

4.0 BODY WORN VIDEO

4.1 On Monday 4 October 2021, following extensive public engagement, Police Scotland's Armed Policing officers began operational deployments equipped with Body Worn Video (BWV). The use of BWV technology provides an additional level of transparency and accountability at incidents, ensures the gathering of best evidence, and will support the maintenance of public trust and confidence in policing. There have been a number of operational incidents where BWV has already been used, with footage being provided to support criminal investigations or referrals to the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner.

5.0 TASER ROLL OUT

5.1 Since 1 September 2021, 112 additional officers have been trained in Taser and deployed in possession of the device across Scotland. It is planned that a further 185 officers will be trained before the end of this financial year (31 March 2022), bringing the total number of deployable officers trained in Taser across the country to approximately 820. These officers will deploy from 87 response hubs across Scotland.

5.2 Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021, officers in possession of Taser were deployed to 853 incidents. This resulted in 347 uses (116 draw 180 pointed and 51 discharges of the device). This included 13 uses (5 draw, 6 pointed and 2 discharges of the device) on persons under the age of 18.

Since 1 April 2021, officers in possession of Taser across Police Scotland have been deployed to 1,370 incidents. This has resulted in 238 uses (95 draw, 100 pointed and 43 discharges of the device). This includes 20 uses (5 draw, 13 pointed, 2 discharges of the device) on persons under the age of 18.

6.0 CYBER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND CYBER KIOSK

6.1 A Cyber Kiosk, also known as a 'Digital Triage Device', is a desktop computer with specific software installed that enables specially trained police officers to view data stored on a mobile phone or tablet. The introduction of Cyber Kiosks across Police Scotland was subject to significant scrutiny, and their roll out was completed in August 2020.

6.2 Cyber Kiosks provide Police Scotland with capability which allows the contents of a digital device associated with a police investigation or incident to be quickly assessed to establish if evidence is present. This allows lines of enquiry to be progressed at a much earlier stage, and potentially allows devices to be returned to owners where no material of evidential value is recovered.

7.0 INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN POLICING

7.1 The group was established following the work of the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing in exploring issues relating to the potential introduction of cyber kiosks, facial recognition, body-worn video cameras and remote piloted aircraft systems.

7.2 The work of the group is being progressed via four work streams, with each producing separate reports and recommendations:

- Legal framework and ethical standards
- Evidence and scientific standards
- Consultation and community engagement
- Oversight, scrutiny, and review

Elected Members will be advised of developments as and when the Independent Advisory Group publish the outcome of their research.

8.0 26TH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP26)

- 8.1 COP26 was the most complex and challenging Policing operation ever experienced in the UK and involved the largest mobilisation of Mutual Aid officers travelling to Scotland. This was the first climate conference in 2 years, with over 25,000 delegates invited and approximately 13,000 persons attending each day. The 2 significant parades (Youth Rally and Climate Change Rally) were held over 2 days with over 10,000 police officers deployed over peak days each 24 hour period.
- 8.2 A considerable number of local Police Officers were part of the COP26 Policing operation and, whilst this had an impact on resources, Policing priorities in Inverclyde were maintained. This maintenance of these priorities was particularly relevant on and around the 5th November period where multi-agency resources and activities was co-ordinated by the agreed Community Safety Partnership Action Plan which saw the dedication of resources from Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue as well as Council Services including, but not limited to, Community Wardens and Youth Outreach Workers.

9.0 CALL HANDLING

The new variant of Covid presents significant challenges for police call answering times due to Staff absences and high demand. Police Scotland continues to communicate these challenges to the public. This issue is not limited to Police Scotland and represents a shared challenge for other emergency and public services. Police call handling has therefore seen an increase in demand. Police Scotland continue to prioritise 999 calls, maintains good 'immediate' 999 response times and continues working to mitigate anticipated lengthening wait times for 101 calls. The Scottish Police Authority continues to monitor and report on this situation.

10.0 SPA LOCAL AUTHORITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

- 10.1 Dates for the SPAs local authority regional engagement plan have been confirmed, with the West Division meeting scheduled for Wednesday 16 March between 1.30pm – 4 pm. SPA Officials will be in contact to discuss arrangements and agenda items. Officers are available to support relevant Elected Members in the engagement plan.

11.0 THE SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE BOARD

- 11.1 The meeting of SFRS Board was held on the [28th October 2021](#) and considered several updates, including:-

- Change Committee
- Audit & Risk Assurance Committee
- People Committee
- Service Delivery Committee

The following SFRS Board meeting took place on 16th December 2021, however reporting timescales did not allow for a full update to be included in this report.

12.0 5TH NOVEMBER ACTION PLAN - 2021

- 12.1 The Community Safety Partnership delivered the multi-agency 5th November Action Plan 2021 throughout October and early November. The plan included youth engagement, visits to approved traders, multi-agency attendance at known 'hot spots', facilities for the removal of bonfire materials and close communication between Police, Fire, Community Wardens and the Youth Outreach Workers on the evening of 5th November. The date passed largely without incident and upon review by all partners was deemed to be successful with a commitment to similar delivery in 2022, informed by relevant intelligence available at that time.

13.0 INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP HUB

- 13.1 On 2nd September 2021 Elected Members received a briefing from Area Commander Paul Cameron and Community Safety & Resilience Team Leader William Rice on the Inverclyde Community Partnership Hub which, at that time, had been piloted for a 4 month period. It was agreed to formalise the Hub as a fully operational model within the structure of the Community Safety Partnership, with a working model having been developed by Officers and considered and agreed by the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Group at its meeting of 11 January 2022.
- 13.2 The Partnership Hub operates on a tasking based model with a focus on community related issues; vulnerable people; drug & alcohol issues; anti-social behaviour; and violence. The Hub also offers a 'one-stop shop' model of contact for Elected Members, with a dedicated email address which is then filtered direct to relevant agencies for action and response.
- 13.3 The Partnership Hub is Police-led, in that it is hosted by the Police and relevant issues are initially identified from Police call logs. However, core partners such as SFRS, HSCP, the Council's Community Safety & Resilience Team and the Social Protection Team are represented at every meeting, will raise any relevant issues and act as conduit for relevant services within their respective Directorates. Housing Association colleagues and partners from (to be confirmed) are invited to meetings as and when relevant.
- 13.4 Appropriate information sharing agreements are in place with all partners and all attendees have committed to a confidentiality statement which is acknowledged at the start of each meeting. In terms of monitoring, data is securely held on a bespoke system and is analysed on by the Community Safety Partnership Data Analyst on a quarterly basis.

14.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 14.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

14.2 Legal

In respect of section 10 of this report, section 45(5) of the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 notes; A local commander must provide to the local authority such— (a)reports on the carrying out of police functions in its area (including by reference to any local policing plan in force for the area), (b) statistical information on complaints made about the Police Service in, or the policing of, its area, and (c) other information about the policing of its area, as the local authority may reasonably require.

14.3 Human Resources

There are no Human Resources issues associated with this report.

14.4 Equalities

None at this time, although recognition will be given to the wider and associate equalities agenda.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
X	NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Fairer Scotland Duty

IF this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision –

Has there been an active consideration of how this reports recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO

Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals
X	NO

14.5 Repopulation

There are no direct repopulation issues associated with this report.

15.0 CONSULTATIONS

15.1 There were no consultations required outwith those noted in the report.

16.0 LIST OF PREVIOUS REPORTS

- 16.1
- Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update report (March 2021)
 - Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update report (May 2021)
 - Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update report (September 2021)
 - Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update report (November 2021)