

Dundee City Council Policy and Resources Committee

12 August 2013

**Report by Chief Inspectors McKillop and Trickett,
Dundee South and Dundee North Local Policing Areas
D (Tayside) Division, Police Scotland**

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

OPERATIONAL REPORT PART 1

**August 2013
Report No: 325-2013**

<p>Abstract: The attached report provides members with background operational information to the performance information submitted separately to provide context.</p>
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1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that members note and scrutinise the operational report.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some context to the information provided in relation to performance and to elaborate on some of the work which has taken place within the Dundee Local Policing Area.

3 PERFORMANCE

3.1 Crime

All Officers in Dundee are working hard to reduce violence across the city and keeping people safe. We have improved identification of priority locations, ie; areas where violent crime is more prevalent, through detailed analytical product. This has led to targeted use of Campaign Against Violence officers to supplement resources. Improvements have been made to task orientated briefing and debriefing processes, leading to better targeting of offenders and greater interaction with Licensed premises.

3.1.1 Licensing

Formal Licensing Inspections are taking place utilising local Community Officers and supplemented by the Divisional Violence Reduction Team (DVRT). Local Inspectors and Community Sergeants are meeting with licensees following any violent crime taking place at or near their premises to discuss issues to assist in keeping people safe.

3.1.4 Persistent Offenders / Priority Locations

Intelligence products have been developed to target persistent offenders and priority locations to order to support the Officers carrying out proactive work.

3.2 Drugs/Anti Social Behaviour

3.2.1 Operation Highrise working with community and response officers in the Lochee area continues along with the Housing Anti Social Behaviour Team to deal with emerging issues of drug abuse and antisocial behaviour in high rise blocks and retail centres. This has included a survey of residents to deal with the local problems they identify.

3.3 Domestic Abuse

3.3.1 The Domestic Abuse Investigation Team has developed its operating practices and now reviews all Domestic crime to improve conviction rates and identify learning points to improve victim safety. They are involved in the investigation of complex cases and historical reports as well as developing perpetrator management plans to actively target those committing domestic crime.

3.4 Road Policing

3.4.1 Dundee officers have taken part in Police Scotlands' Vulnerable Road Users campaign focussing on the vulnerability of road users such as pedestrians and cyclists. They maintain road policing activity through targeted patrols to educate road users through enforcement to encourage keeping people safe on the roads of Dundee. Unfortunately, there was a fatal road accident in Dundee during June.

3.5 Events

3.5.1 There have been several significant events that Dundee LPA Officers and Staff have supported during the reporting period, notably.

- Royal Visit by Duke and Duchess of Rothesay to a variety of premises in Dundee on Tuesday 11 June.
- Operation Blowdown on 30 June – the demolition of Butterburn and Bucklemaker Courts.
- Public Order support to G8 in Northern Ireland.

All have passed with great success and have enhanced the professional image of D Division Officers across Police Scotland and beyond.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

5. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no staffing issues as a result of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

6.1 This report does not have any impact on the environment.

7. SUMMARY

7.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant operational matters and gives context to the performance of the local policing area.

8. COMPLIANCE

Is the proposal;

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| (a) Human Rights Act 1998 compliant? | YES |
| (b) Equality & Diversity compliant? | YES |