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Report to	Inverclyde Council Education and Communities Committee Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee
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PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Inverclyde Council Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee of Police Scotland's performance and activities during the reporting period 30th April 2017 – 31st July 2017.

PERFORMANCE

2. The management information provided in this report are supplemented by the appendix which provide statistics relating to the period 2016/17, and relate to the specific key objectives detailed in the Inverclyde Local Policing Plan 2014-2017.

A summary of the key performance indicators is provided below.

Serious and Violent Crime has seen an increase of 7 crimes compared to the same period last year (a rise of 21.9%) and is mainly attributed to murder, attempted murder, and serious assault which are up by 2, 1 and 4 respectively. The detection rate remains high at 82.1% for serious assault and is an improvement on last year by 11.3%. Both recorded Murders are detected and occurred indoors.

There have been 2 more robberies reported compared to the same period last year. Investigations are led by CID officers and subject to ongoing review by senior detectives. These enquiries are often complex and protracted which often delay detection.

Common assaults (including emergency worker assaults) has a 70.0% detection rate which is 5.5% of a decrease compared to last year.

Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division continues to engage with local communities in relation to the issue of disorder. An increase of 90 complaints of disorder in Inverclyde were received compared to the preceding year.

Domestic abuse incidents show a 2.0% increase with continued efforts to encourage victims to come forward and report crimes to the police and access support services contributing to this continued rise. Recorded crimes and offences are decreased by 3.9%.

Meanwhile, several ongoing operations relating to sexual offending have resulted in 36 more reported sexual crimes, up 171.4% on the previous year - with many of these reports relating to non-recent offences.

Continued efforts are made to build stronger relationships with Inverclyde's increasingly diverse communities to ensure victims of hate crime feel able and supported to report hate crime incidents either directly or through various Third Party Reporting Centres which have been established across the local authority in partnership with Police Scotland. This has resulted in a detection rate for hate crime and offences of 76.2%, 9.5% improvement on last year.

The Divisional Road Policing Unit continues to police the road network in order to enforce driving offences and offer advice to motorists and other road users, in addition to delivering Days of Action to raise awareness.

The New Driver Early Intervention Scheme is due to be rolled out in the coming months. It involves close working with the British School of motoring to educate new drivers and persons identified by partner agencies as those being at most risk of being involved in a road traffic collision; through inexperience or recklessness. The overall objective of this is to reduce dangerous driving.

There has been no road traffic fatalities this reporting period and 4 fewer people injured.

POLICING PRIORITIES

3. Police Scotland is committed to working with its Community Planning partners in all sectors to keep the people of Scotland and its communities safe. Partnership working to achieve this goal is recognised as a critical element of our strategy.

Police Scotland Priorities
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
Serious and Organised Crime
Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
Protecting People at Risk of Harm
Road Policing
Acquisitive Crime

Figure 1: Police Scotland Operational Priorities, 2017/18

Source: Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2017/18

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Inverclyde Council Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee are asked to note the contents of this report and the attached appendix.

VIOLENCE, DISORDER AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

5. Crimes of violence have increased by 21.9% compared to the same period in 2016. We continue to work with other agencies including Housing, Social Work and Inverclyde Council Social Protection Team to ensure co-ordinated, intelligence led proactivity to deter and detect violent offenders and safeguard victims. This has led to a number of violent offenders being reported and subsequently imprisoned over the last few months.

The number of domestic abuse incidents reported to the police has risen by 6 compared to the same period last year. The number of crimes recorded as a result of these incidents has remained relatively stable with less than half of the incidents resulting in criminality. A number of reports relate to non-recent domestic abuse incidents with national campaigns helping to encourage victims to report.

We have a dedicated Domestic Abuse Unit who carry out protracted and complex domestic enquiries. At all times our priority is to ensure the victim is supported throughout the enquiry and are signposted to agencies such as ASIST or Victim Support where appropriate.

Where bail conditions are set on domestic offenders by the court, we ensure that these are being adhered to by carrying out offender intervention visits.

The number of complaints regarding disorder has increased compared to this time last year. A number of these complaints are incidents of perceived youth disorder in certain locations throughout the Local Authority area which was particularly prevalent over holiday periods. To address this, we continue to co-ordinate resources with partners aiming to educate, deter and signpost young people away from congregating in large groups, reducing the associated anti-social behaviour whilst keeping them safe from harm.

Over the summer months we carried out an initiative alongside Scotrail, British Transport Police and Inverclyde Council, which concentrated on the movement over the rail network and associated anti-social behaviour both in and around the identified areas. The initiative was effective and prevented groups travelling to problematic locations, which reduced the volume of disorder complaints whilst providing additional public reassurance.

In relation to indoor disorder, the neighbourhood policing team and the wider community partnership continue to work alongside colleagues within Inverclyde Council, housing agencies and licensed premises which ensures the correct people and places are targeted and all joint powers are utilised.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

6. Serious and Organised Crime is a national policing priority which although not always visible is occurring in our local area. We remain focussed on gathering intelligence and working alongside partners and communities to disrupt those involved in these activities such as drug supply and money laundering and to reduce the social and economic impact in Inverclyde and the wider communities.

Our local Violence Reduction Unit and Divisional Proactive Crime Teams have recently been successful in obtaining and executing a number of warrants resulting in drugs seizures and detections.

Following successful convictions we work with colleagues in housing and the Social Protection Team to disrupt drug dealers by examining opportunities around ASBO's and tenancy evictions.

Where opportunities allow, we use the Proceeds of Crime legislation to seize any monies obtained through illegal enterprise.

COUNTER TERRORISM AND DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

7. The threat from both national and international terrorism within the UK remains at SEVERE meaning that an attack is highly likely. The threat from domestic extremism is currently at LOW.

Our Divisional Counter-Terrorism Liaison Officer plays a vital role in regular liaison with residents and partners in Inverclyde, raising awareness about the UK Government's CONTEST Strategy (Counter Terrorism Strategy) and organising Multi-Agency initiatives around key strategic locations such as the small ports and the Ocean Terminal.

PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK OF HARM

8. The number of reported sexual crimes has risen by 36 compared to the same time last year. In the majority of offences the perpetrator is known to the victim. The number of offences carried out by strangers is very low. A significant number of reports relate to non-recent incidents which can in part be attributed to continued high profile national campaigns aimed at encouraging victims to report incidents.

We continue to engage those seeking help due to personality and mental health disorders and while extremely time consuming, victims receive the care that they need or are left in the care of family and friends.

Community Officers now routinely access, numerous child residential establishments and High/primary schools to work with young people, in an effort to prevent crime and moderate unacceptable behaviour.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

9. Our Inverclyde based Divisional Road Policing Unit (DRPU) maintain a highly visible local presence. They act on intelligence to target areas where speeding is of concern and their routine use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology (ANPR) ensures a high level of detections for licence and insurance offences.

There have been fewer casualties on our roads compared to the equivalent time last year. We use analytical data to highlight roads which may present a risk and then produce a plan to prevent this risk. We work with colleagues in Inverclyde Council Roads Department and TRANSERV. Plans may include high visibility patrols, static speeding checks or media publication to enhance driver behaviour.

We continue to work alongside our colleagues in Inverclyde Road Safety and Education to carry out a series of joint activities throughout the year to raise awareness about road safety in Inverclyde. The intention is to better educate all road

users in safe and considerate road use. Joint patrols from DRPU, Neighbourhood and Community Enforcement Officers continue around all schools and has been well received. We have encouraged schools in promoting the Child Friendly Drivers Charter and regularly support the Junior Road Safety Officers in the primary schools.

We are actively involved in the schools working group hosted by Inverclyde Council Road Safety Officers to look at ways of preventing accidents around our schools.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

10. We have recorded 85 theft by housebreakings (including attempts, garden sheds, and garages). Every opportunity is examined to investigate this type of crime making use of scenes of crime, CCTV, media and local knowledge.

Pro-active patrols in key areas help deter offenders and security advice to local residents is relayed at every opportunity.

A number of known shoplifters are currently working with the Persistent Offenders Partnership (POP), a joint initiative with police and Inverclyde Council drugs and alcohol teams. The aim of the initiative is to reduce offending by tackling addiction. The high visibility presence of the Town Centre Officers helps deter offenders.

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2017 - Jul 2017	Apr 2016 - Jul 2016	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	39	32	7 more	21.9%
2	Murder	2	0	2 more	-
3	Attempted Murder	2	1	1 more	100.0%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	82.1%	70.8%		11.3%
7	Serious Assault	28	24	4 more	16.7%
8	Robbery detection rate	60.0%	100.0%		-40.0%
9	Robbery	5	3	2 more	66.7%
10	Common assault detection rate	70.0%	75.5%		-5.5%
11	Common assault	237	224	13 more	5.8%
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	1,518	1,428	90 more	6.3%

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2017 - Jul 2017	Apr 2016 - Jul 2016	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	306	300		2.0%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	172	179		-3.9%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	47.4%	43.3%		4.1%
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	62.8%	78.2%		-15.4%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	20	12		66.7%
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	86.0%	-		-
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	76.2%	66.7%		9.5%
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Apr 2017 - Jul 2017	Apr 2017 - Jul 2017 Positive	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	159	60		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	159	60		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	0	0		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	20	-		
<p>On the 11th May 2017 Police Scotland adopted a new code of practice on the use of stop and search. At this time the use of non-statutory (Consensual) search ceased.</p> <p>The period covered by this report includes searches conducted prior to the introduction of the code.</p> <p>The table above provides information on consensual searches carried out before 11th May.</p> <p>Further information on Police Scotland's use of stop and search and on the code of practice is available on the Police Scotland Website.</p>					

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2017 - Jul 2017	Apr 2016 - Jul 2016	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	22	32		-31.3%
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	21.2%	14.7%		6.5%
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	85	68	17 more	25.0%
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	68.3%	88.2%		-19.9%
29	Theft by shoplifting	120	110	10 more	9.1%
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	18.7%	8.6%		10.1%
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	225	301	76 fewer	-25.2%
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	57	89		-36.0%

Public Protection					
		Apr 2017 - Jul 2017	Apr 2016 - Jul 2016	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	57	21	36 more	171.4%
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	49.1%	76.2%		-27.1%
35	Rape detection rate	50.0%	71.4%		-21.4%

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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2017 - Jul 2017	Apr 2016 - Jul 2016	Victims	% Change
People Killed	0	0	None	-
People Seriously injured	2	3	1 fewer	-33.3%
People Slightly Injured	31	34	3 fewer	-8.8%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	1	1	same number	0.0%

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2017 - Jul 2017	Apr 2016 - Jul 2016	Victims	% Change
36	Dangerous driving	11	8		37.5%
37	Speeding	130	145		-10.3%
38	Disqualified driving	2	3		-33.3%
39	Driving Licence	29	44		-34.1%
40	Insurance	57	89		-36.0%
41	Seat Belts	21	33		-36.4%
42	Mobile Phone	14	26		-46.2%

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2017 - Jul 2017			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
43	Complaints received about the Police	23		27.8	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
44	Total Allegations Recorded	21	0	7	28

Scottish Crime Recording Standard Quarter 3 & 4 Audit 2015/16								
<i>(not available at Local Authority level but detailed at Divisional and Force level for information purposes)</i>								
45	Audit 1 - Crime Related Incidents and Associated Recorded Crime Audit 2015/16 - Quarters 3/4 (October to March)	Test 1 - Incidents			Test 2 - Recorded Crime			
		Incidents Audited	No. of errors	SCRS Compliance	Crimes Audited	No. of Recording Errors	SCRS Compliance	
		K Division	149	9	94.0%	124	16	87.1%
		Force	2,360	129	94.5%	1,814	126	93.1%
<i>Details of the methodology for Audit 1 can be found in Appendix A</i>								

46	Audit 2 - Divisional Crime Audit 2015/16 - Quarter 4 (January to March)	Crimes Audited	No. of Recording Errors	SCRS Compliance
	K Division	224	18	92.0%
	Force	3,500	212	93.9%
<i>Details of the methodology for Audit 2 can be found in Appendix A</i>				

47	Audit 3 - "No Crime" Audit 2015/16 - Quarters 3/4 (October to March)	Number of "No Crimes" Audited	No. of errors	SCRS Compliance
	K Division	52	1	98.1%
	Force	973	47	95.2%
<i>Details of the methodology for Audit 3 can be found in Appendix A</i>				

APPENDIX "A" - AUDIT METHODOLOGY

Audit 1 - Crime Related Incidents and Associated Recorded Crime

The audit sample was selected from Command and Control incidents over a specific four day period with initial call types CR-60 to CR-79 within the Crime category, and incidents with initial call types AB-57 Communications, AB-58 Hate Crime, PW-40 Domestic Incident and PW-76 Child Protection. The incident sample selected for audit ensured, working to a 95% confidence level with a confidence interval of +/-3%, that the sample audited was statistically representative of all incidents of this type recorded during the four day audit period. A formula was applied to the total number of incidents per Command Area and apportioned out between Divisions in that Command Area in order to obtain sample sizes. These were subject to a minimum of 150 and a maximum of 300 per Division.

Compliance in each of the two Tests is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

The audit tested:

Test 1 – Crime Related Incidents

- That incidents initially inferring a crime or apparent criminal activity and closed as a non-crime contained a satisfactory narrative to eliminate any inference of criminality and fully justify a non-crime disposal.
- That each incident clearly indicated a crime or non-crime as a disposal on the incident text.
- Where an incident was closed as a crime, the corresponding crime record was traced.

Test 2 – Recorded Crime

- The correct application of SCRS on recorded crimes in respect of the Scottish Government Counting Rules and the correct classification of crimes. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime over or under-recorded, or incorrectly classified was counted as having failed the audit.

Audit 2 - Recording of Specific Crime Types (Divisional Crime Audit)

To ensure that a number of different areas of crime recording are represented by Audit 2, samples were obtained from the following categories:

- Assault (Common Assault only)
- Group 1 Crime (Crimes of violence)
- Group 2 Crime (Sexual offences)
- Group 3 Crime (Crimes of dishonesty)
- Group 4 Crime (Damage to property)
- Other Crimes from Groups 5, 6 and 7

While not as statistically representative of all records within the audit period as Audit 1, the sample sizes in Audit 2 were weighted to take into account higher volumes of crime being recorded in some Divisions subject to a minimum of 100 records and a maximum of 300 records.

The audit tested the correct application of SCRS on recorded crimes in respect of the Scottish Government Counting Rules and the correct classification of crimes. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime over or under-recorded, or incorrectly classified was counted as having failed the audit. Compliance in this audit is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

Audit 3 - Crime Records Reclassified to "No Crime"

The third principle of SCRS states "once recorded, a crime will remain recorded unless there is credible evidence to disprove that a crime had occurred".

The audit tested the correct application of this principle in respect of recorded crime which was reclassified to "No Crime" following Police enquiry into the reported circumstances. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime reclassified incorrectly was counted as having failed the audit.

The sample sizes in Audit 3 were weighted to take into account the higher number of records reclassified to "No Crime" in some Divisions subject to a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100.

Compliance in this audit is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

In order to allow Divisions a reasonable period of time to ensure that records are complete and compliant with SCRS, audits are generally undertaken once a period of three months from the date of the incident/crime has elapsed. Any record incomplete at the time of audit will be audited based on the information available at the time.

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