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Inverclyde Council
Education and Communities Committee
Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee
Inverclyde Local Policing Area
Performance Report 1st April 2015 – 31st July 2015

October 2015

Date of Meeting: 8th October 2015

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SUBJECT: Police and Fire Reform: Local Scrutiny and Engagement
Inverclyde Local Policing Area
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1. Background

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 sets out that the main purpose of policing is to improve the safety and well-being of persons, localities and communities in Scotland. It ensures an enhanced focus on local delivery of policing with a designated local commander for each local authority area accountable for local service provision. Each local commander is required to prepare a local policing plan that meets the needs of the local area and is approved by the local authority. In response to this the local authority has a statutory power to monitor the delivery of police services and to provide feedback to the local commander.

2. Inverclyde Local Police Plan

The Inverclyde Local Police Plan was published on 1st April 2014. This plan sets out the local policing priorities and objectives for Inverclyde for 2014 – 2017. It will be reviewed annually through ongoing consultation and is supported by 6 ward community policing plans.

3. Performance reporting to Inverclyde Council

The local commander is required to provide reports at an agreed timescale for scrutiny by elected members. Formal scrutiny of the Inverclyde Police Plan falls under the governance of the Inverclyde Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee under the auspices of the Education and Communities Committee which meets a minimum of two times per year.

4. Recommendation

The following data is extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as of 2nd August 2015. The data is a year to date comparison with the previous year. It includes both recorded and detected crime data and covers all priority areas as set out in the local police plan. Members are asked to scrutinise policing performance for the period outlined and provide feedback where appropriate.

5. Analytical report – as before with context supplied in each box

6. Appendices – none

**LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD – Inverclyde
July 2015**

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2015 - Jul 2015	Apr 2014 - Jul 2014	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	60	34	26 more	76.5%
Group 1 crime has increased from the same period as last year, this is driven by serious assault and robberies. The definition of serious assault has broadened resulting in crimes which may have been classified as minor assaults, now being recorded as serious assaults. There are no trends of repeats victims or repeat offending. Investigation and scrutiny of group 1 offences is carried out by CID officers.					
2	Murder	1	2	1 fewer	-50.0%
There has been one murder committed within the time period given. This was committed within a dwelling house and is detected.					
3	Attempted Murder	5	1	4 more	400.0%
There have been 4 more victims of attempted murder within Inverclyde.					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
No offences have been recorded this year.					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
No offences have been recorded this year.					
6	Serious Assault detection rate	79.0%	85.7%		-6.7%
The detection rate for serious assault is 79%, all serious assaults are subject to ongoing review by senior detective officers. Within Inverclyde a high number of victims of serious assault do not wish to engage with the police which makes the investigation and detection of the offence more challenging.					
7	Serious Assault	38	21	17 more	81.0%
The number of serious assaults committed has risen from the same period last year. As mentioned in section 1, the definition of this crime has broadened which makes direct comparison from previous years challenging. A high number of these offences have been committed within private spaces making prevention and intervention difficult. We work closely with Inverclyde Council to challenge Anti-Social behaviour within private premises through the use of anti-social behaviour legislation. We tackle public space violence by ensuring that officers are deployed in the right place at the right times in order to prevent crime where possible.					
8	Robbery detection rate	66.7%	66.7%		0.0%
The detection rate for robbery is 66.7%, all undetected robberies are scrutinised and investigated by CID officers.					
9	Robbery	12	3	9 more	300.0%
There has been an increase in robberies, we continue to work on preventing these crimes by carrying out interventions with known offenders and carrying out pro-active visits to vulnerable premises offering then safety/crime prevention advice.					
10	Common assault detection rate	76.7%	77.5%		-0.8%
The detection rate for common assault offences is 76.7%. Divisional Officers are supported by our Alcohol and Violence Reductin Unit who work on the investigation of these offences ensuring every avenue of investigation is conducted. We also focus prevention work in the areas known to us for violence and disorder.					
11	Common assault	180	204	24 fewer	-11.8%
There has been 24 fewer victims of common assault.					

12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	1,392	1,544	152 fewer	-9.8%
Complaints of disorder are down by 9.8%. We examination all disorder complaints down to Ward and beat areas and deploy resources accordingly. High visibility patrols are directed by intelligence and analytical information about incidents of reoccurring disorder involving particular locations or individuals.					

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2015 - Jul 2015	Apr 2014 - Jul 2014	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	273	310		-11.9%
The number of domestic abuse incident reported to the police has dropped compared with last year. All domestic incidents are investigated robustly ensuring the victim is supported and updated during the enquiry. We have a dedicated Domestic Abuse Unit who carrying out protracted and complex domestic enquiries. We work closely with other agencies signposting assistance available to the victim.					
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	166	191		-13.1%
The number of crimes committed within domestic abuse incidents has reduced by 13.1%. Domestic abuse has been a high priority for Police Scotland for a number of years and in Inverclyde we have conducted a number of high profile campaigns ensuring that victims know they have the full support of the police and have the confidence to report incidents early to prevent escalation.					
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	49.5%	46.1%		3.4%
The percentage of domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded has increased by 3.4%					
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	85.5%	81.2%		4.3%
The detection rate for domestic abuse cases is high at 85.5%, divisional officers who attend the scene of this incidents are supported by specialist departments who offer advice and support during the investigation.					
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	13	11		18.2%
Bail conditions are given out to domestic offenders by the court. We then ensure that these are being adhered to by carrying out offender warnings and intervention visits.					
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	90.0%	-		-
90% of domestic abuse bail checks were carried out with 24 hours.					
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	88.0%	94.1%		-6.1%
There is currently an ongoing campaign to encourage victims of hate crime to report such crimes to the police. All hate crime investigations are monitored by the Local Area Commander to ensure all avenues of investigation have been maximised.					
Our Preventions and Interventions team also monitor all hate crimes and incidents and provide support to victims through partner agencies, if required. Victims of hate crime are often the most vulnerable within the community and all hate incidents and crimes are recorded on a database ensuring all interventions and measures of care are in place.					

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches

Police Scotland is undergoing a testing phase on an enhanced stop and search database which went online on 1 June 2015. Validation and testing of the data is ongoing and data collected for June 2015 will be published in the coming weeks as part of a separate stop and search data report. Regular updates on local stop and search data will also form part of future scrutiny board reports

Additional Identified Local Priorities

		Apr 2015 - Jul 2015	Apr 2014 - Jul 2014	Victims	% Change
20	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	33	20		65.0%
We have seen an increase in the number of detections for drugs supply. All officers within Inverclyde play an important role in detecting these offences. We regularly undertake intelligence led operations in order to disrupt the persons selling drugs within the community of Inverclyde.					
21	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	19.7%	14.4%		5.3%
The detection rate for theft by housebreaking offence has increased by 5.3%. Housebreaking enquiries are allocated to dedicated detectives who conduct thorough and robust enquiries. They have an extensive knowledge of previous and high tariff offenders.					
22	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	147	132	15 more	11.4%
The number of theft by housebreaking offences has increased, in response to this we have dedicated resources to preventing and investigating these crimes. Our dedicated officers work in partnership with neighbouring divisions, and share information on known offenders, to effectively tackle criminals travelling from other areas to commit crimes within Inverclyde.					
We utilise all means available, including social media, to raise awareness of these offences ensuring that householders protect their properties and don't give offenders any opportunities.					
23	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	82.4%	85.5%		-3.1%
Detection rate for theft by shoplifting offences remains high at 82.4%.					
24	Theft by shoplifting	125	145	20 fewer	-13.8%
Our Community Police Officers work closely with retailers across Inverclyde building up a knowledge of regular offenders and carrying out high visibility patrols within the town centres to deter offenders.					
25	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	8.9%	11.7%		-2.8%
The detection rate for vandalism and malicious mischief is 8.9%.					
26	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	291	299	8 fewer	-2.7%
There have been 8 fewer vandalisms committed this year to date. Our Community Policing Officers and dedicated neighbourhood team work to prevent these crimes carrying out high visibility patrols within the community.					
27	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	168	474		-64.6%
The number of persons consuming alcohol in a designated place has reduced. Often alcohol plays a factor in violent crimes therefore our Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit conduct high visibility and plain clothes patrols in areas known for disorder and violence.					

Public Protection					
		Apr 2015 - Jul 2015	Apr 2014 - Jul 2014	Victims	% Change
28	Number of Sexual Crimes	37	25	12 more	48.0%
<p>The increase in sexual crimes reported can be attributed to an increase in public confidence with many of the offences reported to us historical. In the majority of offences the perpetrator is known to the victim – the number of offences carried out by strangers is very low.</p> <p>Investigation of all sexual crimes are investigated with the same thoroughness regardless of when they were committed. The Public Protection Unit are dedicated to these investigations and all sexual crimes are scrutinised daily to ensure investigations are progressed.</p>					
29	Sexual Crimes detection rate	48.7%	48.0%		0.7%
<p>The detection rate for sexual crime has increased compared with last year. Enquiries into sexual crimes can often be protracted and complexed, with detections often relying on forensic results.</p>					
30	Rape detection rate	30.0%	16.7%		13.3%
<p>The detection rate for rape has increased by 13.3%.</p>					

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2015 - Jul 2015	Apr 2014 - Jul 2014	Victims	% Change
People Killed	0	1	1 fewer	-100.0%
People Seriously injured	3	4	1 fewer	-25.0%
People Slightly Injured	41	45	4 fewer	-8.9%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	0	1	1 fewer	-100.0%
<p>There have been no people killed, and a reduction in the number of people injured, on the roads in Inverclyde this year. We use analytical data to highlight roads which may present a risk and then produce a plan to prevent this risk. Plans may include high visibility patrols, static speeding checks or media publication to enhance driver behaviour. Our Divisional Roads Policing Dept recently held an event at Tesco Carpark, Greenock in which members of the public could attend for safety advice and checks on their vehicles, several other agencies attended to also offer advice. The event was very successful receiving positive feedback from the public.</p>				

Road Safety & Road Crime				
	Apr 2015 - Jul 2015	Apr 2014 - Jul 2014	Victims	% Change

31	Dangerous driving	10	6		66.7%
32	Speeding	253	425		-40.5%
33	Disqualified driving	1	0		-
34	Driving Licence	41	50		-18.0%
35	Insurance	68	90		-24.4%
36	Seat Belts	21	111		-81.1%
37	Mobile Phone	22	114		-80.7%

With the exception of dangerous and disqualified driving we have seen a reduction in all of the road traffic offences above. Routine patrols by Road Policing Officers and Divisional Officers ensures that offences are dealt with appropriately, resulting in enforcement and/or education.

Public Confidence					
		Apr 2015 - Jul 2015			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
38	Complaints received about the Police	33		42.7	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
39	Total Allegations Recorded	47	1	5	53