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POLICE SCOTLAND
GREATER GLASGOW DIVISION
REPORT TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE CABINET
POLICE PERFORMANCE OVER THE 2nd QUARTER
OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update members of East Renfrewshire Cabinet on police performance over the second quarter of the financial year 2016/2017. This narrative should be considered in conjunction with the accompanying Local Authority Scrutiny Board statistical report that is at the end of this report (Appendix 1).

Local Management

Chief Superintendent Brian McNulty continues as Divisional Commander of Greater Glasgow Division.

Chief Inspector Angela Carty continues as Area Commander, East Renfrewshire supported by Deputy Area Commander Inspector John McQuilter and Constable Jacqueline Petrie who has been appointed Local Authority Liaison Officer.

East Renfrewshire Policing Plan 2014-2017

The priorities within the policing plan were identified through engagement and consultation across East Renfrewshire, this included our annual community consultation and the results combined with crime analysis and demand has led to the following priorities being identified:-

1. Tackling Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
2. Protecting People
3. Increasing Public Confidence and Local Engagement
4. Tackling Serious Crime and Responding to Major Events.

Summary of Performance – Financial Year to Date

**EAST RENFREWSHIRE POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 1 – VIOLENCE,
DISORDER AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

This priority continues to represent one of the key challenges facing our communities. The reduction of violence and anti-social behaviour is the cornerstone of policing focus in the drive to keep people safe. Our objectives included a commitment to

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- Reduce the number of assaults
- Reduce violent crime, including alcohol related violence
- Reduce the number of complaints regarding antisocial behaviour

While our focus remains the reduction of violence and anti-social behaviour we have seen an increase in the number of victims of common assault now 66 more than the previous year. At a recent joint workshop with our partners from East Renfrewshire Council, East Renfrewshire Women's Aid, housing, criminal Justice and Alcohol, Youth Services and Alcohol and Drug Partnership we considered how we can jointly address the increases in common assault and anti-social behaviour. Our workshop heard from Insp Mark Nicol, Community Improvement Partnership who provided an over view of work Police Scotland do with the Wheatley Group across the City of Glasgow to reduce violence and anti-social behaviour. Moving forward we hope to use some of the good practice learned from this project and apply some of the techniques to our own area. The project relies on having good relationships with our partners which you will be aware are particularly strong within East Renfrewshire.

The detection rates for common assaults remains below that of last year at 52.9%, we continue to use all analytical tools and forensic methods we have and rely on the continued support of communities.

Although overall violent crime has reduced the numbers of serious assaults has increased by two. This local increase is mirrored nationally which has resulted in concerted efforts at all levels of the police service to put in place preventative measures to arrest the continued rise. A profile of those serious assaults in East Renfrewshire shows a pattern of victims and assailants who are known to each other. This has resulted in a detection rate of 109%.

The number of robberies has reduced significantly from the same period last year. Continued efforts will be made as we approach the festive period to ensure a preventative message is delivered to vulnerable premises at this time of year.

LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 2 – PROTECTING PEOPLE

Our commitment to tackling all forms of abuse continues. Our objectives include

- Reduce the number of housebreakings
- Work with partner agencies to support victims of domestic abuse
- Reduce road deaths and serious injury

We remain focussed on addressing the incidences of domestic abuse and when compared with the same period last year the numbers of domestic abuse crimes reported to the police has increased from 152 to 165. While we welcome increased confidence in reporting it is important to recognise each

additional report is another victim of domestic abuse. Through the SOA workshop Police Scotland has built a strong positive working relationship with East Renfrewshire Women's Aid (ERWA) and our supervisors have visited women's aid at their premises in Barrhead. The information learned at these meeting has been passed on to operational officers and ERWA have reported an increase in referrals as a result. We continue to refer victims to Advocacy Support Safety and Information Services (ASSIST) where further support is offered to victims. The detection rate for domestic crime much like common assaults is disappointingly low. While in the case of domestic abuse the victim will name the perpetrator, there is often found not to be a sufficiency of evidence to report the matter to the procurator fiscal. We pursue every avenue of investigation to gather sufficient corroborative evidence however disappointingly it is not always possible to do so. Support for the victim is a priority and it is encouraging to know that our partners at ERWA are providing that support.

The National Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland has now been operational in Glasgow for over a year. This process allows us to share information about abusive partners past behaviour with potential victims, ensuring they have all the facts before deciding whether to continue with a relationship. In the first two quarters of this year one application has been received for East Renfrewshire.

Road Safety figures show a reduction in those seriously and slightly injured on our roads. Road Safety particularly around schools and speeding on roads within East Renfrewshire is a worry to the communities. As a result of a recent concern from residents in Eaglesham about children getting safely to and from school we contacted East Renfrewshire Roads Department and had a joint visit to the area concerned. The outcome of the visit has seen road signs realigned to make them more visible to drivers and a commitment from the roads department to carry out a further visibility study.

In line with the National Get Ready for Winter Campaign, Road Policing officers have been carrying out static road checks engaging with road users, providing safe driving advice and conducting road safety vehicle checks. These checks are intended to ensure that drivers are prepared for the potential challenges of driving during the winter months, reducing the risk to themselves and other road users.

Tackling hate crime remains a key priority and we see an increase in reports to police which we hope demonstrates an improved confidence in victims. The detection rate has dropped on the same period last year and continued efforts are made to trace and report the offenders.

The numbers of houses broken into during the first half of the year is on par with the same time last year. We have had some notable arrests in the last eight weeks which going forward should provide a positive outcome in the next quarter.

LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 3 – INCREASE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

To ensure that we maintain public confidence we are committed to listening to local people. Our objectives include a commitment to:-

- Publish updates outlining progress towards achieving the objectives outlined in the Multi Member Ward Policing Plans
- Report on performance measured against the local priorities identified by the public
- Maintain high levels of public confidence in policing
- Actively engage with local communities
- Maintain high standards of professional conduct

The public consultation process 'Your View Counts' which was launched in April this year and had a disappointing uptake in the first quarter, however through highlighting the survey to community groups and schools has seen a significant increase in the last three months. The work to publicise Your View Counts continues as it is one of the ways communities can tell us what worries them about crime in their local area.

We regularly monitor public satisfaction with the police service and our satisfaction rates are favourable. However we are not complacent and our officers continue to attain the highest degree of integrity and professionalism.

In August this year we again supported the very worthwhile Safety in the Park which was organised by Rena McGuire. Safety in the Park gives children in East Renfrewshire the opportunity to tackle issues that they are likely to come up against as they grow and develop such as internet safety in a safe environment.

LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 4 – TACKLING SERIOUS CRIME AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Tackling serious and organised crime remains one of our key priorities. Our objectives included a commitment to:

- Work with partners to deprive organised crime groups access to financial gains, achieved through legitimate enterprises; and
- Target organised crime groups through proceeds of crime legislation.
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Between April and September, over 200 individuals linked to SAOC were arrested in the Greater Glasgow Division alone. Officers have also continued to exploit The Proceed of Crimes Act to deprive criminals of cash and assets obtained illegally.

There have been a number of highlights between April and September 2016:

Our officers are continuing to target the sale and supply of controlled drugs and have undertaken a number of targeted operations. One particular operation recovered multiple kilos of Amphetamine and mixing agents which will disrupt the criminal activities of those involved in this type of organised crime. We remain focussed on reducing the availability of drugs in our communities and on acting robustly when information identifies such criminality.

This year, drug supply was highlighted as one of the top 5 concerns of residents in East Renfrewshire. We have been focussing on this issue and in the second quarter, there have been 16 detections for supply of controlled drugs in East Renfrewshire, this compares to 15 in same period last year. We remain focussed on reducing the availability of drugs in our communities and on acting robustly when information identifies such criminality.

Conclusion

As Local Police Commander, I am pleased to present the second quarter update on our Local Policing Plan for East Renfrewshire 2014/17 and to share some really positive outcomes that have been achieved. Notwithstanding these successes, I am acutely aware of the challenges faced in terms of addressing the areas where our performance needs to improve. I remain convinced that if we are to achieve our common aim of keeping people safe, then it is absolutely critical that we continue to work together to get the most from our shared resources. The progress made to date has been impressive but none of it would have been possible without us working together.

Thank you for your continued support and access to vital resources and assets.

Brian McNulty
Divisional Commander
Greater Glasgow Division

**AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - East Renfrewshire
September 2016**

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2016 - Sep 2016	Apr 2015 - Sep 2015	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	21	29	8 fewer	-27.6%
(Context)					
2	Murder	1	0	1 more	-
(Context)					
3	Attempted Murder	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
6	Serious Assault detection rate	109.1%	66.7%		42.4%
(Context)					
7	Serious Assault	11	9	2 more	22.2%
(Context)					
8	Robbery detection rate	50.0%	80.0%		-30.0%
(Context)					
9	Robbery	4	10	6 fewer	-60.0%
(Context)					
10	Common assault detection rate	52.1%	78.2%		-26.1%
(Context)					
11	Common assault	236	170	66 more	38.8%
(Context)					
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	1,205	1,229	24 fewer	-2.0%
(Context)					

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2016 - Sep 2016	Apr 2015 - Sep 2015	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	275	251		9.6%
(Context)					
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	165	152		8.6%
(Context)					
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	46.9%	49.0%		-2.1%
(Context)					
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	60.6%	86.8%		-26.2%
(Context)					
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	7	11		-36.4%
(Context)					
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	95.8%	-		-
(Context)					
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	53.7%	69.0%		-15.3%
(Context)					

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Apr 2016 - Sep 2016	Apr 2016 - Sep 2016 Positive	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	362	93		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	350	91		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	12	2		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	66	-		
<p>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</p>					

Scotland website via <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication>

(Context)

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2016 - Sep 2016	Apr 2015 - Sep 2015	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	16	15		6.7%
(Context)					
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	24.5%	25.5%		-1.0%
(Context)					
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	106	106	same number	0.0%
(Context)					
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	47.2%	53.1%		-5.9%
(Context)					
29	Theft by shoplifting	72	81	9 fewer	-11.1%
(Context)					
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	15.2%	11.3%		3.9%
(Context)					
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	237	240	3 fewer	-1.3%
(Context)					
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	59	60		-1.7%
(Context)					

Public Protection					
		Apr 2016 - Sep 2016	Apr 2015 - Sep 2015	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	41	52	11 fewer	-21.2%
(Context)					
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	63.4%	82.7%		-19.3%
(Context)					
35	Rape detection rate	80.0%	85.7%		-5.7%
(Context)					

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2016 - Sep 2016	Apr 2015 - Sep 2015	Victims	% Change
People Killed	0	0	None	-
People Seriously injured	6	8	2 fewer	-25.0%
People Slightly Injured	39	46	7 fewer	-15.2%
(Context)				
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	0	0	None	-
(Context)				

Road Safety & Road Crime				
	Apr 2016 - Sep 2016	Apr 2015 - Sep 2015	Victims	% Change
36 Dangerous driving	17	9		88.9%
(Context)				
37 Speeding	33	144		-77.1%
(Context)				
38 Disqualified driving	2	4		-50.0%
(Context)				
39 Driving Licence	33	20		65.0%
(Context)				
40 Insurance	66	72		-8.3%
(Context)				
41 Seat Belts	16	32		-50.0%
(Context)				
42 Mobile Phone	39	75		-48.0%
(Context)				

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2016 - Sep 2016			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
4 3	Complaints received about the Police	20		23.0	
(Context)					
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
4 4	Total Allegations Recorded	28	0	6	34
(Context)					

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