

LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017-2020

EAST RENFREWSHIRE

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1. Introduction

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 sets out the policing principles for Police Scotland stating “the main purpose of policing is to improve the safety and well-being of persons, localities and communities in Scotland”. This plan sets out how we will work to achieve this through the setting of local priorities shaped in consultation with our partners, communities and our most current data. In addition the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires each Community Planning Partnership to produce Local Outcome Improvement Plans with the focus on the delivery of shared outcomes at a local level. These shared outcomes will be reflected in this document and will outline our commitment to a collaborative approach with communities, partners and stakeholders.

2. National Policing Priorities

Our priorities continue to be defined by the Scottish Government's 'National Outcomes' and 'Strategic Police Priorities' and the 'Strategic Police Plan' governed by the Scottish Police Authority. They are further shaped by public consultation and our own analysis of the risks and emerging threats likely to impact on Scotland's communities.

Our National Policing Priorities are:

Violence, Disorder and Antisocial behaviour

Serious Organised Crime

Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Road Safety and Road Crime

Acquisitive Crime

While the focus of this plan is on the priorities identified by local communities we remain committed to contributing to prevention, education and detection of offenders in relation to the National Policing Priorities.

3. How We Identified Policing Priorities in East Renfrewshire

The East Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan has been developed through ongoing consultation and should be seen as a living document which will be reviewed to ensure the focus remains current and aligned to identified risks, threats and concerns in local communities. In identifying our priorities we have also used an evidence based analytical product, a local Strategic Assessment, to help identify anticipated and emerging themes.

Our engagement activities have included a detailed analysis of our internet based 'Your View Counts' survey responses, and associated paper responses. These surveys have enabled members of our communities to directly influence the setting of our National and Local priorities.

Further face-to-face engagement has been undertaken during regular Community Council meetings where, whilst providing policing updates, we have taken cognisance of feedback received to help formulate this plan.

Pop-up events within local communities have been held alongside Local Authority partners and these events have helped inform this plan and a Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

A Local Leadership Forum enabled us to engage with locally elected members, community councils and partners in housing, schools, voluntary action and the public sector, to help us seek their views and communicate details of the long-term strategy for policing in Scotland. As well as affording us the opportunity to update them on our organisational plans, the event enabled key partners to discuss our shared objectives.

Police Scotland forms part of the Community Planning Partnerships across Scotland. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires each Community Planning Partnership to produce and publish Local Outcome Improvement Plans which focus on the delivery of shared outcomes at a local level. The Local Outcome Improvement Plan in East Renfrewshire is known as the 'Fairer East Ren Plan' and cognisance has been taken of this in establishing our policing priorities.

4. Local Police Priorities and Objectives

Police Scotland has created this plan to drive forward our commitment to working with partners and communities to deliver agreed outcomes for those who live and work in East Renfrewshire.

Local Policing Priorities have been identified as:

- Homes being broken into
- Antisocial behaviour and disorder
- Violent crime
- Drug dealing and misuse
- Child abuse including child sexual exploitation

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- Reducing the impact of child poverty
- Improving positive mental health and wellbeing
- Reducing social isolation, loneliness and increasing safety
- Improved employability

4.1 Local Priority – Homes being broken into National Policing Priority – Acquisitive Crime

Local consultation has identified homes being broken into as a priority for East Renfrewshire residents. Housebreakings are classified as acquisitive crimes and it is a Police Scotland national priority to tackle such crimes. While it is acknowledged that the number of acquisitive crimes has fallen in recent years, they still account for one fifth of all crime in Scotland.

Acquisitive crimes can be described as crimes where there is an element of theft including housebreaking, car theft, fraud, bogus crime and rogue traders. Car thefts are often linked to housebreakings as cars keys and vehicles are stolen during break-ins.

Crimes such as housebreaking have a significant impact on communities and leave victims feeling unsafe and vulnerable. East Renfrewshire has seen a downward trend in the number of houses being broken into, however, we cannot be complacent and must continue to work with communities and partners to address these types of crimes.

Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Raise awareness of crime prevention and Secured by Design's 'Secure Your Home' *, encouraging crime prevention tactics to protect homes and properties against theft;
- Focus on intelligence in relation to offenders and locations;
- Work with licensing partners to ensure second-hand dealers are operating within the terms of their licence, limiting outlets for stolen goods;
- Focus on getting homeowners to adopt extra security measures to protect their goods, both in their homes and also their sheds and garages; and
- Undertake high visibility patrols in priority areas.

*www.securedbydesign.com

4.2 Local Priority – Antisocial Behaviour and Disorder

National Priority – Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

Fairer East Ren Plan – Reducing social isolation, loneliness and increasing safety

We are committed to reducing the harm caused by ASB and disorder and to tackling those responsible. Low level ASB can be a nuisance but persistent and continual acts of disorder, vandalism and assaults can quickly become life altering and can have a sustained and lasting effect on wellbeing leaving victims feeling vulnerable and isolated. The Fairer East Ren plan recognises that vulnerability, loneliness and safety are concerns in the community. This can affect all age groups and we will continue to work with our partners, linking our policing objectives to the Fairer East Ren Plan.

Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Influence young people, by using our dedicated school campus officers to help them understand the impact ASB has on communities;
- Undertake high visibility patrols with Community Safety Officers in priority areas, to impact on violence and ASB;
- Maximise the use of alternative disposals such as fixed penalty notices for low level ASB such as street drinking, to reduce alcohol related disorder;
- Identify and analyse repeat callers reporting ASB, instigating appropriate measures to address underlying issues;
- Challenge all aspects of hate crime, encouraging third party reporting and promoting a zero tolerance policy;
- Work with local licensed premises, to prevent the sale of alcohol to young people; and
- Maximise opportunities to reduce Violence, Disorder and ASB through Greater Results in Partnership meetings.

4.3 Local Priority – Violent Crime

National Priority – Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

National Priority – Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Fairer East Ren Plan – Reducing social isolation, loneliness and increasing safety

Police Scotland's partnership approach to violence prevention has had a positive impact and preventing violence remains a key priority. Violence, like ASB, can have a detrimental impact on the quality of life in communities. Acts of violence which occur in public spaces can increase the fear of crime and can give the impression that these localities are less safe places to live. The Fairer East Ren Plan recognises that by reducing ASB, disorder and violence we can build safer communities where residents feel safer and are more socially connected within their communities.

Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Work with partner agencies to enhance information sharing regarding complaints made to non-police agencies about problematic households / locations for violence and domestic abuse;
- Continue to identify and target repeat violent offenders;
- Adopt a partnership approach to increase community awareness, particularly in schools, about the gravity of weapon carrying to prevent serious violence; and
- Promote anti-knife carrying messages, particularly targeting young males. Through school campus officers, we will deliver and promote 'No Knives Better Lives' a partnership programme aimed at highlighting the dangers of carrying knives, whilst encouraging participants to make positive choices.

The abuse of alcohol and drugs undoubtedly has a significant impact on the levels of violence occurring in our communities and our most recent analysis indicated that alcohol was a factor in around one third of crimes reported to police.

Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Work proactively with partners, enforcing licensing legislation to help reduce public drunkenness and related disorderly / violent behaviour;
- Work with alcohol retailers / supermarkets to raise awareness of staff responsibilities and ensure compliance with licensing conditions; and
- Develop ways of increasing intelligence on alcohol related violence, to identifying the most vulnerable people and areas.

Violent Crime includes domestic abuse, where violence often takes place behind closed doors and where victims often live in fear suffering long lasting effects. We are fully committed to challenging and confronting domestic abuse within our communities.

Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Encourage third party reporting of domestic abuse;
- Work with partners to identify victims and provide advice and support;
- Work with specialist departments to identify repeat victims of abuse;
- Focus on repeat offenders and promote The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland, which enables us to share information about a partner's abusive past with potential victims;
- Educate and inform the public on non-physical forms of domestic abuse, to encourage the reporting of these incidents to prevent escalation to violence; and
- Carry out proactive work targeting repeat victims and offenders of domestic abuse to prevent further reoffending.

4.4 Local Priority – Drug Dealing and Misuse

National Priority – Serious Organised Crime

Fairer East Ren Plan – Improve the positive mental health, wellbeing and quality of life of our residents

Serious and Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) investigated by Police Scotland are heavily involved in the illicit drug trade. Drug misuse, like alcohol misuse, can have a detrimental effect on individuals, families and communities. It can also have a devastating effect on users' mental health. We recognise the link to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing included in the Fairer East Ren Plan. Through partnership working, we will work to protect residents and communities from the negative impacts of drug and alcohol misuse.

Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Maximise opportunities to refer offenders, who appear to have drug addiction issues, to substance misuse services to minimise harm and promote recovery;
- Gather information on those who supply controlled drugs and focus activity on disruption, intervention and enforcement;
- Influence young people, by using our dedicated school campus officers and key partners, to raise awareness of the life changing effects of drug misuse and abuse; and
- Support and work in close partnership with Police colleagues and partners to tackle SOCGs.

4.5 Local Priority – Child Abuse including Child Sexual Exploitation

National Priority – Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Fairer East Ren Plan – Reducing social isolation, loneliness and increasing safety

Protecting people at risk of harm remains a key priority for Police Scotland. We will continue to work in partnership to increase awareness of all forms of abuse, exploitation and neglect with the focus being primarily on prevention and early intervention. Child abuse and child sexual exploitation is a complex area of policing requiring specialist officers with experience, expertise and training. Locally we are supported by a network of these specialist officers who provide guidance and assistance to our local officers, who are often the first point of contact for victims. Protecting vulnerable people aligns to the Fairer East Ren Plan to increase safety in the community.

Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Encourage third party reporting through engagement with local partnerships;
- Engage with specialist officers and make use of new investigative opportunities and techniques, to implement a strategy which will proactively and effectively target online offenders and maximise opportunities for detections of online sexual crime;
- Utilise information sharing protocols to work with partners to identify vulnerable individuals at risk and use early and effective interventions to prevent them from becoming victims; and
- Use developing internet based strategies, which focus on increasing awareness of the dangers posed by the use of social media and other web based chat facilities, to reduce the risk of young people being targeted online.

Child Abuse is part of the wider national priority of Protecting People at Risk of Harm and we will continue to ensure our efforts are directed towards tackling all aspects of child abuse and sexual harm.

Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Exploit social media platforms to gather intelligence and maximise all detection opportunities available;
- Deliver a consistent quality of service and support to victims of sexual crime by adhering to high standards of sexual crime investigation, whilst facilitating

welfare assistance from partner agencies who can provide victim-focused aftercare;

- Engage with partners and members of the community most at risk of Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation, to gather a more complete picture about the prevalence of these practices in East Renfrewshire, thereby enabling us to develop strategies to impact on these crimes;
- Maintain and develop existing processes surrounding managed offenders in order that they are suitably monitored and risk assessed. Doing this will enable us to deal with them proactively, ensuring that opportunities for enforcing legislative procedures are maximised; and
- Maintain a victim-focused approach to tackling rape and serious sexual crimes, ensuring any prevention strategies are focused on harm reduction, highlighting issues such as the link between alcohol, drugs and sexual crime.

4.6 National Priority – Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

The threat from terrorism and domestic extremism continues to evolve and we are committed to detecting and stopping those who aim to do our communities harm.

Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Work with our partners and communities to identify people who are vulnerable to radicalisation;
- Work with local businesses and individuals to provide security advice and support; and
- Assist communities to prepare for and prevent an attack.

4.7 National Priority – Road Safety and Road Crime

Police Scotland continues to work towards reducing fatalities and serious injuries on our roads. Advances in technology and safer vehicles have undoubtedly helped reduce road deaths and injuries, however, we will continue to tackle poor driver behaviour and educate other road users on how to use our roads safely.

Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Gather information and tackle drivers who choose to disregard road traffic legislation;
- Work to reduce road collisions and road casualties by raising awareness of road safety issues at all times and particularly during high profile campaigns;
- Collaborate with our partners to identify prominent crash locations, to facilitate effective prevention and enforcement activities;
- Deploy high-visibility patrols undertaking enforcement action to deal with offenders, whilst positively influencing other drivers' behaviour; and
- Work with our partners and provide education and road safety advice to school children.

5. Local Policing Arrangements

The local policing area this plan corresponds to is East Renfrewshire Local Authority and together with East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City make up Greater Glasgow Policing Division. Greater Glasgow Division is led by a Local Police Commander, a Chief Superintendent, who is supported by five Superintendents. The command team is supported by Area Commanders and their deputies who are responsible for delivering the Local Policing Plans within their respective geographical areas.

The model for policing across Greater Glasgow Division incorporates Local Policing Teams who react to calls from the communities and provide preventative and reassurance policing. They are supported by Local Problem Solving Team officers who tackle ongoing concerns and more protracted community issues. The Area Commands are supported by two Detective Superintendents and three Detective Chief Inspectors who lead specialist teams investigating crime, public protection matters and serious and organised crime groups.

Located within East Renfrewshire Local Authority are school campus officers who service both secondary and primary schools and work in partnership with schools to provide safety advice, deal with criminal matters that arise within the school environment and work closely with partners providing early and effective interventions.

A Local Authority Liaison Officer is embedded in the Local Authority and works closely with community planning, enforcement and preventative units.

6. Local Scrutiny and Engagement

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 provides a framework for local scrutiny and engagement arrangements between Police, Fire and Rescue Service and the Local Authority. The current scrutiny arrangements, which have been in place since April 2013, will continue with quarterly meetings being held where the Local Policing Commander, supported by the Area Commander, will present a report to the East Renfrewshire Cabinet outlining police performance, measured against the Local Policing Plan priorities. This will continue to provide locally elected members with the opportunity to examine our performance and hold local senior police commanders to account in relation to the delivery of local policing services.

We will continue to engage monthly with Community Councils and take into account their views and concerns on policing issues within their local areas.

7. Equalities

We recognise that effective and fair policing should reflect the needs and expectation of individuals and local communities. They have the right to be provided with a service which is free from discrimination, victimisation and harassment and to be treated with dignity and respect. We know that our communities in East Renfrewshire are diverse and that the needs and expectations of individuals and communities differ. We are committed to treating our staff and communities in a way that is fair and equitable and does not discriminate. We are committed to treating staff and communities with fairness, integrity and respect and in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights.

8. Local Contact Details

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Giffnock

G46 6HA

Barrhead Police Office

Bank Street

Barrhead

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Dial 999 for an emergency that requires urgent Police attention;

For non-emergency contact, call 101, the single non-emergency number;

If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555111;

Service users who are deaf or have a hearing impairment can contact Police Scotland via TextRelay on 18001 101 for non-emergency, or 18000 in an emergency.

If you have concerns or issues you would like to discuss with our Local Problem Solving Team contact them on;

GreaterGlasgowLPSTEastRenfrewshire@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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