centre see list. However we are always keen to recruit and train more third party reporting centres so if you are interested, please let us know and contact HighlandIslandDCU@scotland.pnn.police.uk for more information.

Role of Third Party Reporting Centre

What’s expected of a third party reporting centre?

Provide a positive, confidential and supportive environment for the individual who reports.

Provide a link between the victim and the police after the report is made

Work with victim to access appropriate supports to deal with aftermath.

What a Third Party Reporting site should expect from Police Scotland?

Acknowledgement from police when a Third Party Report is submitted.

A named contact within the local Police Division who can offer advice and liaison

Updates from police on progress on a third party report

Regular opportunities to network with other third party reporting sites

What is staff role in third party reporting centres?

Be familiar with mechanism for reporting

Don't assume that victims don't want to report

Explore options available for reporting incidents to the police with the person disclosing, including submitting through a third party and reporting anonymously.

Be aware that even if victim doesn't want to report one incident, they may well want to report in the future.

Record hate incidents, with the victim's permission, pass reported information to police.

Third Party Reporting Centres - Highland

Advocacy Highland	3rd Floor, 33 Academy Street, Inverness, IV1 1JN	01463 233 460
Caithness Citizens Advice Bureau	7a Brabster Street, Thurso KW147AP	01847 894 243
Caithness Citizens Advice Bureau (Wick)	123 High Street, Wick	01955 605 989
Deaf Services and Hearing Support Team, Highland Council, Social Work	4 Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB	01349 868 711
East Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau	Olsen House, Main Street, Golspie, Sutherland	01408 633 000
Harper MacLeod LLP	Alder House, Cradlehall Business Park, Inverness, IV2 5GH	01463 795 032
Health and Happiness	22 Market Brae, Inverness IV2 3AB	01463 248 824
HUG - Action for Mental Health SPIRIT Advocacy	Cromwell Villa, 23 Lotland Street IV11ST	01463 719 366
Inverness Citizens Advice Bureau	29 Union Street, Inverness, IV1 1QA	01463 237 664
Inverness Women's Aid 2	Anderson Street, Inverness IV3 8DF	01463 220 719
Lochaber Citizens Advice Bureau	Dudley Road, Fort William PH33 6JB	01397 705 311
Nairn Citizens Advice Bureau	6 High Street, Nairn IV12 4BJ 01667 456677	
Skye and Lochalsh Citizens Advice Bureau	The Green, Portree, Isle of Skye IV51 9BT	01478 612 032
Sight Action	Beechwood House 69-71 Old Perth Road, Inverness, IV2 3JH	01463 233 663
The Scottish Highlands & Islands and Moray Chinese Association (SHIMCA)	1 Ardconnel Terrace, Inverness, IV2 3AE	07595 895 450
Victim Support Highland & Western Isles	Fairways House, Fairways Business Park, Inverness, IV2 6AA	01463 258 834
Waverley Care	34 Waterloo Place, Inverness, IV1 1NB	01463 711 585

Process Flow Chart

