

Dundee City Council Policy and Resources Committee

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

UPDATE ON THE CURRENT POLICING PLAN

Report No. 430-2012

<p>Abstract: The attached report provides members with an update of the work undertaken by the Dundee Local Policing Area in response to the current Policing Plan set by the Tayside Joint Police Board.</p>
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1 RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that members note the update with regards to the Dundee Local Policing area's delivery against the current policing plan.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The current policing priorities were approved by the Tayside Joint Police Board and are replicated at Appendix A herein. These priorities were set across the whole Tayside area and will remain the priorities for the existing Force until the new Police Service of Scotland becomes a legal body on 1st April, 2013.
- 2.2 At that time the plan formed from the process described in the "Development of Dundee Pathfinder" (Report No. 429-2012) will become the local policing plan for the area and reports will be provided to the Policy and Resources Committee in a similar format to this but based on that plan.
- 2.3 Under current arrangements the Deputy Division Commander (Dundee Local Policing Area), Superintendent Brian Weir agrees an action plan to deliver upon the agreed force objectives. The 2012/13 Dundee Policing Plan focuses on a number of themes specific to Community Policing as well as corporate and support functions. Progress under each objective is detailed below:-

3 PROGRESS AGAINST THE CURRENT POLICING PLAN

- 3.1 **To reduce repeat victims and repeat offenders in young people.**

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- 3.1.1 Implemented last year the Whole System Approach (WSA) is an extension of the current Early and Effective Intervention process (EEI) and seeks to divert young offenders aged 16 and 17 years away from prosecution and into the youth justice system. Partners consider this approach highly successful and returns show that 315 16-17 years have been processed by the WSA/EEI of which 79 (25%) have been diverted from the Procurator Fiscal since December 2011. The LPA and partners intend to review the project in November 2012.
- 3.1.2 Recent performance results show that the number of 8-17 year olds who committed crimes and offences (Groups 1-6) across Tayside fell by 17% (113 offences) for Quarter 1 2012/13¹.
- 3.2 **To reduce the number of people who are reported missing in the Dundee area**
 - 3.2.1 In partnership with the Social Work Department an 'Alert and Aware' programme was recently implemented in the LPA. "Missing Children, Absconders and Children Otherwise Absent from Local Authority Care" is due for evaluation in October 2012. In the last year there have been 135 Alert & Aware incidents reported on the Force's command and Control System (CAPTOR), this equates to 135 less missing person enquiries.
 - 3.2.2 With respect to Missing Person incidents, Dundee LPA recorded 628 occurrences between April and September last year, with 571 recorded in 2012.
- 3.3 **To reduce crime and the fear of violent crime and alcohol related crime.**
 - 3.3.1 During the previous year significant work has been completed for LPA officers to gain Crime Team experience. A training programme for probationer officers to gain CID experience was also developed and introduced, this was completed in 2011.
 - 3.3.2 During the period April to September 2012 the LPA participated in the National Violence Reduction Campaign. Performance results indicated that this was successful with Group 1 (crime of violence) crimes recording a 41.6% reduction from the same period last year; however the proportion of alcohol-related violent crime stayed at 38% for 2012/13 the same as the previous year.
- 3.4 **To improve the response when dealing with those involved in prostitution.**
 - 3.4.1 The LPA continues to work closely with 'Vice Versa' and other partner agencies seeking to support and mitigate this issue. A Prostitution Liaison Officer is now in post.
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¹ Results relate to the period April - June 2012. These are reported to the Scottish Government quarterly. Results were only available Tayside-wide and not at Local Policing Area level.

3.5 To improve the response in dealing with those people in the community who regularly call for service.

3.5.1 Repeat Callers is now embedded within Community Policing and is based on early identification, intervention and support. This successful initiative has seen a reduction in the number of repeat callers from 950 who generated 701 action files in 2011 to 540 repeat callers who generated 431 action files in 2012. This work remains critical to reducing vulnerability in the community and will remain the focus of the Local Policing Area's activity.

3.5.2 The Crime Reduction Unit and members of the local authority are soon to co-locate in the Lochee West Housing Office.

3.6 To provide public reassurance and deal effectively with incidents of hate crime and related incidents.

3.6.1 The Hate Incident Multi Agency Panel (HIMAP) was launched in the LPA in 2011 and is continuing to develop. Recent results for hate crime showed that in Dundee LPA between April and September 2012, there were 81 recorded crimes with a racist element. Compared with the previous year this is a very slight reduction on 86 crimes recorded then.

3.6.2 Since April 2012, across the force area, there had been a further 3 (11) transphobic/transgender crimes recorded, 17 (11) sectarian/religious crimes and 31 (36) disability-related crimes. (Last year's results in parenthesis, results not available at LPA level.)

3.7 To target drug dealing and the abuse of drugs by focusing on prevention, detection and harm reduction.

3.7.1 The LPA fully supports the work of the Dundee Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and the Focus on Alcohol Project. Officers continued to be proactive in their approach with the aim of making communities and individuals feel safer and reducing drug-related deaths. That said, the public perception survey noted that 81.4% of residents stated that they rated their neighbourhood as a safe place to live compared to 86.4% last year, a 5 percentage point reduction.

3.7.2 The number of offences recorded mid-year for supply/possession with intent to supply Class 'A' drugs was 31. This represents nearly 40% reduction on 52 offences recorded last year. Sadly however there were 17 drugs-related deaths to date compared with 14 last year.

3.8 To reduce antisocial behaviour

3.8.1 Operation Challenge relates to the antisocial use of motorbikes and is currently under review. The LPA is seeking to use the Youth Disorder Local Action Fund to support diversionary projects.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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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 provides members with an update on the Dundee Local Policing Area activity with respect to the current policing plan set by the Tayside Joint Police Board.

8 COMPLIANCE

Is the proposal;

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

Appendix A



TAYSIDE POLICE
Making a Difference

Community Priorities

2011-2014

PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC REASSURANCE

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TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM HARM BY WORKING WITH PARTNERS

A threat and risk assessment is conducted every three years, reviewed annually, to identify potential threats to Tayside communities. Four 'very high' and two 'high' priority areas have been assessed as the greatest risk. These are:

- **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Focusing on all manner of local nuisance causing alarm and distress to the community.

- **Public Protection**

Protecting the most vulnerable in our society.

- **Serious and Organised Crime**

Targeting criminals who actively conduct their criminality in a co-ordinated fashion.

- **Terrorism**

The threat to the UK from international terrorism remains severe and intelligence will continue to be monitored and assessed.

- **Roads Policing / Road Safety**

Improving road safety, addressing anti-social use of roads and disrupting criminal use of the road network.

- **Firearms**

Targeting the irresponsible use of firearms, particularly air weapons.

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TO REASSURE THE PUBLIC BY DELIVERING A LOCAL POLICING SERVICE THAT IS TRUE TO OUR VISION AND VALUES AND UPHOLDS OUR STANDARDS OF SERVICE.

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TO DELIVER OUR COMMUNITY PRIORITIES WHILST PLANNING FOR, MANAGING AND REALISING THE REQUIRED SPENDING CUTS AND RECOGNISING THE IMPACT OF AUSTERITY MEASURES ON THE PUBLIC.

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