

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

**Dundee City Council Policy and Resources Committee  
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**Report by Chief Superintendent Eddie Smith  
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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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

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

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The purpose of this report (Appendix A) is to provide information to the Committee regarding the performance of Police Scotland against performance indicators that will facilitate local scrutiny.
- 2.2 Appendix A will provide context to the information provided in relation to performance and give information on some of the work which has taken place within Dundee North and South Local Policing Areas.
- 2.3 The data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. It should be noted that the timing of this meeting of the Board is in advance of the completion of the year end procedures and reconciliation processes that are undertaken every year in association with the publication of official statistics. Given this timing there may be minor amendments between the information in this report and the final 2013/14 statistics – for example due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, road crashes or incidents. It would not therefore be accurate or appropriate to refer to, quote or use the data in this report as either end of year or official statistics

**3. PERFORMANCE**

- 3.3 Performance Indicators detailed in Appendix A are subdivided into the following priorities within this report:

- Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour
- Public Protection
- Road Safety
- Public Confidence
- Additional Identified Local Priorities

3.4 Appendix A will also provide updates on each of the Local Policing Priorities as identified in the 3 year Local Policing Plan. These are:

- Public Protection and Safety
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Terrorism
- Antisocial Behaviour
- Road Safety
- Housebreaking

#### **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 |



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## BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Police Scotland to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing priorities for the City of Dundee.

Performance in relation to the identified policing priorities is monitored and reviewed internally on a weekly basis. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by the Dundee City Council Policy and Resource Committee. This report covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

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This report will make reference to crime groupings. 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

# LOCAL POLICING PRIORITY UPDATES

## Public Protection and Safety

Keeping people safe by reducing violence is a key national and local priority.

Dundee City evidenced a reduction in overall violent crime in comparison to the five year average. This includes:

- A reduction in overall violent crime of 25% with 65 fewer victims
- A reduction in murder of 50% with 1 fewer victim
- A reduction in attempted murder of 65.22% with 15 fewer victims
- A reduction in serious assaults of 17.7% with 17 fewer victims
- A reduction in robbery of 37.65% with 32 fewer victims

Whilst detection rates for common assault rose by almost 9%, the number of reported incidents increased slightly by 4%.

Keeping people safe in Dundee South LPA is primarily achieved through combating issues that relate to the night time economy and resulting alcohol fuelled disorder and violence. The broad range of work we undertake with licensed premises is key to the reduction in violence and obtaining further such reductions. We have run training for door and bar staff to ensure they are fully committed to the responsible sale of alcohol and maintenance of a safe environment within premises. Operation Frankie has seen officers assist door staff in ensuring members of the public who have consumed too much alcohol are not allowed entry to premises and those entering are searched when applicable.

The continuation of our weekly violence reduction plan has maintained the effective deployment of our resources to priority locations at the specific times when most needed. In the coming months we will continue to adapt and refine our resource deployments to best support licensed premises and continue to keep people safe by tackling violent crime.

In Dundee North LPA, around 50% of the violence is domestic in nature. Alcohol often fuels this violence but in contrast to Dundee South, most of this occurs within private premises. Tackling domestic abuse in all its guises remains a key priority of Police Scotland and through working with our partner agencies we have continued to improve the support we provide to victims and the management we undertake of the offender. Our commitment to supporting the victims of domestic abuse is evidenced by our officers visiting 97.5% domestic victims within 24 hours of the offender being released on bail.

February 2014 saw the introduction of the interim national Vulnerable Person Database. Through collaboration with our partner agencies this aims to assist in the accurate recording and sharing of information.

Increased public confidence in the Police Service's commitment and ability to investigate incidents of historic sexual abuse has been well publicised. As a result this year has seen the number of reported incidents of crimes of indecency rise to 338, compared with the 5 year average of 210. However the detection rate for reported incidents of rape has increased by 8.9%: again evidencing our continuing

focus on bringing offenders to justice.

## Serious and Organised Crime

Operation Jonquil is a locally led initiative that focuses on targeting serious and organised crime groups that profit from the supply and distribution of the Class 'A' controlled drug – diamorphine (heroin). Efforts to detect and disrupt those responsible have seen a strategic shift in the last year: from almost exclusively aiming to seize drugs to broadening investigative scope and often targeting assets and legitimate business funded by illegal gains. This strategic shift has proved effective however is reflected in this years figures showing a 26.5% decrease in the number of reported incidents of drugs supply, production and cultivation. In the coming months we will continue to robustly apply the Scottish Governments Strategy for tackling serious and organised crime, aptly named, 'Letting Our Communities Flourish'.

## Terrorism

As Scotland's fourth largest City, with a thriving port and airport, two internationally recognised Universities and infrastructure key to the Scottish economy it is vitally important that Dundee City is responsive to the threat of terrorism.

We will work with our local and national partners in ensuring the U.K. Government's CONTEST strategy, for countering terrorism is implemented applicably across Dundee City.

The Queens Baton Relay and the Commonwealth games will place Dundee and Scotland on an international stage. We will work in conjunction with our partner agencies to ensure the safety of all persons attending such events within Dundee City.

## Antisocial Behaviour

Antisocial behaviour encompasses a wide range of different types of disorder, all of which can have an adverse effect on communities. Working with our partner agencies is crucial in tackling antisocial behaviour and these efforts are coordinated through Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination Meetings at the Community Safety Hub.

This year has seen a decrease in reported incidents of vandalism with 415 fewer incidents being reported against the 5 year average. Effective deployment of resources to priority locations is vital in continuing this trend.

In the coming months with the onset of warmer weather, misuse of motorcycles will be robustly targeted with Operation Challenge. Operation Challenge will aim to deter and detect offenders by high visibility patrols in areas which in the past have suffered from such behaviour.

## Road Safety

This year saw Dundee's roads become safer with a clear reduction evidenced in the number of people killed, seriously injured or injured. This included:

A 12.5% reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured.

A 17.9% reduction in the number of people slightly injured

The number of children killed or seriously injured saw a dramatic decrease of 66.7% with the number of victims falling from 9 to 3 in comparison with the five year average. This drastic decrease is testimony to the success of working in collaboration with our partner agencies in providing education to children and drivers alike and working with the Road Policing Unit to maintain enforcement of driving offences.

This effort to make our roads safer has seen a sharp increase in the number of motoring offences which were recorded. These include a 284% increase in reports of speeding, a 539% increase in reports of seatbelt offences and a 495% increase in reports of mobile phone use whilst driving.

In the coming months we will continue to support national enforcement campaigns and strive to produce safer drivers through education and enforcement, which in turn leads to a safer road environment within Dundee.

## Housebreaking

Within the Dundee City area, housebreaking have been reduced by 26%, however, detection rates for these offences have reduced by 8.9 percentage points when compared with the 5 year average.

The reduction in the number of housebreakings reflects the work done to target prolific offenders, including working with partner agencies, and also identifying and patrolling priority locations. Work within the communities has led to an increased awareness of security and reduced opportunities to offend

In the coming months we will strive to increase detection rates for housebreaking, building on good practice that has been identified and ensuring appropriate investigative support. Regular meetings take place between LPA and CID Commanders to analyse all housebreakings and ensure that appropriate opportunities are taken to detect them. Good practice guidelines have been circulated to all officers and these form the basis for investigative strategies for housebreaking.



## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 13 - Mar 14	5 Year Average	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	195	260	65 fewer	-25.00%
2	Murder	1	2	1 fewer	-50.00%
3	Attempted Murder	8	23	15 fewer	-65.22%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	90.20%	78.40%		11.8%
7	Serious Assault	82	99	17 fewer	-17.17%
8	Robbery detection rate	77.40%	63.80%		13.6%
9	Robbery	53	85	32 fewer	-37.65%
10	Petty (Common) assault detection rate	77.60%	67.30%		10.3%
11	Petty (common ) assault	2,229	2,131	98 more	4.60%
12	Stop and searches conducted	12,420	4,578		171.30%
13	Number of positive stop and searches conducted	1,908	455		319.34%
14	Number of complaints regarding disorder	13,353	14,349	996 fewer	-6.94%
15	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	2,271	1,622		40.01%
16	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	1,564			
17	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	63.90%			
18	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	76.90%			
19	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	160			
20	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	97.50%			
21	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	79.90%			

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 13 - Mar 14	5 Year Average	Victims	% Change
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	147	200		-26.50%
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	18.40%	27.30%		-8.9%
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	560	761	201 fewer	-26.41%
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	81.30%	86.70%		-5.4%
26	Theft by shoplifting	1,371	1655	284 fewer	17.16%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	24.10%	28.10%		-4%
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	1,823	2238	415 fewer	-18.54%
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	98	3		3266.66%

Public Protection					
		Apr 13 - Mar 14	5 Year Average	Victims	% Change
30	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	338	210	128 more	60.95%
31	Group 2 crimes detection rate	79.30%	69.00%		10.30%
32	Rape detection rate	68.80%	59.90%		8.9%

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics					
		Apr 13 - Mar 14	5 Year Average	Victims	% Change
N/A	People Killed / Seriously Injured	42	48	6 fewer	-12.50%
N/A	People Slightly Injured	165	201	36 fewer	-17.91%
N/A	Children (aged<16) Killed / Seriously Injured	3	9	6 fewer	-66.67%

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Road Safety & Road Crime				
		Apr 13 - Mar 14	5 Year Average	Victims      % Change
33	Dangerous driving	58	40	45.00%
34	Speeding	1,487	523	284.00%
35	Disqualified driving	47	54	-12.96%
36	Driving Licence	255	239	6.69%
37	Insurance	614	505	21.58%
38	Seat Belts	685	127	539.00%
39	Mobile Phone	684	138	495.65%

Public Confidence				
Apr 2013 - Mar 2014				
		Number of Complaints about the Police	Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
40	Complaints received about the Police	209	29.6	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations      Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	299	11	30      340

# MMW BREAKDOWN

	Coldside			East End			Lochee		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	1238	651	52.58%	836	468	55.98%	1179	605	51.31%
Groups 1-4	958	357	37.27%	672	400	59.52%	989	421	42.57%
All Group 1	30	26	86.67%	20	19	95.00%	27	25	92.59%
Murder/Att Murder	2	2	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	3	3	100.00%
Serious Assault	9	8	88.89%	9	9	100.00%	12	11	91.67%
Robbery	15	12	80.00%	4	3	75.00%	4	4	100.00%
Common Assault	289	220	76.12%	257	192	74.71%	292	224	76.71%
Knives/Off Weapons	16	15	93.75%	18	17	94.44%	18	15	83.33%
Drugs Supply/Production	23	24	104.35%	20	19	95.00%	22	20	90.91%
All Group 2	60	51	85.00%	31	30	96.77%	33	23	69.70%
Housebreaking	121	21	17.36%	39	8	20.51%	90	9	10.00%
Shopliftng	84	55	65.48%	120	105	87.50%	201	164	81.59%
	Maryfield			North East			Strathmartine		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	2538	1687	66.47%	594	287	48.32%	762	369	48.43%
Groups 1-4	1880	1044	55.53%	453	315	69.54%	632	248	39.24%
All Group 1	54	47	87.04%	14	14	100.00%	11	11	100.00%
Murder/Att Murder	0	0	0.00%	3	3	100.00%	0	0	0.00%
Serious Assault	28	24	85.71%	1	1	100.00%	7	7	100.00%
Robbery	13	10	76.92%	2	2	100.00%	0	0	0.00%
Common Assault	597	469	78.56%	186	151	81.18%	160	120	75.00%
Knives/Off Weapons	26	25	96.15%	8	6	75.00%	19	17	89.47%
Drugs Supply/Production	33	33	100.00%	15	14	93.33%	20	9	45.00%
All Group 2	56	44	78.57%	32	21	65.63%	37	26	70.27%
Housebreaking	88	26	29.55%	33	7	21.21%	42	8	19.05%
Shopliftng	661	562	85.02%	7	5	71.43%	62	50	80.65%
	The Ferry			West End					
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%			
Groups 1-5	277	112	40.43%	858	362	42.19%			
Groups 1-4	235	71	30.21%	726	237	32.64%			
All Group 1	5	5	100.00%	16	12	75.00%			
Murder/Att Murder	0	0	0.00%	1	1	100.00%			
Serious Assault	2	2	100.00%	7	6	85.71%			
Robbery	0	0	0.00%	5	3	60.00%			
Common Assault	63	49	77.78%	195	151	77.44%			
Knives/Off Weapons	1	1	100.00%	11	10	90.91%			
Drugs Supply/Production	1	1	100.00%	16	16	100.00%			
All Group 2	13	9	69.23%	28	24	85.71%			
Housebreaking	26	7	26.92%	52	3	5.77%			
Shopliftng	37	23	62.16%	81	61	75.31%			

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