

**LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Dundee City  
January 2014**

**Dundee City Council Policy and Resources Committee**

**March 2014**

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**SUBJECT: POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT**

**CITY OF DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA  
PERFORMANCE RESULTS  
1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2013 TO 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2014**

**Report Number: 153 - 2014**

**RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 It is recommended that members:

(A) Note, scrutinise and question the content of this report.

**2 RECORDED CRIME**

2.1 Dundee LPA evidenced reductions in violent crime when compared to the average of the previous 5 years

A reduction in overall violent crime of 31.5% (75 fewer victims)

A reduction in serious assaults of 24.7% (23 fewer victims)

A reduction in robbery of 53.2% (41 fewer victims)

A reduction in common assault of 5.0% (98 fewer victims)

2.2 Reductions were also achieved in

Housebreaking (including attempts) – all property – 31.9% (223 fewer victims)

Shoplifting – 24.3% (372 fewer victims)

Vandalism – 25.9% (531 fewer victims)

2.3 Overall, Group 1-4<sup>1</sup> recorded 6041 crimes and evidenced a reduction of 20.5% compared with the 5 year average (1562 fewer crimes).

<sup>1</sup> Groups 1-4 refer to an amalgamation of four crime groups. They are Group 1, consisting of violent crime; Group 2 covering sexual offences; Group 3, the largest, covers a wide range of crimes of dishonesty; and Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising, and malicious mischief.)

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**3 DETECTION RATES**

3.1 Improvements in detection rates, against the 5 year average were evidenced in the following:-

Serious assault 95.7% - 5 year average 76.2%  
Robbery 80.6% - 5 year average 61.7%  
Common assault 77.9% - 5 year average 67.3%

3.2 Detection rates for the following were below the 5 year average

Housebreaking (including attempts) 18.1% - 5 year average 27.5%  
Shoplifting 81.0% - 5 year average 86.8%  
Vandalism 25.4% - 5 year average 28.5%

**4 ROAD SAFETY**

4.1 Reductions were recorded in all three measures of road casualties when compared to the five year average:-

People killed/seriously injured 37 – 5 year average 48  
People slightly injured 144 – 5 year average 201  
Children killed/slightly injured 3 – 5 year average 9

4.2 Significant detections for the following were above the five year average and this is due to emphasis on enforcement to influence driver behaviour to keep people safe and deny criminals the use of the road networks:-

Speeding 1226 – 5 year average 496  
Seat belt offences 620 – 5 year average 111  
Mobile phone offences 590 – 5 year average 126

**5 PUBLIC PROTECTION**

5.1 251 crimes of indecency (Group 2) were recorded, a 32% increase on the 5 year average of 190, with rapes accounting for 23% of the total recorded.

Of the total Group 2 crimes reported, 59% occurred during the current year. The remainder occurred during previous years but were only recently reported. Recent, well publicised cases involving historic abuse have, perhaps, given victims greater confidence to report matters to the police knowing they will be thoroughly investigated. Some of the crimes were linked and involved the same victims and/or perpetrator. There was also an increase in crimes linked to the use of internet and social media.

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<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour</b>					
		Apr 2013 – Jan 2014	5 year average	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	163	238	75 fewer	-31.5%
2	Murder	1	2	1 fewer	-50.0%
3	Attempted Murder	7	21	14 fewer	-66.7%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	
6	Serious Assault detection rate	95.7%	76.2%		+19.5pp
7	Serious Assault	70	93	23 fewer	-24.7%
8	Robbery detection rate	80.6%	61.7%		+18.9pp
9	Robbery	36	77	41 fewer	-53.2%
10	Petty (Common) assault detection rate	77.9%	67.3%		+10.6pp
11	Petty (common ) assault	1862	1960	98 fewer	-5.0%
12	Stop and searches conducted	10618	4578		+131.9%
13	Percentage of positive stop and searches conducted (target 15%).	15.6%			
14	Number of complaints regarding disorder	11386	15661		-27.3%
15	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	1892	1622	270 more	+16.6%
17	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in one or more crimes being recorded	64.9%			
18	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	78.6%			
19	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	147			
20	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	97.3%			
21	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	80.9%			

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<b>Additional Identified Local Priorities</b>					
		Apr 2013 – Jan 2014	5 year average	Victims	% Change
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	128	194		-34.0%
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	18.1%	27.5%		-9.4pp
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	476	699	223 fewer	-31.9%
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	81.0%	86.8%		-5.8pp
26	Theft by shoplifting	1156	1528	372 fewer	-24.3%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	25.4%	28.5%		-3.1pp
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	1522	2053	531 fewer	-25.9%
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	84	3		+2700%

<b>Public Protection</b>					
		Apr 2013 – Jan 2014	5 year average	Victims	% Change
30	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	251	190	61 more	+32.1%
31	Group 2 crimes detection rate	78.9%	69.3%		+9.6pp
32	Rape detection rate (Tayside Division result)	70.4%	62.8%		+7.6pp

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<b>Road Traffic Casualty Statistics</b>				
	Apr 2013 – Jan 2014	5 year average	Victims	% Change
People Killed/Seriously Injured	37	48	11 fewer	-22.9%
People Slightly Injured	144	201	57 fewer	-28.3%
Children (aged<16) Killed/Seriously Injured	3	9	6 fewer	-66.7%

<b>Road Safety &amp; Road Crime</b>				
	Apr 2013 – Jan 2014	5 year average	Victims	% Change
33	Dangerous driving	46	36	+27.8%
34	Speeding	1226	496	+147.2%
35	Disqualified driving	38	49	-22.4%
36	Driving Licence	229	222	+3.1%
37	Insurance	527	465	+13.3%
38	Seat Belts	620	111	+458.5%
39	Mobile Phone	590	126	+368.2%

<b>Public Confidence</b>					
<b>Tayside Division</b>		<b>Apr 2013 – Jan 2014</b>			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
40	Complaints received about the Police	459		~	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	609	15	~	~

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**Multi Member Ward Update**

**DUNDEE**

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<u>Crimes Count</u>	Local Policing Area			Coldside			East End		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1 to 4	5958	2595	43.6%	878	333	37.9%	627	284	45.3%
Groups 1 to 5	7583	4188	55.2%	1156	608	52.6%	774	429	55.4%
All Group 1	163	151	92.6%	28	25	89.3%	19	19	100.0%
Murder/Att Murder	7	7	100.0%	2	2	100.0%	0	0	~
Serious Assault	73	67	91.8%	8	8	100.0%	9	9	100.0%
Robbery	36	29	80.6%	14	11	78.6%	3	3	100.0%
Common Assault	1847	1439	77.9%	255	198	77.6%	234	179	76.5%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	102	93	91.2%	15	14	93.3%	15	14	93.3%
Drugs Supply/Production	129	128	99.2%	22	23	104.5%	17	17	100.0%
All Group 2	249	197	79.1%	56	48	85.7%	29	27	93.1%
Housebreaking	459	83	18.1%	119	21	17.6%	37	8	21.6%
Shoplifting	1154	935	81.0%	76	50	65.8%	117	101	86.3%

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<u>Crimes Count</u>	Lochee			Maryfield			North East		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1 to 4	907	383	42.2%	1717	959	55.9%	392	127	32.4%
Groups 1 to 5	1079	552	51.2%	2323	1558	67.1%	525	256	48.8%
All Group 1	26	25	96.2%	50	45	90.0%	14	14	100.0%
Murder/Att Murder	2	2	100.0%	0	0	~	3	3	100.0%
Serious Assault	11	11	100.0%	27	24	88.9%	1	1	100.0%
Robbery	4	4	100.0%	10	8	80.0%	2	2	100.0%
Common Assault	270	207	76.7%	544	432	79.4%	171	137	80.1%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	13	12	92.3%	25	24	96.0%	8	6	75.0%
Drugs Supply/Production	19	18	94.7%	30	30	100.0%	14	14	100.0%
All Group 2	31	21	67.7%	49	40	81.6%	21	8	38.1%
Housebreaking	82	9	11.0%	84	24	28.6%	30	7	23.3%
Shoplifting	175	138	78.9%	613	516	84.2%	6	4	66.7%

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<u>Crimes Count</u>	Strathmartine			The Ferry			West End		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1 to 4	565	230	40.7%	209	65	31.1%	663	214	32.3%
Groups 1 to 5	689	347	50.4%	251	105	41.8%	786	333	42.4%
All Group 1	10	10	100.0%	5	5	100.0%	11	8	72.7%
Murder/Att Murder	0	0	~	0	0	~	0	0	~
Serious Assault	7	7	100.0%	5	2	40.0%	5	5	100.0%
Robbery	0	0	~	0	0	~	3	1	33.3%
Common Assault	140	108	77.1%	58	44	75.9%	175	134	76.6%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	18	16	88.9%	1	1	100.0%	7	6	85.7%
Drugs Supply/Production	10	9	90.0%	1	1	100.0%	16	16	100.0%
All Group 2	27	21	77.8%	11	9	81.8%	25	23	92.0%
Housebreaking	40	8	20.0%	18	3	16.7%	49	3	6.1%
Shoplifting	58	48	82.8%	35	23	65.7%	74	55	74.3%

Source: All results taken from the Police Scotland Management Information System (17/02/14)