

Item: 5

Police and Fire Sub-committee: 16 November 2021.

Performance Against Local Policing Plan.

Report by Chief Inspector Alastair Garrow – Area Commander (Orkney Area Command).

1. Purpose of Report

To provide an update on progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the 2020 – 2023 Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-committee is invited to scrutinise:

2.1.

Progress in respect of the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2020 – 2023, for the period 1 April to 30 September 2021, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, in order to obtain assurance that progress is being made against the objectives.

3. Performance Monitoring

3.1.

The Performance Against Local Policing Plan 2020 – 2023, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, covers all priorities featured in the local Policing Plan and gives evidence of Prevention and Intervention work corresponding to each of the Policing priorities. It also provides a local narrative in relation to Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism.

3.2.

Appendix 1 also includes progress made against the objectives set within the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2020 – 2023 Year 2, for the reporting period 1 April to 30 September 2021.

3.3.

The Sub-committee is invited to scrutinise the progress set out in the attached performance report.

4. Corporate Governance

This report relates to Orkney Islands Council complying with governance and its scrutiny role and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

5. Financial Implications

There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

6. Legal Aspects

There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

7. Contact Officers

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8. Appendix

Appendix 1: Progress made against the objectives set within the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2020 – 2023 Year 2, for the period 1 April to 30 September 2021.

ORKNEY - PERFORMANCE AGAINST LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2020/2023
01 April 2021 – 30 September 2021

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	Baseline 5 Year Average	Baseline 3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Reduce the number of people killed on the roads in Orkney.	1.60	1.67	1	2	1	19/05/2021 – Junction Road, Kirkwall, Orkney. (NK/429/21 refers). 29/08/2021 – A966 at Tingwall, Orkney. (NK/788/21 refers).
Number of people detected for drink/drug driving offences.	12.80	12.70	6	11	5	Includes failure to provide a specimen of breath.
Number of people detected for speeding.	28.80	37.30	22	30	8	Increased pro-active patrols targeting known areas of concern.
Number of people detected for mobile phone offences.	2.40	3.00	0	1	1	
Number of people detected for seat belt offences.	12.00	13.70	2	10	8	

PRIORITY – Serious & Organised Crime

Intention – Reduce the harm caused by Serious and Organised Crime including cyber related crime.

Objective – With Partners work to safeguard the Orkney area by taking all opportunities to prevent crime and make the Orkney 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 Orkney 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.	We will continue to work with partners in the public, voluntary and business sectors to maximise all opportunities to prevent crime, manage offenders and support victims.
Prevention and Intervention Activity.	There has been 1 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 search warrants executed so far this reporting period.

PRIORITY – Acquisitive Crime

Intention – Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce 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 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Number of Theft by Housebreaking.	2.20	1.00	0	2	2	Figure includes Theft by Housebreaking and Attempted Housebreaking With Intent to Steal and are broken down further as follows:- Dwelling house – 2. Non-dwelling house – 0. Other premises – 0.
Number of Theft by Shoplifting.	11.60	13.70	6	5	-1	Figure below 5 and 3 year averages.
Number of Theft of Motor Vehicles.	2.40	2.30	1	1	0	Figure below 5 and 3 year averages.
Number of Theft from Motor Vehicles.	1.60	1.30	1	1	0	Figure below 5 and 3 year averages.
Prevention and Intervention Activity.	<p>Following the COVID-19 lockdown in Orkney which brought out and continues to bring out the best in the majority of the population, communities have provided support to vulnerable residents and have all collectively looked out for neighbours. However, it was and remains important to highlight that less scrupulous individuals may seek to exploit people’s vulnerabilities.</p> <p>Continued national and local online messaging encouraged people to think about their personal safety and encouraged individuals to be vigilant about who they engage with and accept assistance from.</p>					

PRIORITY – Anti-Social 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 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Licensed Premises Checks.	599	661	323	567	244	Majority of licensed premises were not trading during the COVID-19 lockdown periods covering the YTD 2020/2021.
Number of detections for Drugs related offences.	35.20	44.70	43	17	-26	Includes possession and supply of controlled substances.
Number of detections by the Orkney Drugs Dog.	Data not held	Data not held	123	28	N/A	Police Scotland, in conjunction with Orkney Drugs Dog resource contributed to community reassurance during the lockdown period. A number of detections recorded resulted in no prosecution as controlled substances were removed from the postal system.
Reduce the number of Breach of the Peace/Threatening & Abusive Behaviour Crimes.	42.40	47.70	30	33	3	Figure below 5 and 3 year averages.
Reduce the occurrences of common Assault.	56.00	50.30	53	39	-14	Figure below 5 and 3 year averages.
Reduce the number of premises currently escalated to Stage 3 noisy behaviour through Operation Notebook.	Data not held	Data not held	0	0	N/A	No current live Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in the Orkney Islands Council area.
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in place.	Data not held	Data not held	0	0		

Reduce the incidents of Vandalism.	36.80	34.00	25	57	32	Includes Malicious Mischief. Detection Rate – 52.83%.
Prevention and Intervention Activity.	Communities in Orkney continue to adhere to COVID-19 regulations. Police Scotland continue to work with local communities and partner agencies applying the national Engage, Explain and Encourage guidelines to any infractions of lockdown restrictions. A small number of occasions Police Scotland were required to Enforce and issue fixed penalty notices. This was done only to recidivist offenders where continued non-compliance of the Engage, Explain and Encourage guidelines were not adhered to.					

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches		
	April 2021 – September 2021	April 2021 – September 2021 (Positive)
Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	57	30
<p>Management Information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search/</p> <p>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.</p>		

PRIORITY – Protecting Vulnerable People

Intention – Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners.

Objective – 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 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation	Context/Narrative
Class 2 Crimes - Sexual Crimes.	17.40	18.70	13	22	9	Includes historical offences which have been recorded in this reporting period.
Domestic Abuse Crimes.	46.40	46.00	49	36	-13	National and Local support - Messaging and awareness circulated highlighting reporting and support mechanisms.
Hate Crime.	1.60	3.60	0	3	3	Care should be taken in the interpretation of emerging trends or percentage changes when dealing with small numbers.
Ensure that people who report hate incidents feel satisfied with the response received from public agencies.	<p>Police Scotland underwent a national inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) in relation to Hate Crime with N Division (Highland and Islands) being identified as one of three focussed Divisions. The subsequent report can be found at the following link:-</p> <p>https://www.hmics.scot/publications/hmics-thematic-inspection-hate-crime</p> <p>In this report, 15 recommendations are made for Police Scotland and HMICS is aware that Police Scotland has already started work to address many of the issues raised. N Division's practice of issuing Hate Crime Surveys was viewed favourably and there were no specific issues highlighted for Orkney.</p>					
Prevention and Intervention Activity.	<p>Police investigated 10 reports of missing persons in Orkney during this reporting period. Of this number, 1 relates to reports of 'Looked after Children'.</p> <p>Orkney Area Command has a Police Liaison Officer who maintains contact and liaison with the residential units in the area. This role has resulted in positive working relations between Police and residential unit staff. When required, the Police Liaison Officer works in conjunction with the Missing Person Co-ordinator who similarly enjoys a positive working relationship with residential units.</p>					

PRIORITY – Terrorism and Public Order

Intention – Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness.

Objective – With Partners work to safeguard the Orkney area by taking all opportunities to prevent crime and make the Orkney 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 Orkney 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.

<p>Prevention and Intervention Activity.</p>	<p>WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) - The workshop covers issues such as crime, normal social processes that are used to influence and manipulate, case studies that cut across the spectrum of extremism, terrorist ideologies and factors which may contribute to an individual's susceptibility to a terrorist ideology.</p> <p>In particular, it seeks to support them to recognise that using their existing expertise and professional judgement, they may be able to recognise potentially vulnerable individuals who may be susceptible to being persuaded by an extremist or terrorist ideology. Workshops delivered to partners across the N Division area.</p> <p>ACT Now delivered to schools across the N Division area.</p> <p>Police Constable Lisa Campbell, N Division's Local Counter Terrorism Officer stated,</p> <p><i>“North Division continues to have quarterly Prevent, Protect and Prepare meetings with partner agencies to ensure a conjoined approach to any matters that arise. Online webinars on the new Prevent referral process has been held with partner agencies. Radicalisation awareness training continues with education, third sector and other partners. We have Local Contest Liaison Officers to cover the force area who are kept updated by the Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer with regular training and information shared. We continue through our Protect and Prepare sub-group to provide information and assistance to all members to increase resilience and security within their business area. In relation to Pursue we continue to develop and improve understanding amongst partners, the private sector and the public on mechanisms available to promptly share information regarding concerning or suspicious activity that may be linked to Counter Terrorism and/or Domestic Extremism”.</i></p>
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