

POLICE SCOTLAND

GREATER GLASGOW DIVISION

REPORT TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE CABINET

POLICE PERFORMANCE OVER THE 1st QUARTER

OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/2015

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update members of East Renfrewshire Cabinet on police performance over the first quarter of the financial year 2014/2015. This narrative should be considered in conjunction with the accompanying Local Authority Scrutiny Board statistical reports that are at the end of this report (Appendix 1).

Local Management

Chief Superintendent Andy Bates continues as Divisional Commander of Greater Glasgow Division.

Local management within East Renfrewshire Sub Division is due to change in September 2014 with Chief Inspector Angela Carty replacing Chief Inspector Campbell Crawford as Area Commander.

Community Police Inspector Alan Dickson and Local Authority Liaison Officer Sergeant Jim Boyle both remain in post.

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 LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 1 – VIOLENCE, DISORDER AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

One of the key challenges facing our communities is the continued focus on reducing violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour. Our objectives included a commitment to:-

- Increase detection of violent offenders, including those who commit domestic abuse and hate crime.

- Reduce the number of complaints regarding anti-social behaviour including disorderly conduct and drinking in public.

A Greater Results in Partnership (GRIP) meeting is held every Monday morning where representatives from several departments from East Renfrewshire Council, Barrhead Housing, Arklet Housing, police and fire service all attend.

The meeting is chaired by the police and drives the tackling of problem locations, premises and people with proactive work with our partner agencies by targeting anti-social issues before they manifest. This has led to a marked reduction in calls and crime.

Through directed patrols, examination of crime and incident pattern analysis and listening to concerns raised by members of the public and elected members this allows us to target the right people at the right place and time.

Although crimes of violence have risen slightly in the first quarter of this year detection rates have risen quite considerably. This years detection rate for common assault is 79.4% compared to 63.6% for the same period last year.

The detection rate for serious assault is also similar to last year, sitting at 75% compared to 80% last year. Analysis also shows that a large number of the assault victims knew their perpetrator.

Robberies fell by 50% from 4 the previous year to 2 this year.

Incidents of disorder across East Renfrewshire continue to fall. This is partly due to the joint directed patrols from the GRIP meeting with police and community wardens targeting areas of concern as identified through intelligence and analysis.

There has been a 26.3% decrease in complaints from the public regarding disorder. This equates to 236 fewer calls.

LOCAL POLICING PLAN PRIORITY 2 – PROTECTING PEOPLE

Keeping people safe remains one of the cornerstones of Police Scotland. Our objectives included a commitment to:

- Support victims of Domestic Abuse.
- Reduce Road Deaths and serious injury.
- Improve Road User Behaviour through enforcement of legislation.

We have been focussed on dealing quickly and effectively with domestic abuse incidents in East Renfrewshire and compared to the same period last year the detection rate increased by 15.1%, from 73.25% to 88.3%. The detection rate for domestic abuse bail offences have increased by 150%, from 4 detections in the first quarter last year to 10 this year.

More victims within East Renfrewshire have come forward to report domestic abuse with a 57.1% increase in incidents reported to us in the first quarter compared to last year. Last year there were 98 incidents reported to us compared to 154 this year.

The Greater Glasgow Domestic Abuse Unit which covers East Renfrewshire is now co-located with Advocacy, Support, Safety and Information Services Together (ASSIST) at Eastgate and this has helped us provide a more cohesive service to victims. Staff at Eastgate are now deployed on a shift pattern which allows for support to be provided out with core business hours and this change has been very positively received by staff and victims.

Road Safety and the reduction of road casualties continues to be a local priority with focus over the last quarter on prevention, education and enforcement with local officers working alongside colleagues in Divisional Road Policing, targeting drivers who speed, drive whilst using their mobile phone, or drive in a careless or dangerous manner.

There have been no fatalities in the first quarter of this year, which is the same figure for the same period last year. Three people have been seriously injured which is again the same as the same period last year. There has been a 5% reduction in the amount of people slightly injured, 19 people instead of 20. None of the injured persons were children.

It can be seen that robust enforcement from local officers and our Roads Policing Division is now showing an improvement in road user behaviour within East Renfrewshire. There has been a significant drop in the number of motoring offences. The offence of speeding has reduced by 42.1%, seat belt offences have fallen by 44.8% and mobile phone offences have also fallen by 54.1%.

Despite the reduction in road offences we will continue to focus on improving road user behaviour.

Increasing Public Confidence and Local engagement

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

- Undertake a community Consultation Survey
- Publish Community Policing Plans based on the result of the Community Consultation Survey and other forms of community engagement
- Report on performance measured against the local priorities identified by the public

In October last year we completed our annual Community Consultation Survey during which we sought the views of over 600 people from across East Renfrewshire. The information gathered helped identify the issues causing local people most concern and the results helped inform the East Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan for 2014/17.

New Community Policing Plans for each Multi Member Ward have also been published, helping inform the public about our local priorities across the sub division. The first quarterly updates have now been completed to help report on our performance.

Tackling Serious Crime and Responding to 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.
- Target organised crime groups through proceeds of crime legislation.
- Plan for the delivery of a safe and secure Commonwealth Games in 2014.

All officers in the Greater Glasgow Division, which includes East Renfrewshire sub division, are engaged in tackling Serious and Organised Crime and they are supported by specialist resources. The division has a number of Serious and Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) which pose varying threats and challenges to our communities. Each group is closely monitored and resources are deployed accordingly. The main objective is to keep our communities safe and allow them to flourish.

The following information highlights our continuing efforts to divert, disrupt, deter and detect individuals involved in serious and organised crime:

- Between 1 April and 30 June, 144 members or associates of SOCGs were arrested.
- Through the use of proceeds of crime legislation, criminals were deprived of £4,258,000 during the first quarter of the year. This figure includes restraints of assets, cash seizures and expedited referrals where criminal conduct or a criminal purpose was suspected.
- SOCG's were also denied £5,356,973 in legitimate enterprise against an annual target of £8,393,400. Our divisional Interventions Unit continues to work closely with a number of departments within local authorities to target harden and prevent SOCG's, and companies operating under their control, from accessing public contracts.

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Appendix 1

LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - East Renfrewshire June 2014

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Apr 2013 - Jun 2013	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	14	12	2 more	16.7%
(Context)					
2	Murder	1	0	1 more	-
(Context)					
3	Attempted Murder	0	1	1 fewer	- 100.0%
(Context)					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
6	Serious Assault detection rate	75.0%	80.0%		-5.0%
(Context)					
7	Serious Assault	8	5	3 more	60.0%
(Context)					
8	Robbery detection rate	50.0%	50.0%		0.0%
(Context)					
9	Robbery	2	4	2 fewer	-50.0%
(Context)					
10	Petty (Common) assault detection rate	79.4%	63.6%		15.8%
(Context)					
11	Petty (common) assault	97	77	20 more	26.0%
(Context)					
12	Stop and searches conducted	1,818	3,035		-40.1%
(Context)					
13	Number of positive stop and searches conducted.	412	617		-33.2%
(Context)					
14	Number of complaints regarding disorder	662	898	236 fewer	-26.3%
(Context)					

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June 2014

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Apr 2013 - Jun 2013	Victims	% Change
15	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	154	98		57.1%
(Context)					
16	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	103	71		45.1%
(Context)					
17	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	54.5%	56.1%		-1.6%
(Context)					
18	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	88.3%	73.2%		15.1%
(Context)					
19	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	10	4		150.0%
(Context)					
20	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	100.0%	-		-
(Context)					
21	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	70.8%	100.0%		-29.2%
(Context)					

Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Apr 2013 - Jun 2013	Victims	% Change
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	9	10		-10.0%
(Context)					
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	31.3%	10.0%		21.3%
(Context)					
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	64	60	4 more	6.7%
(Context)					
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	66.7%	61.5%		5.2%
(Context)					
26	Theft by shoplifting	30	39	9 fewer	-23.1%
(Context)					
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	15.4%	11.1%		4.3%
(Context)					
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	130	135	5 fewer	-3.7%
(Context)					
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	67	100		-33.0%
(Context)					

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Public Protection					
Local Target - Year End		Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Apr 2013 - Jun 2013	Victims	% Change
30	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	16	18	2 fewer	-11.1%
(Context)					
31	Group 2 crimes detection rate	62.5%	55.6%		6.9%
(Context)					
32	Rape detection rate	100.0%	66.7%		33.3%
(Context)					

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics					
		Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Apr 2013 - Jun 2013	Victims	% Change
People Killed		0	0	None	-
People Seriously injured		3	3	same number	0.0%
People Slightly Injured		19	20	1 fewer	-5.0%
(Context)					
Children (aged<16) Killed		0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured		0	1	1 fewer	-100.0%
(Context)					

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Apr 2013 - Jun 2013	Victims	% Change
33	Dangerous driving	3	6		-50.0%
(Context)					
34	Speeding	198	342		-42.1%
(Context)					
35	Disqualified driving	0	5		-100.0%
(Context)					
36	Driving Licence	15	20		-25.0%
(Context)					
37	Insurance	41	56		-26.8%
(Context)					
38	Seat Belts	90	163		-44.8%
(Context)					
39	Mobile Phone	72	157		-54.1%
(Context)					