

Dundee City Council Policy and Resources Committee

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**Report by Superintendent Brian Weir,
Dundee Local Policing Area
Tayside Police Community Policing Division**

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

**OPERATIONAL REPORT PART 1
01 APRIL TO 30 NOVEMBER 2012**

Report No. 36-2013

Abstract: The attached report provides members with background operational information to the performance information submitted separately to provide context.

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that members note and question 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

- 3.1.1** During the month of November, 29 serious violent crimes occurred in Dundee. Since April 2012 there have been 87 fewer serious violent crimes than the same period last year, which represents 87 fewer victims. This equates to a 42.6% reduction.
- 3.1.2** These results are due, in part, to targeted operations such as Operation Centresafe which involves additional officers being deployed to the City Centre to police the night time economy. In addition Operation Dry-Up is carried out each weekend and relates to community officer patrols to deal with under age drinking and youth related disorder.
- 3.1.3** Dundee Officers also contribute to national anti violence campaigns in respect of knife crime and domestic violence.
- 3.1.4** Crimes of Indecency (including Rape, Assault with intent to rape, Indecent Assault, etc) have fallen by 15.3% from 157 to 133 compared to last year – a

reduction of 24 victims. The increase in detections from 58.6% to 72.2% is also welcomed.

- 3.1.5** Domestic Housebreaking has seen another increase over the period with 68 more houses broken into than the same period last year. While not responsible for them all, they are due largely to the activities of one individual who is now on remand. We recognise the devastating affect having your home broken into can have on families and communities and each crime is treated as a priority.
- 3.1.6** It has been apparent this year that spates of this type of crime have been caused by individuals who live chaotic lifestyles.
- 3.1.7** We are working closely with the Procurator Fiscal and Crown Office to deal with these individuals and operate a persistent offender scheme to ensure that appropriate resources are targeted towards those causing significant issues.
- 3.1.8** In addition to this officers in Dundee are engaged in Operation Lockdown, where increased stop checking of vehicles and individuals take place in affected areas.
- 3.1.9** Operation After Dark is also in place for the winter months which provides additional patrols in affected areas during late afternoon / early evenings to deter and detect criminals as well as providing crime prevention advice for householders.

3.2 Drugs

- 3.2.1** There have been 39 drug related deaths recorded in this year. The number of accidental overdoses and deaths attributed to Drug abuse remains a concern. We continue to work with partners within the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership to identify suitable interventions to deal with problematic drug users. During the reporting period Tayside Police have recovered significant quantities of Class A Drugs bound for Dundee, including 2.5 kilos of heroin, and enquiries continue into these crimes.

3.3 Domestic Abuse

- 3.3.1** Domestic Abuse continues to be a high priority and unfortunately the festive period normally sees an increase in the number of Domestic Abuse incidents. Tayside Police have instructed all operational officers in how to carry out risk assessments of victims. Specialist officers then provide support, with the assistance of partners, to those most in need.
- 3.3.2** Operation Linchpin commenced in December which involves the deployment of additional officers to investigate domestic violence incidents with specific focus on repeat offenders.

3.4 Road Policing

- 3.4.1** Having had no road fatalities in Dundee during 2011/12 a further such incident occurred in this reporting period to add to the one previously recorded.

3.4.2 On Monday, 3 December 2012 the Festive Drink Drug Drive Campaign commenced. The campaign is focussing on drink / drug drivers throughout the festive season and is also targeting speeding vehicles, non-compliance with seat-belt legislation and distractions to drivers such as mobile phone use.

3.4.3 The results for the first week of the Festive Drink / Drug Driving Campaign in Tayside are as follows:

14 people have been detected drink driving
2 people have been detected driving whilst impaired by drugs.

4 NOTABLE EVENTS

4.1 Christmas Lights Switch On – Dundee City Centre

4.1.1 A crowd of about 27,500 people attended Dundee City Centre for the Christmas Light Switch On. The event passed without major incident and was an excellent example of Local Authority, emergency services, voluntary organisations and private businesses working together.

4.1.2 Dundee V Dundee United

4.1.3 This was the first league derby to take place at Dens Park for a number of years. The game attracted significant local interest and was a sell out. Tayside Police worked with the Clubs and Stewards to ensure that the match passed without incident.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

7. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

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

8. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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

9. SUMMARY

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

10. COMPLIANCE

Is the proposal;

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