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Our Purpose

To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland

Our Focus

Keeping People Safe

Our Values

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1. Introduction

This plan sets out the local policing priorities and objectives for Inverclyde for 2014 - 2017 and is a statutory requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. It is produced as part of a planning process which takes account of the Scottish Government's overarching vision for public services, the Strategic Police Priorities set by Scottish Ministers, the Scottish Police Authorities Strategic Police Plan and the Chief Constable of Scotland's Annual Police Plan.

Purpose of Plan

The Local Police Plan for Inverclyde represents a critical part of the delivery process for the new service, demonstrating our commitment to local policing within the national planning framework and enabling us to respond effectively to the concerns of local communities as well as meet and tackle nationwide demands. This local authority plan will be supported by 6 multi member ward community policing plans which respond directly to local needs.

2. Foreword

Chief Constable Sir Stephen House QPM

The first year of Police Scotland has seen significant change in many aspects of the organisation, however, the delivery of locally-focused operational policing remains the bedrock of this service. I remain strongly committed to the principle that community-based policing, which responds to local need and demand, is crucial to delivering services that keep people safe and maintain public confidence.

One of the ways in which we can visibly demonstrate this commitment to local policing is by listening to communities and asking them to help shape our priorities. We have consulted widely across the council area with local people and other organisations to help identify our priorities. By combining the information we received through this consultation process with analysis of crime and other performance data we have established the priorities and objectives that are set out in this plan.

In developing this plan the Local Policing Team, led by the Local Commander, has worked closely with public, private and third sector organisations as well as directly with communities, because we recognise that partnership working is critical to making our communities safer. Importantly, this approach has also ensured that our planning process is aligned to the broader vision set out in the Community Plan and supports the Single Outcome Agreement. This plan is therefore a commitment to working across agencies to deliver better outcomes for communities as well as setting out how policing will be delivered in this area.

I am pleased to say that we have achieved much in the first year of Police Scotland to tackle crime and prevent harm - reducing the number of people who have been the victims of violence and the number killed and injured on our roads as well as addressing other crucial priorities for communities. This plan sets out an agenda to build on that success by tackling the issues that will improve the safety and well being of communities across this local authority area.

**Chief Constable
Sir Stephen House QPM**

Vic Emery
O.B.E Chair of the Scottish Police Authority

I passionately believe that the establishment of Police Scotland and the SPA has created significant opportunities to strengthen the effectiveness of policing. We want you the public to have a real say on local priorities and for policing to listen to that public voice. This plan is where that comes together. It sets out what your local priorities are – identified from what local people are saying is most important to them, and underpinned by local evidence and intelligence gathered by policing in this area.

We want you to be able to question, and judge, how well the police are performing against those priorities. So we will expect your local commander to report publicly and regularly on how they are achieving the priorities set in this plan, so you and your community can assess for yourselves how policing is working for you.

We want residents to be able to see how money invested in policing is being used and what results it brings, and to understand better how national and local policing decisions are made and why.

Scotland is a country with reducing levels of crime, and a strong bond of trust between the Police service and the Scottish public. Local partnerships, a focus on prevention and collaboration, and genuine accountability at both local and national level underpin that bond.

Working together to turn this plan into results, as professionals and members of the public, is about making this part of Scotland a place of greater safety – and a greater place to live.

Vic Emery
O.B.E Chair of the Scottish Police Authority

Councillor Stephen McCabe Leader of Inverclyde Council

Inverclyde Council welcomes this new Local Police Plan for Inverclyde. The plan links with the Council's vision for 'Getting it Right for Every Child, Citizen and Community' and developing a Nurturing Inverclyde approach. The priorities in this plan will help to deliver the wellbeing outcomes adopted by the Council, where we want all our children, citizens and communities to be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included.

This Police Plan will also directly contribute to the delivery of the place based outcomes set out in the Corporate Statement and Single Outcome Agreement for Inverclyde. In particular the plan will assist us as we work to ensure that:

Communities are stronger, responsible and more able to identify, articulate and take action on their needs and aspirations to bring about an improvement in the quality of community life.

This outcome focuses on both community capacity, engagement and involvement as well as community safety.

In regard to the other outcomes set out in the Single Outcome Agreement, Police Scotland will have a positive impact on repopulation, tackling alcohol misuse and creating the best start in life for children, e.g.:

- A reduction in crime will help to tackle depopulation, by showing that the area is safer, which may make people more likely to choose Inverclyde as a place to live.
- The plan will help us address the culture of alcohol misuse and problematic drinking by having a focus on street drinking.
- By tackling domestic abuse, Police Scotland will help ensure that all our children and young people have the best start in life.

I am confident that the Inverclyde Local Police Plan 2014 -17 fits well within the local priorities identified by the Council and the Inverclyde Alliance Community Planning Partnership and I look forward to working with Police Scotland to achieve these joint aims.

**Councillor Stephen McCabe
Leader of Inverclyde Council**

**Councillor Terry Loughran
Chair of Local Police and Fire Scrutiny
Sub-Committee**

As the Chair of the Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee for Inverclyde Council I am pleased to support the Inverclyde Local Police Plan 2014 -17. The plan sets out a clear commitment to local policing in Inverclyde and what the priorities and objectives are for the area.

This plan and the six community policing plans will help to facilitate how the Scrutiny Sub-Committee can monitor the delivery of the objectives for the Inverclyde area. I look forward to working closely with Police colleagues in the delivery of these plans.

**Councillor Terry Loughran
Chair of Local Police and Fire Scrutiny
Sub-Committee**

Chief Superintendent Alan Speirs Local Police Commander

The emergence of Police Scotland in April 2013 marked the most significant reform in policing in nearly 40 years. As Local Police Commander for Renfrewshire and Inverclyde I am confident that these changes have only served to strengthen our ability and determination to provide excellent policing services to our local communities.

This three year plan sets out our key strategic priorities and objectives for policing in Inverclyde. It reflects nationally set objectives and links closely with the eight local outcomes of the Inverclyde Single Outcome Agreement. It is of fundamental importance that our priorities take into account the needs of the communities and it is with this in mind that extensive consultation with local residents, partner agencies and elected members together with crime analysis and partner data helped us determine these.

Policing Inverclyde represents a unique challenge. The main towns of Greenock and Port Glasgow are surrounded by smaller communities such as Wemyss Bay, Gourock and Kilmacolm, each with their own needs and expectations and all requiring a tailored policing approach.

Inverclyde is steeped in a rich industrial history with 'deep water docking' attracting some of the world's most prestigious cruise ships as tourism continues to flourish. Despite this, there are sharp differences between affluent and deprived areas with Inverclyde having a 4.5% share of the 15% most deprived data zones across Scotland.

Community Health profiles for Inverclyde reveal that life expectancy is lower than that in the whole of Scotland. Inverclyde communities are served by Inverclyde Royal Hospital and admissions for alcohol and drug related matters are significantly higher than the national average with drug related admissions being more than double that average.

Alcohol fuelled violence, much of which occurs within the home environment, remains of utmost concern for us. Our priorities take cognisance of this and I will continue to support visible and preventative policing, focussing on reassurance through intervention and tackling re-offending in order to address this difficult societal issue. Local people have highlighted their concerns around the sale and supply of drugs and those concerns are reflected in our priorities.

Partnership working is key to delivering tangible outcomes and we will continue to strengthen our relationships with all agencies, community representatives and local residents to ensure our services are co-ordinated, effective and efficient and address the needs of our communities. Within Public Protection, we have established a Concern Management Hub which will provide greater clarity and support for our most vulnerable whilst our

Partnership Hub based at Greenock Police Office ensures a co-ordinated approach from a range of agencies when tackling anti-social behaviour.

I am confident that the priorities and objectives in this plan set out a clear, community based focus for policing in Inverclyde. Along with our partners and communities I will strive to 'Keep People Safe' throughout Inverclyde.

Chief Superintendent Alan Speirs
Local Police Commander

3. Priorities & Objectives

Priority 1 - Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

Our officers are dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crimes of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour across Inverclyde. Local consultation tells us it is a concern to all the local communities.

We are committed to reducing the number of people affected by violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour and we will continue to work with partner agencies to exploit all opportunities to prevent such crimes and offences occurring.

Violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour encompasses a wide range of different types of offending behaviour which has an adverse affect on the quality of life for communities and individuals. During the recent consultation, over 36% of residents across Inverclyde considered youths causing annoyance and associated offences of littering and vandalism to be a concern. Whilst the majority of young people in Inverclyde are responsible citizens, the behaviour of a minority can cause a disproportionate fear of crime. We want our communities to feel safe and we will continue to work with other agencies through the co-located partnership HUB to tackle youth offending and low level, community issues using innovative tactics and suitable intervention.

We have successfully reduced violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour across Inverclyde in recent years by addressing alcohol fuelled disorder and street drinking offences, targeting hotspot locations and through intelligence led action plans. In Inverclyde North, particularly around the Greenock Town Centre area, rowdy, drunken behaviour is a concern amongst local residents. We support the 'Best Bar None' and 'Pubwatch' schemes and will continue to work closely with the Licensing Committee and licensed trade to ensure our licensed premises are well managed and safe.

A key aspect of our success in reducing violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour has been our robust approach to the management of known violent individuals. This has reduced the levels of re-offending which means fewer victims of crime in Inverclyde and better outcomes for those offenders and their families.

We acknowledge that our approach must reflect public concerns and we will continue to use innovative tactics to improve the effectiveness of policing violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour across Inverclyde.

Our objectives are to:

- Reduce the number of victims of violent crime
- Maximise the detection of those persons responsible for violent crime
- Decrease the number of assaults
- Maintain the reduction in reports of antisocial behaviour
- Decrease the number of complaints regarding street drinking
- Decrease the number of complaints regarding disorder

Priority 2 - Protecting People

Our priority is to keep people safe and we will continue to focus on a victim centred approach to public protection with the aim of preventing crime through early and effective intervention. We will share relevant information with partnership agencies to protect the most vulnerable in our communities and enhance public safety for all.

The number of people who are victims of physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect on a daily basis is a major concern. Domestic abuse in particular blights the lives of individuals as well as their families. Over the last year we have recorded an increase in historical domestic abuse reports. This can be attributed to a greater public confidence in reporting coupled with a more robust policing approach. From the Public Consultation, 12% of Inverclyde residents believe that domestic abuse should be a policing priority. We will tackle domestic abuse in all forms and will continue to work with Scottish Women's Aid and other agencies in raising awareness of prevention and safety measures across Inverclyde. We will proactively manage the risk of harm posed by dangerous offenders while protecting and supporting victims.

The dedicated and highly skilled team of officers in our Divisional Rape Investigation Unit will work in partnership with a range of specialists to ensure a consistency of approach to these often complex and historical enquiries. We will support victims of rape, sensitively investigate such crimes, relentlessly pursue those responsible and bring them to justice.

We recognise that the internet and social media provide opportunities for the exploitation of the individual; this particularly includes the young and vulnerable across Inverclyde. We will work with our partners in education and community learning and development to raise awareness about the dangers of social media and proactively target those offenders' who use the internet to befriend and exploit young people and vulnerable adults.

Public protection is a policing priority both locally and nationally and a joint agency approach is essential in tackling these issues. Understanding the links between the GIRFEC (Getting It Right For Every Child) agenda, adult support and protection, domestic abuse, youth justice and the management of offenders has helped strengthen collaborative services across Inverclyde providing those in need with appropriate support. We will ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to mitigate the risks presented to public safety by all offenders, managed under the auspices of the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA).

Hate crime is an abhorrence that blights our communities. We are committed to the investigation and detection of all crimes driven by prejudice, such as race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender and disability. We aim to encourage the victims of hate crime to report such crimes and continue to develop an effective third party reporting network locally.

Our objectives are to:

- Protect and support the victims of domestic abuse and sexual offences to ensure their safety and well being
- Identify the range of responses required to deal with the complexities of the investigation of sexual offences
- Prioritise the investigation of all domestic abuse crimes and sexual offences and increase the detection rate
- Rigorously ensure all persons released on domestic bail adhere to the special conditions imposed by the court
- Engage in partnerships with the aim of increasing awareness and encouraging the reporting of hate crime incidents

Priority 3 - Serious and Organised Crime

Our priority is to keep people safe by reducing the risk of harm posed by serious organised criminals. We will continue to target them and our approach will be in line with the Scottish Government Strategy for tackling Serious Organised Crime, "Letting Our Communities Flourish".

Although not always visible, serious and organised crime is a multi-million pound enterprise with significant social and economic costs. Our commitment is to dismantle organised crime groups through focused intelligence gathering and continued collaborative working with communities, public and private sector bodies and key partner agencies. We will pursue their criminal enterprises, disrupt their activities, such as drug supply and minimise opportunities for money laundering through the auspices of seemingly 'legitimate' enterprises. We will use the Proceeds of Crime legislation to seize money obtained by illegal activities.

We aim to divert offenders and those whom are vulnerable to criminal gangs, deter illegal activities, disrupt the networks associated with serious and organised crime groups and detect offenders. We will do this with the continued support of partner agencies, working together, developing innovative tactics and interventions to reduce the harm and impact of such groups across Inverclyde.

It is important to recognise the threats from national and international terrorism and extremism. These groups pose a threat to communities in much the same way as other organised crime groups. Inverclyde has a number of key strategic locations such as The Ocean Terminal in Greenock that requires us to develop an appropriate Counter Terrorist response. Working with the residents of Inverclyde to raise awareness and maximise intelligence gathering in pursuance of the UK Government's CONTEST (Counter-Terrorism) Strategy will play a vital role in protecting the area.

Our objectives are to:

- Tackle the threat posed from Serious and Organised Crime Groups on local communities by seizing criminal assets
- Maximise intervention tactics to deprive Serious and Organised Crime Groups of the opportunities to access legitimate enterprises
- Raise awareness about the CONTEST strategy and encourage residents of Inverclyde to be alert and have confidence to pass on information

Priority 4 – Drug Supply and Drug Use

Our aim is to reduce the supply, availability and harm of controlled drugs and the level of drug use in Inverclyde.

Analysis of feedback from residents shows that the sale and supply of drugs is a concern across Inverclyde, particularly in Inverclyde East Central where 70% of residents listed this as a priority.

Tackling the illegal supply and use of controlled drugs not only reduces the harm it does to individuals, families and communities, it also addresses a number of other issues associated with the drug trade from funding serious and organised crime and terrorism to general antisocial behaviour and linked crimes of dishonesty.

We will work with Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership and liaise with our partners in social work and criminal justice to seek alternative ways of dealing with persistent offenders who have alcohol and drug addictions.

We will continue to target drug dealers and suppliers of recreational and psychoactive substances which are steadily emerging as a health concern amongst our vulnerable young residents. We will work to raise awareness about the dangers of these substances through community engagement and education.

We will gather intelligence relating to financial gain through drug dealing and ensure that every effort is made to confiscate assets which have been attained through illegal enterprises.

Our objectives are to:

- Tackle the supply and misuse of drugs by preventative and enforcement tactics
- Increase the detection of supply and possession of controlled drugs

Priority 5 - Dishonesty and Road Safety

Crimes of dishonesty include those where property is stolen or there is an attempt to steal, including theft, housebreaking, theft from motor vehicles and fraud. Any theft of property has a personal impact which is both financial and emotional. In Inverclyde the level of crimes of dishonesty has reduced significantly over the last year however analysis of feedback from the public consultation shows that 12% of local residents believe that this should remain a priority.

The prevalence of bogus workers in our area is a matter of utmost concern. We will work closely with our partner agencies to share information, gather intelligence and evidence to target and arrest the perpetrators of this abhorrent crime.

Bogus workers use the road network to further their criminal activities. We aim to disrupt all criminals using the road network. Through intelligence led tactics we will relentlessly pursue those individuals who prey on the elderly and vulnerable in our communities.

Housebreaking is a concern to all residents in Inverclyde particularly those living in Inverclyde South. It can have a disproportionate impact on the fear of crime and we acknowledge that this is an extremely personal crime, where householders can have feelings of violation and intrusion.

High value thefts of metal and lead have been recorded recently in our area particularly in Inverclyde West. We will continue to patrol vulnerable sites and actively deter those who engage in such activities.

By working with our partners in trading standards and SEPA (Scottish Environmental Protection Agency), we have successfully engaged with licensed second hand dealers, metal dealers and street traders in order to limit opportunities for the reset and the sale of stolen property. We will make it much harder to dispose of stolen goods in Inverclyde.

To keep people safe on the roads we will continue to focus on casualty reduction and target offences including drink/drug driving, uninsured and disqualified drivers, those not wearing a seatbelt and the use of mobile phones whilst driving.

Speeding is of particular concern to residents across Inverclyde. Evidence shows that the frequency of road traffic collisions rises disproportionately with speed. We will patrol areas of most concern to encourage responsible driving and enforce speed restrictions.

It is recognised that the issue of parking across town centre areas is a concern for residents. We will continue to work with partners to educate inconsiderate drivers and enforce restrictions where appropriate.

Our objectives are to:

- Prioritise the investigation of all bogus crime and crimes of housebreaking to private dwellings
- Reduce road casualties and fatalities
- Effectively police the road network to improve driving standards by targeting incidents of speeding, mobile phone offences and seat belt offences

Priority 6 - Public Confidence & Local Engagement

The new service recognises that it has to deliver a high quality service in a form that is cost effective and efficient while maintaining the consent and involvement of local communities. In order to do so we recognise the need to establish views, expectations and concerns about how we police and we will build trust by listening and responding.

Public confidence is key to reducing the fear of crime and we will continue to develop our approach to community engagement to ensure our community policing teams and their leaders are visible and accessible to elected members, partners and the public in Inverclyde.

Public safety is a critical issue at national and local level and the responsibility for this agenda cannot rest with a single agency. Working alongside public, private and voluntary sectors, as well as local communities, we will develop strategies and actions that provide effective local outcomes and keep people safe.

Through regular and structured engagement with all our communities and their representatives we will understand the community issues of most concern and deliver practical solutions promoting police and partner service delivery that keeps people safe.

Our objectives are to:

- Ensure there is an appropriate response to all emergency and priority calls within the nationally agreed timescales
- Provide feedback to all victims on the progress and outcome of their enquiry
- Maximise the visibility of all our officers in the communities of Inverclyde
- Work with partners to support and contribute to community planning outcomes focused on prevention and the well being of our communities
- Refine our community engagement structure and processes to ensure we are connected to local communities and their specific needs
- Increase the use of social and local media to engage and feedback to communities

4. How we identified our Priorities & Objectives

The Scottish Police Authority Strategic Policing Plan sets out the priorities for the Police Service of Scotland for 2014 - 2017. It is a key document for the police in the continuous process of meeting future policing challenges and ensuring that the service provided to the communities of Scotland is of a high standard.

The Plan draws on information and intelligence provided by Police Scotland and other law enforcement agencies as well as information from key partner agencies including the Scottish Government, Local Authorities and the public. It is through this assessment that risk in relation to crime and disorder is prioritised.

Across Inverclyde, the priorities in this Police Plan have been identified through analysis of crime trends, intelligence and local information. Appendix A summarises the key trends in Inverclyde over the past 5 years.

During October 2013, we consulted with 471 Inverclyde residents to establish the issues that were their greatest concern. These results made a critical contribution to identifying the key policing priorities for Inverclyde. Appendix B shows the results of our consultation.

Consultation is a continuous process. Over the last year we have extensively consulted with the community to ensure our priorities reflect our local needs. Consultation has included:

- SIGNAL interviews with residents in Inverclyde North
- Telephone satisfaction surveys with local residents who have had reason to contact police
- Regular interaction with local Elected Members
- Attendance at Community Council and Tenants and Residents meetings
- Liaison with local schools and West College Scotland
- Proactive use of social media including facebook and twitter
- Involvement with youth diversionary groups in conjunction with Inverclyde Council Community Learning and Development
- Regular liaison with third sector agencies and representative groups of people with protected characteristics

The top four concerns for our communities are:

- Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour (Priority 1)
- Dishonesty (Priority 5)
- Road Safety and Road Crime (Priority 5)
- Drug Dealing/Use (Priority 4)

Our policing priorities are greatly influenced by the concerns of the community and are delivered in partnership with a number of other agencies in accordance with Inverclyde's Single Outcome Agreement. The partnership HUB based at Greenock Police Office encourages information sharing and ensures a co-ordinated response to local issues.

There are community policing teams for each of the 6 multi-member council wards across Inverclyde. Information regarding who is on your team and how to contact them can be found at: www.scotland.police.uk

Our officers are there to listen to you and respond to your concerns. They will work with all partner agencies in your community to find long-term solutions to local problems.

5. Local Policing Arrangements

Our mission is to keep people safe. We aim to deliver policing that is visible, accessible and responsive to the needs of the communities across Inverclyde.

Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division is led by a nominated Local Police Commander who will direct the Local Area Commander based at Greenock Police Office, in order to provide an effective policing service that delivers against all our key priorities.

We will continue to respond quickly and effectively to public demand by answering all calls and operational requests made of us.

In addition to this plan for Inverclyde, each community ward will have an individual Community Policing Plan tailored to the specific needs and priorities of that area. These local plans will be delivered by community policing teams who will engage with our communities to adopt a shared partnership problem-solving approach to dealing with community priorities.

Individual ward Community Policing Plans are available alongside the Local Police Plan under the 'Your Community' section of the Police Scotland website. This can be found at: www.scotland.police.uk

6. Local Contribution to National Outcomes and National Policing Priorities

The Scottish Government has 16 National Outcomes which demonstrate a commitment to creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth. Policing in Inverclyde can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes for this area by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the Local Authority area.

The priorities in this plan will take account of the Single Outcome Agreement for Inverclyde which will also include a range of indicators and targets focused on delivering improved services.

Scottish Ministers have also established Strategic Policing Priorities and these reflect the contribution that policing can make to achieve the National Outcomes.

Our local priorities align to the Strategic Policing Priorities and the Government's National Outcomes and are as follows:

Priority	Strategic Policing Priorities	National Outcomes	Local SOA Outcomes
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Priority 1, 2, 4	Outcomes 5, 7, 8, 9, 11	SOA 1, 2, 5
Protecting People	Priority 1, 2, 3, 4	Outcomes 5, 7, 8, 9, 11	SOA 2, 6
Serious and Organised Crime	Priority 1, 2, 4	Outcomes 5, 7, 9, 11, 13	SOA 2
Drug Supply and Drug Use	Priority 1, 2, 4	Outcome 7, 9, 11	SOA 2, 3, 4, 5
Dishonesty and Road Crime	Priority 1, 2, 3, 4	Outcomes 9, 11	SOA 2
Public Confidence and Local Engagement	Priority 1, 2, 3, 4	Outcome 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16	SOA 8

Further information on National Outcomes and Strategic Policing Priorities can be accessed at www.scotland.gov.uk

7. Performance & Accountability

Police Scotland will develop a national performance framework which will support this plan. It will allow the service to measure progress, monitor activity, identify key areas where resources need to be focused and demonstrate how successful we are in meeting our key priorities and objectives as set out in this plan.

We are committed to publishing our performance information and will use this as the foundation for reporting to Inverclyde Council and our local communities. This information is available upon request or at: www.scotland.police.uk

We aim to provide a high standard of service and build public confidence through continuous improvement of policing services in Inverclyde.

8. Local Scrutiny and Engagement

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 includes a framework for new local scrutiny and engagement arrangements involving local authorities and the new national police and fire services.

Formal scrutiny of the Inverclyde Police Plan falls under the governance of the Inverclyde Education and Communities Committee which meets a minimum of two times per year.

The key principles of “Best Value” (as contained within the local Government in Scotland Act 2003) remain fundamental to local governance arrangements with respect to scrutiny of police performance.

Performance results are published in accordance with Section 13 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 which outlines the duty of a local authority to make appropriate arrangements to report to the public the performance of its functions.

9. Equalities

We recognise that effective and fair policing is about reflecting the needs and expectations of individuals and local communities.

Our aim is to ensure that our service to all is fair and proportionate, keeping people safe, particularly those who are most vulnerable, and enhancing their quality of life.

The Equality Act 2010 is the most significant piece of equality legislation for many years. It simplifies, streamlines and strengthens the law. It gives individuals greater protection from unfair discrimination. It sets a new standard for those who provide public services to treat everyone with dignity and respect.

The Equality Act 2010 sets out the public sector general equality duty that requires us, both as an employer and in policing our communities, to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and other prohibited conduct
- Advance equality of opportunity among people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations among people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

We continually engage with our communities to identify any local equality and diversity priorities and through this engagement have listed our relevant policing priorities for the Division. These will also link into Police Scotland's Strategic Equality Outcomes¹ which were developed in consultation with key stakeholders, equality organisations and community groups and reinforce our continued commitment to equality and the activity they drive.

Through this work it will ensure that we deliver the best possible service to all the communities in Inverclyde in Keeping People Safe.

¹ *Equality and Diversity in Police Scotland 2013*

10. Contact Details

Greenock Police Office
160 Rue End Street
GREENOCK
PA15 1HX

For more detailed information about your local Community Policing Team and other services that Police Scotland provides, please refer to the Force website at: www.scotland.police.uk

Dial 999 for an emergency that requires urgent police attention.

For non-emergency contact call 101, the single non-emergency number.

If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Service users who are deaf or have a hearing impairment can contact Police Scotland via TextRelay in an emergency on 18000 or non-emergency on 18001 101.

We respect your right to confidentiality and will not visit you without checking first.

This group email address is provided for you to discuss non-urgent local policing issues. It should not be used to report a crime or incidents.

InverclydeLPP@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Appendix A

Strategic Assessment – Key Findings

The data from this section covers the last 5 years between 2008 – 2013:

Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

- There have been two murders and six attempted murders during the period examined this compares with two Murders and nine Attempted Murders in the previous period.
- Serious Assaults have reduced by 11.7% to 83 crimes, which is just over 36% below the 5-year average.
- Minor assaults (including those to emergency workers) have decreased by 13% to 648 crimes, which is 20% below the 5-year average.
- Robbery crimes have decreased by almost 28% to 21 crimes, which is 40% below the 5-year average.
- Domestic incidents have decreased by 7% to 832.
- There has been a 32% reduction in the number of disorder related calls in the recent period.
- The area around the Oak Mall and Wellington Street show higher levels of youth related disorder.
- Hate crime has increased by 10% in Inverclyde with a detection rate of 84%.

Major Crime and Terrorism

- Target hardening and awareness of Counter Terrorism issues ongoing
- 11 individuals are assessed as being members of Organised Crime groups in Inverclyde with a further 41 listed as associates.
- Inverclyde do not currently have any groups within the Force top 20%
- Drug possession charges have increased by 71.4% in the past year within Inverclyde, however supply charges have decreased by 7.6%.
- A large scale fraud relating to benefit claims is currently being progressed within Inverclyde.
- Inverclyde has a number of quasi-legitimate businesses operating as fronts for money laundering activities, including tanning salons, car valet services, etc.

Public Protection

- Crimes of Indecency have increased by 93.5% to 89 crimes in total, driven by large increases in rape (75%) and sexual assault (59.1%)²
- Inverclyde is currently managing 34 Registered Sex Offenders (RSO's).
- In 2012/2013, 274 Adult at Risk referrals across Inverclyde were made as a response to contact with the police.

Road Safety and Road Crime

- In the review period drink/drug driving offences have reduced by 38% on the 5-year average and by over 32% year on year.
- Mobile phone offences are 7% above the 5-year average but have dropped by just over 39% compared with the previous period.
- Speeding offences remain high with an increase of almost 11% during this review period.
- The number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads has decreased during the last year.

Dishonesty

- Overall the level of acquisitive crime has dropped by over 24% on the 5-year average and over 19% on the previous year.
- Housebreaking crimes have recorded an overall drop of over 23% in Inverclyde compared to the previous period.
- Thefts of metal continue to be a threat, due to the continued high resale price of metals such as lead and copper. High value thefts at Greenock at the former IBM building have been noted recently.
- Bogus caller crime continues to occur against vulnerable members of our community

² *Primarily due to increased public awareness resulting in a rise in reports of historical crimes*

Appendix B

Local Public Consultation Survey

Results 2013

Fifteen issues were presented to local residents and they were asked to place them in the order that they wanted their local Community Policing Team to adopt as Priorities. The following are the top results from each Ward area in Inverclyde:

Inverclyde East

Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour (Youths Causing Annoyance/
Vandalism/Littering/Fly Tipping)
Dishonesty (Housebreaking and Theft)
Road Safety and Road Crime (Speeding/Parking)
Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse

Inverclyde East Central

Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour (Youths Causing Annoyance/ Vandalism
/Drunk in Public)
Dishonesty (Housebreaking and Theft)
Road Safety and Road Crime (Speeding/Parking)
Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse

Inverclyde North

Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour (Youths Causing Annoyance/Littering/Fly
Tipping/Drunk in Public)
Dishonesty (Housebreaking and Theft)
Road Safety and Road Crime (Speeding/Parking)
Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse

Inverclyde South

Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour (Youths Causing Annoyance/Littering/Fly
Tipping/Drunk in Public)
Dishonesty (Housebreaking and Theft)
Road Safety and Road Crime (Speeding/Parking)
Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse

Inverclyde South West

Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour (Youths Causing Annoyance/Littering/Fly
Tipping/Drunk in Public)
Dishonesty (Housebreaking/Theft of Property/Theft of and from Vehicles)
Road Safety and Road Crime (Speeding/Parking)
Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse

Inverclyde West

Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour (Youths Causing Annoyance/Littering/Fly Tipping/Drunk in Public)

Dishonesty (Housebreaking and Theft)

Road Safety and Road Crime (Speeding/Parking)

Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse