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| Report no   | <b>LA/1/21</b> |

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Committee:** Lochaber Area Committee

**Date:** 30/12/2020

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

**Report By:** Inspector Nicholas Hough

**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 2020-23.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 Members are invited to note:

- i. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2020 – 23 Year 1, attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 1 April 2020 – 30 November 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 documents have been drafted with a view to doing this.

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- 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: 30/12/2020

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Background Papers:

Annex A: Progress made against the objective set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2020 – 23, Year 1, covering 1 April 2020 – 30 November 2020

**LOCHABER - PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2020-23**  
**April 2020 – November 2020**

**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<br>2019/20 | YTD<br>2020/21 | YTD<br>Variation | Context/Narrative  |
|--|---|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|--|
| Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Lochaber. |   |  | 3              | 1              | -2               | A82 at the junction for Lower Glenfintaig Farm- 2 vehicle RTC, Driver of one vehicle sustained fatal injury 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. |  | 77             | 65             | -12              | Lack of traffic on public roads during lockdown period.  |
| Number of people detected for speeding.                      |   |  | 893            | 828            | -65              |  |
| Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.         |   |  | 23             | 20             | -3               |  |
| Number of people detected for seat belt offences             |   |  | 25             | 27             | 2                |  |
| Prevention and Intervention Activity                         | Lack of traffic on public roads during lockdown period  |  |                |                |                  |  |

**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**

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| <p>Serious &amp; Organised Crime</p>        | <p>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 <b>serious organised crime</b>.</p> <p>Intelligence led work continues to deter and detect cross division organised criminal groups involved in cybercrime fraud and acquisitive crime in Lochaber.</p> |
| <p>Prevention and Intervention Activity</p> | <p>Proactive drug seizures continue in the Lochaber area and this reporting period has seen positive conclusions to several Operations and significant drug and cash seizures as well as the execution of 5 search warrants with a positive result.</p>  |

**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     | 20.8  | 21.66                   | 21          | 24          | 3             | Small increase in dwelling house theft and other premises                                       |
| Number of theft by shoplifting       | 23.6  | 25.67                   | 31          | 9           | -22           | Majority of retail premises did not trade during lockdown period.                               |
| Number of theft from motor vehicles  | 6.00  | 7.00                    | 7           | 8           | 1             | No evidence to indicate that these incidents are related. Figure also includes attempted thefts |
| Prevention and Intervention Activity | <p>Covid lockdown in our Lochaber communities brought out the best in the majority of our people. Communities have rallied round 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 – 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   |   |                         | 418         | 165         | -253          | Majority of premises closed during lockdown period   |
| Increase the number of offences reported for the supply or being concerned with the supply of drugs.     | 3.8   | 3.7                     | 3           | 4           | 1             | Number of detections for Drugs supply, production and cultivation. In addition 29 packages intercepted prior to delivery       |
| Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening, Abusive behaviour Crimes                           | 100.80  | 100.34                  | 85          | 46          | -39           | Figure well below 5 and 3 year average   |
| Reduce the occurrences of common assault   | 110.60  | 106.67                  | 106         | 94          | -12           | Figure below 5 and 3 year average  |
| 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. There are two dwellings which have been issued Stage 1 warnings.       |
| Number of antisocial behaviour orders in place.  |   |                         |             | 0           |               | There are no antisocial behaviour orders in place in Lochaber. Ongoing and regular liaison with housing providers in Lochaber. |
| Reduce the offences of vandalism   | 69.2  | 66.67                   | 59          | 59          | -             | Figure well below 5 and 3 year average   |
| Prevention and Intervention Activity (including Rock challenge, Safer Highlander, Pub Watch)             | Communities in Lochaber 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. |                         |             |             |               |  |

| <b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches</b>  |  |                            |  |
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|   |  | April 2020 – November 2020 | April 2020 – November 2020 (positive search) |
|   | Number of stop and searches conducted (total)    | 161                        | 60 (37.3%)                                   |
|   | 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> |  |                            |  |

**PRIORITY – Protecting Vulnerable People**

**Intention – Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners**

**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 2019/20 | YTD 2020/21 | YTD Variation | Context/Narrative   |
|--|---|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---|
| Class 2 Crimes – sexual crimes   | 29.2  | 29.33                   | 13          | 30          | 17            | 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. |
| 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 72 missing person reports in South Highland. Of this figure, 44% 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 Lochaber Command area. |                         |             |             |               |   |



**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

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 Lochaber.