



**Dundee City Council**

**Dundee City Council Scrutiny Committee**

**Report No: 268-2024**

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA**

**QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

**1 April 2024 – 30 June 2024**

**Report by Chief Superintendent Nicola Russell**

**Police Scotland D Division (Tayside)**

## **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 to facilitate local scrutiny.

2.2 The content in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

## **3. PERFORMANCE**

3.1 Appendix A will provide updates on:

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  - Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims
  - Make our roads safer
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  - Embed environmental responsibility into current and future planning and estate management.
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### **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 performance of the local policing area.

### **8. COMPLIANCE**

Is the proposal;

(a) Human Rights Act 1998 compliant? YES

(b) Equality & Diversity compliant? YES

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## **Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities**

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The Dundee LPP 2023-2026 clearly sets out the policing objectives for Dundee and will report to the Dundee Scrutiny and Audit Committee. Quarterly Performance Reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Dundee Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

This report covers the period from 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024.

In line with the Dundee LPP, the Quarterly Performance Report provides a more holistic overview of progress across the service to meet our strategic outcomes. This approach provides a wider and more detailed picture of traditional policing performance measures, supplemented with additional insight and narrative to the many different aspects of policing and corporate support functions.

The measures are longer term focussed rather than reflecting the ongoing performance of the day-to-day operational challenges we face and aim to provide evidence of the effectiveness and impact of our services as a whole.

We have introduced several key performance measures and insights questions in support of our local police plan to focus attention on impact and outcomes. For example:

- How effective are the diversionary activities provided?
- How effective are the processes in place to prevent acquisitive crime?
- How well are we engaging with the public?
- What progress has been made in terms of collaboration and what percentage of the divisional estate is co-located with partners?

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To enable a more detailed examination by the Committee of specific local priorities and strategic outcomes, a 'Spotlight' focus will be provided on one of the priority areas on a quarterly basis. The Spotlight focus will rotate each quarter in line with the expected updates outlined in the Dundee LPP.





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## Plan On a Page - Dundee Local Policing Plan 2023-2026

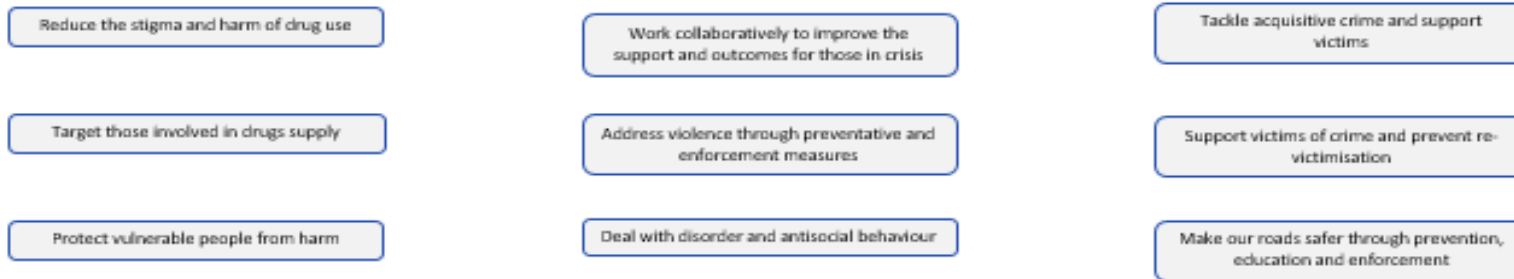
**Our Vision** Policing for a safe, protected and resilient **Scotland**  
**Our Purpose** Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in **Scotland**  
**Our Values** Fairness Integrity Respect Human Rights

### PUBLIC HEALTH

#### Local Policing Priorities



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### PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

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PARTNERSHIPS

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**Quarter 1 –  
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	Recorded Crimes			%Change		Detection Rate			% point Change	
	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.
<b>ASB and Disorder</b>										
Overall group 4	426	467	467	-8.8	-8.8	33.3	28.1	28.1	3.3%	-8.0%
ASB Incidents	3015	3214	3778	-6.2	-20.2	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Violence</b>										
Robbery	40	48	48	-16.7	-16.7	70.0	47.9	47.9	22.1	22.1
Serious Assault	24	33	33	-27.3	-27.3	75.0	57.6	57.6	17.4	17.4
Common Assault (excl EW)	494	463	463	6.7	6.7	66.8	67	67	-0.2	-0.2
<b>Public Protection</b>										
Overall Group 2	124	151	151	-17.9	-17.9	51.6	79.5	79.5	-27.9	-27.9
Rape	20	29	29.0	-31.0	-31.0	65.0	96.6	96.6	-31.6	-31.6
Domestic Abuse	39	32	32	21.9	21.9	71.8	81.3	81.3	-9.5	-9.5
<b>Road Safety</b>										
Speeding offences	45	77	77.0	-41.6	-41.6	95.6	100.0	100.0	-4.4	-4.4
Drink / Drug Driving	65	45	45.0	44.4	44.4	103.1	95.6	95.6	7.5	7.5
<b>Acquisitive Crime</b>										
HBs	109	136	136.0	-19.9	-19.9	47.7	41.9	41.9	5.8	5.8
Motor Vehicle Crime	142	217	217	-34.6	-34.6	33.1	21.7	21.7	11.4	11.4
Fraud	153	162	162.0	-5.6	-5.6	15.0	13.6	13.6	1.5	1.5
Shoplifting	534	545	545.0	-2.0	-2.0	44.6	41.7	41.7	2.9	2.9

Overall Group 2' All Sexual Crimes including Rape & Attempts, Indecent & Sexual Assaults, Prostitution Offences and 'Other' Group 2 Crimes.

Overall Group 4' All Fireraising, Vandalism, Reckless Conduct and 'Other' Group 4 Crimes.

## **Local Priority/Activity – Reduce the stigma and harm of drug use.**

### **Dundee Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP)**

The overall aim of Dundee Alcohol & Drug Partnership is to prevent harms that are associated with alcohol and drug use in our communities. Police Scotland form part of the ADP and work in partnership with services, communities and people with lived experience to understand our local communities and how best to support them. The ADP influence change in policy, systems and institutions and work to reduce the misinformation and stigma about alcohol and other drugs.

### **The Substance Trend Monitoring Group**

We continue to monitor drug trend alerts from RADAR and ensure pharmacies are engaging with substances users to be mindful of what they are sourcing. A&E and NHS Navigators are now part of this group ensuring a wider capture of current drug trends.

### **Dundee Non-Fatal Overdose Pathway (NFOD)**

Officers within the Partnerships team continue to attend the Daily Multi-Agency Near-Fatal Overdose meetings sharing relevant information in relation to any person who has experienced a non-fatal overdose as a result of the consumption of suspected illicit substances.

Over the period of 1<sup>st</sup> April 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 there were 74 discussions held at the Dundee NFOD with a multi-agency response developed to ensure a holistic approach is taken to the interventions applied, with positive engagement and harm reduction delivered for those involved.

### **Naloxone**

In Q1, Tayside has recorded 12 incidents. (Angus 3, Dundee 9, Perth 0). In the previous Quarter, Dundee recorded 2 incidents, which was considerably lower than average.

### **Wider Vulnerability**

Over the reporting period the Partnership's Team have continued to focus on the progression of joint visits to vulnerable members of the community, working with statutory and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector partners to provide follow up contact and re-assurance crime prevention advice, with examples including victims of online frauds, dishonesties, robberies, sextortion and violence.

### **Keep Safe Update**

Currently there are 42 Keep Safe places across Dundee with all venues recently re-visited to ensure compliance to the required standards, with further visits arranged for potential new locations. Training has also been delivered to the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers who will support awareness raising and compliance check moving forward.

## **Local Priority/Activity – Target those involved in drugs supply**

A coordinated response to tackling drugs supply in Dundee and supporting those who are victims of Drug Supply perpetrators and suffer from drug addiction remain a priority.

The Divisional Serious Organised Crime Team have a particular focus in this area and are currently enforcing operations in Dundee and wider Tayside area.

There were 27 offences recorded in Q1 which is the same number as recorded during the previous quarter and slightly lower than the 30 reported within the corresponding period last year. Detection rates continue to be positive, averaging 96%.

Across the reporting period, the dedicated Serious Organised Crime Unit (SOC) executed 4 intelligence-led drugs search warrants. 2 of the 4 properties targeted contained drugs with approximately £28,100 worth of Herbal Cannabis found in 1 of the properties and £19,100 worth of cocaine in the other property. 2 persons were subsequently charged in connection with these offences.

Such activity aids in building our intelligence picture and serves to disrupt criminal activity.

In Q1, 92 possession of drug offences were recorded, which is lower than 134 offences recorded during the previous quarter and 136 recorded during the corresponding period the previous year.

On 30/07/24, a County Lines 'Day of Action' took place. Proactive foot patrols led to searches for controlled drugs being carried out in the area of the Hilltown, Dundee. Whilst no drugs were recovered, significant intelligence was obtained, connected to misuse of drugs. Police foot patrols did identify a 45-year-old male, who was traced in possession of a bladed article. 3 x cuckooing safeguarding visits carried out however no-one was traced but the SOC Team will pursue these visits.

In June 2024, Maryfield Community Policing Team carried out a Drug Search Warrant within a commercial premises in Albert Street, Dundee whereby £6000 of herbal cannabis was recovered and a vast quantity of anabolic steroids and prescription meds present.

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This execution indicated that more than £5000 a day was being made in the sale of these items and the business was a front for a drug dealing operation. 1 male was arrested and is to appear at Dundee Sheriff Court a later date.

Our Partnerships team continue to be heavily involved in all preventative workstreams around county lines. Visiting various partners to carry out Partner Intel Portal training and raising awareness with staff working alongside those who could be targeted and those engaged with vulnerable young people.

Sergeant Elise Wilson contributed to an interview with national media, which was aired on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August and highlighted the effective partnership work we carry out, alongside Positive Steps, and was excellent in raising awareness to wider communities around the signs to look out for and prevent people becoming victims in the future.

## **Local Priority/Activity – Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures**

Tackling violent crime is part of Police Scotland's focus in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our communities.

The report will provide a detailed breakdown of the levels of violent crime, exploring current trends and demonstrate the strategic and tactical approach adopted by Police Scotland in respect of crime prevention, investigation, and enforcement activity, highlighting the broad range of resources which are deployed daily to protect our communities.

### *Crime Categorisation and Investigative Response*

Crimes of violence are categorised into Murder, Attempted Murder, Serious Assault, Robbery and Common Assault.

In terms of the investigation of those more serious and complex investigations, Domestic Violence and Child Protection we have several specialist teams, all of which are led by Senior Investigating Officers. These teams come under the management of Tayside Division Criminal Investigation Department and our Public Protection Units. They are the Reactive CID, Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU) and Child Protection Investigation Unit (CPIU).

Tayside Division is also fully supported by national units, which are geographically based within the Tayside geographic footprint and have a vital part to play in tackling violence in our local communities. These teams are managed by our Specialist Crime Division (SCD).

Major Investigation Team (MIT) – The North MIT leads on the investigation of murder inquiries and large scale and complex criminal investigations. A unit is based in Dundee.

National Domestic Abuse Task Force (NDATF) – Investigate serious and complex instances of domestic abuse. A unit is based in Forfar.

National Child Abuse Investigation Unit (NCAIU) – Investigate serious and complex crimes committed against children. A unit is based in Dundee.

*Statistical Analysis and Crime Management*

Tayside Division Community Analysts produce a detailed analysis, which allows senior officers to scrutinise reported crimes of violence in Dundee and react to emerging trends, deploying both local and national resources on an 'intelligence led' basis to prevent crimes of violence from taking place. This detailed approach to Tasking is governed via monthly Tasking and Coordinating Group meetings which are chaired by the Divisional Commander and attended by the full Senior Leadership Team.

**There have been no Murders or Culpable Homicides however there have been three attempted murders during the reporting period.**

Two of these crimes have been detected whilst enquiries continue into the outstanding crime with a positive line of enquiry being pursued.

In relation to the detected crimes, one occurred within a city centre licenced premises during which the victim suffered serious injuries whilst repeatedly kicked and punched by a group who were all under the influence of alcohol. Four males have been arrested and charged with this offence.

The other detected offence relates to a male who also suffered serious injuries as a result of being repeatedly struck to the head with a hammer by a known associate. The accused was arrested and remanded in custody.

The third and undetected offence involves a male being intentionally struck by a vehicle causing serious but non life-threatening injuries. The ongoing investigation is following positive lines of enquiry focused on identifying the driver.

**There have been 40 robberies recorded within this quarter.**

This represents a decrease from the 48 crimes reported in the corresponding quarter last year, however a slight rise on the previous quarter.

28 of these crimes have been detected giving a detection rate of 70%. The remaining 12 investigations are ongoing, and suspects have been identified in a number of these investigations meaning further detections are anticipated.



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Just over half of the loci were within residential premises and spread across the city however the City Centre and Hilltown areas feature heavily.

Further analysis revealed weapons such as knives and metal poles were used in the commission of these crimes.

### **24 serious assaults were reported during this reporting period.**

This is a slight decrease on the 27 crimes reported the previous quarter and a decrease from the 33 reported during the corresponding period the previous year.

18 of these crimes have been detected giving a detection rate of 75%. Enquiries continue into the undetected crimes and further detections are anticipated.

Further analysis shows the majority offences occurred in open public spaces. Alcohol / drug abuse played a significant factor in these offences with a number perpetrators known to victims. It is apparent a significant number stemmed from feuds, mostly concerning the illicit drug use and /or supply.

Tackling violence has been a priority for Downfield Community Policing Team, achieved through a focus on hot spot locations, domestic offenders, priority nominals and those individuals with outstanding apprehension warrants as a result of violent offending.

Officers have completed pro-active additional contacts with high-risk victims and offenders of domestic abuse, maximising the safeguarding of victims by reinforcing safety plans and ensuring offenders are adhering to bail conditions.

- Downfield Community Policing Team complete ongoing reviews of Cat A and B Apprehension Warrants linked to violence in the locality. This ensures offenders are arrested quickly, reducing opportunities for further offending. During this quarter numerous Cat A and B apprehension warrants linked to violent offences have been enforced locally.

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- They have focused proactive patrols in hot spot areas known for violent crime, utilising stop search powers where applicable and continue to act on community intelligence, executing a firearm and two drugs search warrant within the locality during this quarter. They also took part in Dundee LPAs Domestic Abuse week of action, arresting four domestic offenders during this period, ensuring preventative / protective measures were put in place where there was sufficient evidence to caution and charge the offender.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers and the partnerships team have carried out a number of engagements throughout Q1 raising awareness of personal safety, identifying vulnerable person's, targeting known nominals and distributing Crimestoppers literature.

Our Partnership's Team supported a session with the Protecting People Team at Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership in relation to developments in the National Strategy for Criminal Sexual Exploitation (CSE). Sergeants Elise Wilson and Kirsten Kiddie presented on their workstreams around the On Street Sex Workers Project, tackling prostitution in the city and supporting victims while they 'work' addressing personal safety and to address their practical and emotional needs through engagement with partners.

## **Local Priority/Activity – Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour**

Officers continue to work closely with partners across Dundee to deliver a multi-agency response alongside Housing, ASBT, SFRS and Trading Standards conducting reviews of all relevant ASB calls, thereafter, sharing with the respective agencies to reduce the impact of these instances.

Weekly meetings are attended by Partnerships Interventions and Preventions officers to discuss recurring ASB issues ensuring proportionate action is taken from a multi-agency perspective, with joint visits conducted when required to ensure a co-ordinated approach.

Dundee currently has 115 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders with 8 Breaches of said orders reported and investigated by Police Scotland across the reporting period.

### **Ardler (Strathmartine Ward)**

In response to information gathered regarding locations people are concerned about in their community, Downfield Community Policing Team have continued an ongoing operation within the Ardler area of Dundee, with notable activities including –

- Engagement with staff at premises subject to anti-social behaviour by young people, addressing their concerns and providing re-assurance.
- Targeting hot spot locations through high visibility directed patrols, resulting in positive conversations with the public and young people in the area.
- Recording and robust investigation of incidents reported which has led to the identification of 18 young people involved in anti-social behaviour and / or criminality in the area over recent months.
- Working collaboratively with Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team and Sanctuary Housing, joint visits have been conducted with those 18 young people and their parents / guardians to prevent re-offending. 5 of those young people have been cautioned and charged with various offences due to their ongoing behaviour.

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- Officers have been active within the LCPP Community Safety and Justice Group, sharing the positive work undertaken, and continuing work with partners on collaborative approaches to solving problems in the area.
- In conjunction with DCC ASBT and Xplore, Downfield Community Policing Team completed presentations at Ardler Primary School, St. Fergus Primary School, St. Andrews Primary School, and Downfield Primary School. The purpose of these inputs has been to provide education and guidance to young people regarding the impacts of anti-social behaviour, linking this to bus safety which has also been a problem in the area.

These activities have been positively received in the community and between 01/04/2024 and 31/05/2024 there has been a 70% reduction in anti-social behaviour calls in Ardler.

### **Camperdown Park (Strathmartine Ward)**

Downfield Community Policing Team worked with DCC ASBT, SFRS and Dundee Football Club to secure the removal of a derelict building in Camperdown Park. This building was in a state of disrepair and attracted high volumes of youths who were entering the building and setting fires, putting themselves at risk and resulting in consistent calls to the police.

### **Hilltown (Coldside Ward)**

Downfield Community Policing Team took part in a joint working local day of action in the Hilltown with Op Argonite and Police Scotland Licensing Department. Activities included –

- Blend of high visibility and plain clothes patrols in hot spot locations.
- Stop and search where applicable of individuals in hot spot locations.
- Targeting those with outstanding Cat A and B Apprehensions Warrants linked to violence.
- Licensed premises checks.
- Engaging with the public and local business owners to provide re-assurance.

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These activities resulted in three individuals arrested for apprehension warrants linked to violence, one individual arrested for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs and being in possession of a knife.

### Maryfield

Officers from Maryfield Community Policing Team arrested a male 3 times in relation to repeated breaches of his Anti-Social Behaviour Order having a significant and detrimental effect on his vulnerable neighbours, consistent engagement, and work to promptly investigate and arrest and deal with this male in relation to his criminality has led to him being evicted from his property and providing re-assurance to the residents that action will be taken alongside partners.

Stobswell West remains a significant feature on the Maryfield Directed Policing Plan, an area documented as within the Social Index of Multiple Deprivation and where the residents often do not use or access services available to them and could be considered a hard-to-reach group.

Maryfield Community Policing Team working to support the 5-year community plan have worked within this area in 2 distinct ways:

- The first carrying out violence reduction patrols, identifying known hotspots for drug dealing/violent and anti-social behaviour and carrying out high visibility patrols on foot and carrying out stairwell checks on common close having problems and working alongside partners and housing associations in respect of installation of security doors and cameras to prevent and deter criminality. Arresting those wanted on apprehension warrants with an index offence for violent crime and cultivating intelligence on those known for drug dealing within the area to secure sufficient to progress a drug search warrant.
- The second aspect of the plan involves providing re-assurance to residents, attending events like The Conversation Café-Strathmore Street Complex to meet concerned residents and face to face provide information and relevant leaflets and guidance documents and make them aware of upcoming police events within the area. Recognising the 'cost of living crises and the lack of OOH services within our area and the clear link between criminality and deprivation Maryfield Community Policing Team hold a stock of emergency food parcels provided by the Stobswell Forum, these have a small supply alongside leaflets providing information on where to find other services who provide food parcels locally. Since received 2/3 have been used not only locally but city wide by response and community officers who have come across persons in need, thus allowing us to offer short-term assistance.

## **City Centre**

Concerns raised by residents and local businesses over youth disorder, with regular gatherings of 20-50 youths, near to McDonalds, Reform St and down into Seagate

Activity:

1. Ongoing informal engagement with youths on ad hoc basis, to defuse tension, build relations and divert from criminality
2. Creation of Street Soccer program, to provide a diversionary opportunity to local youths

Street Soccer are held within the City Square between the hours of 1900 and 2100 hours (which are the peak times of youth related disorder and crime). Pop up football pitches will be set up in the City Square with a large tournament or event being planned at the conclusion of the 10 weeks (which has now been extended, due to previous weather cancellation).

McDonalds Restaurants have also volunteered their upstairs café space for youthwork opportunities. The project will signpost youths into pathways, opportunities and longer-term activities within their local communities and the facilities on offer at StreetSoccer.

A winter block of a further 10 weeks is also proposed, should the summer block be a success. Further funding is being applied for by StreetSoccer through Dundee City Council and McDonalds charity funding. Dundee Football Club and Dundee United Football Club have been informed of the ongoing plans and have shown interest in becoming involved in this project too.

Concerns over disorder related to the night-time economy, within the city-centre footprint.

1. Dedicated CentreSafe deployment with high viz patrols, frequenting hotspots and deterring offending.
2. Proactive licensing visits to significant licensed premises to work through issues with management.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the licensing team have processed 740 licence applications for the Dundee area. This included applications for occasional licenses to allow premises to have additional outdoor areas, renewals and grants for taxi operators and drivers, renewals and grants of House In Multiple Occupancy and applications for grants of Short Terms as the legislation commencement date of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 is now into force and any new premise applications are being processed.

29 recorded ASB incidents were at or in the immediate vicinity of licensed premises.

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There were 15 inspections carried out throughout Dundee, with 1 premise identified as problematic during this period (Pout). The Licensing department has worked closely with the management of this venue and the decision has been taken for the premises to permanently close. Their full operation has moved to a new venue and again we have worked closely with them and delivered training to all staff.

The licencing team was heavily involved in the planning and policing of the successful Euro Fan Zone at Riverside.

The team has also had valuable engagement with a new venue which has opened within the City Centre, which was inspected and advised in regards CCTV placement.

The licensing team have been promoting the 'bystander' and 'It'll Cost You' training and campaign and, were assisted by Police Scotland Youth Volunteers carrying out public engagement within our communities and Premises Licence Holders. The Licensing Team are continuing efforts to deliver training to licenced premises in respect of keeping people safe in particular during the nighttime economy.

### **Longhaugh**

Due to an increase in the number of incidents involving Xplore buses, Longhaugh Community Policing Team, along with support of the other LCPT, partner agencies including ASB Team and Xplore Buses staff have delivered inputs to all primary 6,7 children within the Longhaugh and Downfield areas. This project focuses on education and real-life experiences supported by Xplore bus staff as to the impact of vandalism and anti-social behaviour whilst travelling on the buses and the impact of throwing items at the buses and damage to the shelters throughout the locality.

This is phase one of the project which will recommence after the summer holidays to incorporate schools within the Maryfield and Lochee areas also and be extended to include 1<sup>st</sup> year students where possible.

LCPT have supported the community and attended at Brough Ferry Gala Day, Douglas Gala Day, and Explore Bus Community Day.

Due to increase in incidents of antisocial behaviour and vandalism at Milton of Craigie Retail Park, LCPT have increased focuses patrols with the area, working closely with the staff at the premises, numerous youths have been identified through CCTV all of which

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are subsequently traced and parents made aware of their behaviour with the retrieval park, thereafter ASB Team and LCPT deliver youth notices to repeat offenders to deter any further attendance and incidents. In addition to this there has been an increase in patrols with the Broughty Ferry area to ensure visibility and reassurance during the holiday period.

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## Local Priority/Activity – Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims

### Housebreaking (Domestic Dwelling)

The Divisional Acquisitive crime team sit within CID, which ensures a significant specialist investigative overview of these offences. This ensures that links to cross border crime series are being identified quicker, maximising intelligence and evidential opportunities in relation to stolen vehicles or property.

The figure for Housebreaking includes all attempted housebreaking and instances of housebreaking with intent to steal (i.e. where the security of the property has been overcome but no property stolen). **This analysis considers break-ins and attempts to dwellings only** – it therefore excludes sheds and other out-buildings.

There were 332 crimes recorded during this quarter which is a decrease from the 40 crimes recorded during the corresponding quarter last year but an increase from the 24 crimes reported during the previous quarter.

From the 33 crimes, 9 were detected to date which equates to a 28.1% detection rate which is 3.1% above the 5 year average.

In relation to the outstanding undetected crimes forensic results are pending, and positive lines of investigation are being pursued in relation to other crimes means this figure will likely increase.

### Motor Vehicle Crime

This section includes all thefts of vehicles, theft of property from within vehicles and attempts of both crimes.

As these crimes often overlap or relate to housebreakings and other criminality, the Acquisitive Crime team has responsibility for investigating crimes series under line management of CID. This provides enhanced investigative ability and resources to address motor vehicle crime.

This approach has provided an enhanced investigative response in relation to 20 Ford Fiesta motor cars which were stolen throughout Dundee and the North of Scotland. On all occasions a very specific MO was used, the complainers were in possession of the vehicle true keys and it was apparent a keyless relay device had been used to steal the cars.

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In late April, 2024 three males from Dundee were arrested within a stolen Ford Puma and a keyless relay device recovered which is the first and only recovery of such a device of this nature in Tayside.

CCTV enquiries identified the group had been responsible for the theft of three further vehicles in the preceding days. All vehicles were recovered, and the group were charged with these crimes and other linked driving offences. All appeared from custody at Dundee Sheriff Court and were remanded in custody.

The recovered device has been submitted for technical examination and it is hoped this will have captured details of vehicles it has previously been used to steal leading to further detected crimes.

During a separate investigation two males from Dundee were identified for a series of break ins to garages and commercial premises. During these break ins vehicle keys were stolen and subsequently used to steal the vehicles.

Both males have been arrested and charged with approximately 70 offences. One is remanded in custody whilst the other was released from court with curfew bail conditions awaiting trial.

During this quarter, 142 crimes were recorded, this represents a decrease from the 151 recorded during the previous quarter and 217 recorded within the corresponding quarter last year.

From the 142 crimes recorded, 47 were detected reaching a detection rate of 33.1%. Several of the undetected crimes remain under enquiry with forensic results and other enquiries pending so further detections are possible.

### **Fraud**

There were 153 recorded frauds during Q1, which is lower than the 161 reported during the previous quarter and the 162 frauds reported within the corresponding period last year.

The current detection rate is 15% which is close to the 15.9% average for crimes of this nature detected nationally.

Analysis of these offences shows the locus for a significant quantity of these offences were the complainer's home address and the majority were credit card frauds or had an online element.

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Fraud enquiries are often complex and protracted with Police dependent on retailers to provide evidence such as documentation. Investigations can often take several months to detect or complete, meaning there may be several more crimes detected moving forward. These offences are often linked and as evidenced by investigations undertaken by the acquisitive team.

During Q1 some notable activities have been driven by Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions Officers which are detailed below:

- Shut out Scammers – The national preventions scam van was in Dundee for two days in June. Dundee City Square and Kingsway Retail Park were identified as key locations with high foot fall for engagements. The partnerships team made several positive engagements issuing practical prevention devices and raising awareness of known scam tactics. We are monitoring emerging/repeat MO's for frauds/scams with relevant advice given. Further presentations delivered to vulnerable, hard to reach groups - visually/hearing impaired.
- Retail Crime – in\_response to the increase in shop liftings, officers have looked at opportunities for Target Hardening with Crime prevention surveys being completed where appropriate. Meeting held with Dundee City Council City Centre Manager and City Centre Policing team Sergeant to look at ways to reduce volume. Retailers Against Crime intel database now being utilised which is improving intel around shoplifting offences.

## **Local Priority/Activity – Make our roads safer**

During Quarter 1, road policing officers in D Division were engaged in the following national campaigns: -

- April – National Fatal 5 campaign and Motorcycle Safety Campaign
- May – Operation Close Pass
- June – Vulnerable Road Users Campaign – Child safety week, National Seatbelt Campaign, Project EDWARD (Every day without a road death).

**Within this Quarter, there were no fatal Road Traffic Collisions within the Dundee area.**

There were 1488 vehicles were stopped and 57 drink and drug driving offences, 88 mobile phone offences and 275 speeding offences detected during this period across Tayside.

**These offences form part of the fatal 5: -**

1. Careless Driving
2. Speeding
3. Using handheld mobile phone
4. Drink/Drug driving.
5. Not wearing a seatbelt

which are the main causation factors for fatal road traffic collisions in Scotland.

This proactive work sees officers engaging with drivers on the priority routes, providing education to all road users to promote cooperative use of the road space to improve road safety for all. In addition to this, officers delivered the New Drivers Scheme to new drivers in Dundee and Rider Refinement North to motorcyclists in partnership with IAM. Key activities have included:

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- Facilitate high visibility patrolling with a focus on high-risk areas. – Road Policing attend the priority routes on a daily basis. These are identified through 5 years' worth of fatal and serious collision data.
- Deliver educational inputs through the New Driver Scheme and Rider Refinement programme. Road Policing officers have delivered NYDS to Dundee High School and are in communication with Morgan Academy to deliver to them this year. To date we have run three courses with a further two planned for August and September.
- Undertake speeding initiatives to support community concerns in relation to road safety. Road Policing work with Dundee Local Policing Area to assist with speeding issues in the community. They also participate in the National speeding campaigns throughout the year, with a focus on the priority routes.
- Work in collaboration with road safety partners on local/national initiatives and campaigns. Every Month Road Policing officers participate in local and national campaigns to tackle road safety. During Quarter 1 this included : Fatal 5 campaign, Motorcycle Safety Campaign, Operation Close Pass, Child Safety Week, National Seatbelt Campaign and Project Edward.

During this reporting period, Downfield Community Policing Team have monitored local routes highlighted as a concern by members of the public due to the speed of vehicles.

Downfield Community Policing Team have attended St Andrews Primary School on 11 occasions during the most recent school term to support with exclusion zone compliance, issuing 4 fixed penalty notices.

Officers tasked with stopping vehicles driving through pedestrian zone on a regular basis at Panmuir Street, Dundee. Leaflets currently being printed to be passed to all take away premises on Reform Street. Tickets also being issued to drivers ignoring the restrictions.

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Community Policing Teams across Dundee supported the 'School Streets' Initiative by supporting a targeted 10-week plan at Craigiebarns & St Andrews Primary Schools and Coldside & Northeast Campus whereby working alongside DCC Council Officers attended each school once a week and engaged with drivers, pupils, and parents in relation to the scheme. Warning's, fixed penalties, and reports were submitted for repeat offenders and officers shared information in person and on social media regarding the scheme to protect the vulnerable road users walking to school every day.

In response to complaints about speeding on Clepington Road, Woodside Terrace, Dalkeith Road and Old Craigie Road officers from Maryfeld Community Policing Team attended in these areas and carried out a speed gun patrol, several drivers were warned regarding their manner of driving and residents and drivers spoken to and provided re-assurance about police action.

## **Local Priority/Activity – Enable and support effective engagement and communication with the public**

The Partnerships team actively seek to engage, in particular, with our hard-to-reach communities. This has been evident with the Deaf and Muslim communities, having developed open lines of communication and ensuring their needs are met.

The national Police Scotland Insight and Engagement Team are in early discussion's with DCC community officers to discuss instigating 'Listening Forums' to engage seldom heard communities and ascertain how they feel about and what they want from police in their local area.

### Maryfield

- 1<sup>st</sup> June-Stobswell Family Fun Day in the grounds of Morgan Academy.
- Conversation Café-Wolsley Street Sheltered Housing.
- Coffee with a Cop-Craigie Street Sheltered Housing.
- Police Surgery-Community Shop.
- Social Media Input-Glebelands Primary School/Craigie barns Primary.
- 10-week DIWC Drop In event alongside partners-Attended 3 weeks.
- DIWC Inputs- Personal Safety.

Effective engagement and having the ability to encourage persons to attend events with solely police can be challenging and we recognise that social media is not always the most effective way to reach persons within our specific community.

Generating posters and placing them in strategic places where people already visit, advising key stakeholders who offer support and encouragement for those to attend and gaining a 'buy in' from them. Considering where and when we hold events can also be problematic and we have generated a plan over the next 6 months to change how we plan our events, holding 3 varied events in 3 different locations at varying times and days off the week/weekend to increase engagement.

## **Local Priority/Activity – Seek out shared learning and training opportunities with partners**

### Partner Intelligence Portal

Our Partnerships team remain focused on engaging with partners around the delivery awareness and subsequent training with several statutory and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations now having completed the required training, with a unique secure login assigned to afford access.

### Wider Community Engagement

- We continue engagement with Mears and residents in the asylum re-settlement process and have supported inputs alongside the Programme Development Officer from Elevate.
- The partnerships team continue to meet with DCC Humanitarian Team with a view to facilitating conversation cafes with the Ukrainian Community.

Downfield Community Policing Team has strong links with partners and all opportunities are taken to share relevant information and learning, which has included the following over this quarter.

- Monthly meetings with DCC ASBT and Hillcrest Housing Association have continued. This ensured recurring and new issues within both Coldside and Strathmartine wards were highlighted and discussed, allowing a co-ordinated response to repeat problems.
- Downfield Community Policing Team have continued to be represented at the high-risk domestic abuse meeting with DALOs, Dundee Assist and Women's Aid, ensuring information is shared in respect of ongoing engagement and safety planning of high-risk domestic abuse victims.
- Downfield Community Policing Team have been represented at Strathmartine Community Safety and Justice Group to discuss collaborative approaches to solving problems of anti-social behaviour within the ward.
- Downfield Community Policing Team have been represented at care and risk management meetings, sharing information with internal and external partners to support vulnerable people at serious risk of harm.



- Downfield Community Policing Team have attended meetings with Teaching Staff and Parent Groups in Coldside to discuss the policing support of SEZ in the area and how the approach can be continue to improve.

### **Summary Case Management Pilot**

Dundee officers continue to support the SCM pilot, which is well embedded within the local policing area. Whilst it does frontload the evidence available for court and therefore increases the workload at the reporting stage, compliance continues to improve, yielding benefits for victims and officers through the increase in early pleas, reduced citation volume and court appearances.

Performance compares very favourably with the other pilot areas in Hamilton, Paisley and Glasgow sheriffdoms.

### **Learning Reviews**

There were no learning review discussions in Dundee during Q1 however, the findings of the Ms L learning review were published.

Ms L was a 29-year-old woman, who died in October 2020. She had a complex history of domestic abuse, homelessness, substance use, mental health and chronic physical health. Since moving to Dundee in December 2018 she was isolated from family and friends. She was targeted by drug gangs and subject to various forms of exploitation and had experienced racial abuse.

Findings from the learning review were as follows.

- Value in a Gendered Services Approach
- Need for a Trauma Informed Approach
- Getting it Right for Everyone – need for collective understanding of risk
- Benefit of a Lead Professional Model
- Adult Protection is Everyone's Business

### **Good Practice**

Within three days of arriving in Scotland, it was recognised that a multi-disciplinary approach was required and quick action took place to get supports for Ms L. Specialist third sector organisations demonstrated a trauma informed approach and were able to build a trusting relationship with Ms L.

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Trauma learning has been delivered to all the agencies involved with a range of leadership and practice resources provided. There is an ongoing training analysis and plans for level 3 trauma learning. Significant resources have been allocated to support the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Framework. This includes new direct links to ASP Processes and a new MARAC Performance framework. There are plans underway to implement and strengthen the lead professional model. This is to promote a coordinated and robust multidisciplinary team approach to care, with appropriate collaboration and planning to manage risk more effectively. There is a new vision for an adults at risk multi-agency pathway, including the development of a multi-agency screening hub for adults at risk. Police are actively involved in the ASP Pathway work and are leading on the development of AMASH (Adult Multi-Agency Screening Hub).

**Local Priority/Activity – Embed environmental responsibility into current and future planning and estate management.**

Police Scotland continues to support the cycle to work scheme through our employee benefits provider, Vivup, and pursues an environmentally responsible approach to the management of our ageing estate. Governance of this issue sits with the Divisional Estates Board, which meets monthly, under the chair of our Divisional Support and Service Delivery function.

Public Consultation has already been launched on the future of the Ryehill and Hilltown stations.

## **Q4 (2023-2034) Update**

At last Scrutiny, members sought further information in regards criminal related Vehicle Fire-raising within Dundee City.

Tayside Division crime recording data indicates that there were 15 vehicle fire-raising during the reporting period.

A more comprehensive problem profile is being undertaken, but intelligence would indicate that the vast majority are between linked criminal associates. In some cases, there can be a general unwillingness to engage with police, which can make solving these offences more challenging, but importantly, significant safety planning can still be implemented.

A smaller number of cases relate to the destruction of vehicles that have previously been stolen, for use in the commission of acquisitive crime and set alight in order to destroy forensic evidence. This is not a new phenomenon and a trend that we see reflected nationally.

Police Scotland undertakes specialist fire investigation in partnership with our colleagues from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the majority of cases are investigated by experienced detective officers within the CID.

Any advances in evidence gathering or investigation techniques are cascaded to local officers in order to maximise our ability to identify and prosecute offenders and protect the public.

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