

Dundee City Council Policy and Resources Committee

18 March 2013

**Report by Chief Inspector McKillop,
Dundee Local Policing Area
Tayside Police Community Policing Division**

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

**OPERATIONAL REPORT PART 1
April 2013
Report No: 215-2013**

<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 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 Campaign Against Violence

The Campaign Against Violence (CAV) is a national focused drive of initiatives and activity to target a wide spectrum of criminality, by utilising all available tactics and resources. One of the main strands is the mobilisation of resources from non public facing roles onto operational front line duties, known as Campaign Days. Officers from Divisional Headquarters will deploy on operational activities at least twelve times a year during peak demand periods. The ability to use experienced non public facing officers (CAV Officers) to tackle priorities allows Divisional Commanders to deploy additional resources on trending issues, without reducing service delivery to the public. This support of front line policing has been shown to have a significant and positive impact on local policing issues.

3.2 Drugs/Anti Social Behaviour

- 3.2.1** The Alcohol and Violence Reduction Team (AVRT) is working with community and response officers in the Lochee area on Operation Highrise. This is a joint operation with Housing Anti Social Behaviour Team to deal with emerging issues of drug abuse and antisocial behaviour in high rise blocks and retail centres. The approach follows a similar initiative in Hilltown which received very positive feedback from residents.

3.3 Domestic Abuse

- 3.3.1** Domestic Abuse is a high priority for Police Scotland. In order to improve our service to victims and proactively target persistent offenders, a Domestic Abuse Investigation Team has been formed. The team is headed by a Detective Inspector and will investigate cases of sustained abuse involving multiple incidents and/or multiple victims. This approach allows us to identify areas of good practice and areas for improvement in order that we can better protect victims.

3.4 Road Policing

- 3.4.1** Dundee LPA officers took part in Police Scotlands' first national roads policing campaign which concentrated on speeding and inconsiderate driving. The campaign focussed officer activity in accident hotspots with the objective of challenging poor driver behaviour. Officers across Tayside made a significant contribution to the campaign and through prosecution, warnings and advice sought to improve driving standards.
- 3.4.2** With the advent of lighter nights and better weather Operation Challenge has a fresh impetus. The objective of Operation Challenge is to prevent the illegal use of off road motor cycles and deal with the anti social behaviour of those involved. Officers across Dundee have been involved in this Operation and are working in partnership with Community Wardens to share information regarding those responsible. Good use is also made of the mobile CCTV unit and many motorcycles have been seized as a result of this activity.

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 |