



**Dundee City Council**

**Dundee City Council Neighbourhood, Housing and Communities  
Committee**

**Report No 148-2026**

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA**

**QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

**01 October 2025 – 31st March 2026**

**Report by T/Chief Superintendent 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:

## **OFFICIAL: POLICE AND PARTNERS**

- Target those involved in drug supply
- Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures
- Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour
- Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims
- Make our roads safer
- Enable and support effective engagement and communication with the public
- Protect, support and empower our people
- Support colleague's performance and development
- Seek out shared learning and training opportunities with partners

### **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 Neighbourhood, Housing and Communities Committee. Quarterly Performance Reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Dundee Neighbourhood, Housing and Communities Committee however from Q3 will move to 6 monthly reporting.

This report covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

In line with the Dundee LPP, this 2 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 service.

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?

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

Drug harm and Drug  
supply

Violence

Anti social behaviour

Acquisitive Crime

Road Safety

Public Protection

#### Local Policing Objectives

Reduce the stigma and harm of drug use

Target those involved in drugs supply

Protect vulnerable people from harm

Work collaboratively to improve the  
support and outcomes for those in crisis

Address violence through preventative and  
enforcement measures

Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour

Tackle acquisitive crime and support  
victims

Support victims of crime and prevent re-  
victimisation

Make our roads safer through prevention,  
education and enforcement

#### Police Scotland Strategic Outcomes

Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a  
proactive and responsive police service

The needs of local communities are addressed through  
effective service delivery

The public, communities and  
partners are engaged, involved  
and have confidence in policing

Our people are supported through a positive working  
environment, enabling them to serve the public

Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared  
for future challenges

### PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

PERSON CENTRED APPROACH

PARTNERSHIPS

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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          | 1643            | 1716  | 1730.8   | -4.3      | -5.1          | 30.7           | 31.4 | 33.0     | -0.7           | -2.3          |
| ASB Incidents            | 10634           | 10571 | -        | 0.6       | -             | -              | -    | -        | -              | -             |
| <b>Violence</b>          |                 |       |          |           |               |                |      |          |                |               |
| Robbery                  | 130             | 117   | 144.4    | 11.1      | -10.0         | 50.0           | 68.4 | 70.8     | -18.4          | -20.8         |
| Serious Assault          | 109             | 104   | 129.6    | 4.8       | -15.9         | 72.5           | 73.1 | 74.1     | -0.6           | -1.6          |
| Common Assault (excl EW) | 2028            | 1906  | 1973     | 6.4       | 2.8           | 64.4           | 64.4 | 64.3     | -0.1           | 1.5           |
| <b>Public Protection</b> |                 |       |          |           |               |                |      |          |                |               |
| Overall Group 2          | 589             | 530   | 556.8    | 11.1      | 5.8           | 71.0           | 53.2 | 58.3     | 17.8           | 12.7          |
| Rape                     | 139             | 106   | 115.4    | 31.1      | 20.5          | 68.8           | 58.6 | 63.5     | 10.2           | 5.3           |
| Domestic Abuse           | 133             | 133   | 103.8    | 0.0       | 28.1          | 84.2           | 69.2 | 72.3     | 15.0           | 11.9          |
| <b>Road Safety</b>       |                 |       |          |           |               |                |      |          |                |               |
| Speeding offences        | 439             | 227   | 490.4    | 93.4      | -10.5         | 100.0          | 99.6 | 100.0    | 0.4            | 0.0           |
| Drink / Drug Driving     | 314             | 258   | 250.4    | 21.7      | 25.4          | 90.4           | 99.6 | 97.1     | -9.2           | -6.7          |
| <b>Acquisitive Crime</b> |                 |       |          |           |               |                |      |          |                |               |
| HBs                      | 311             | 366   | 411.2    | -15.3     | -24.6         | 30.6           | 41.3 | 33.4     | -10.7          | -2.8          |
| Motor Vehicle Crime      | 1023            | 647   | 729.6    | 58.1      | 40.2          | 29.9           | 32.5 | 31.2     | -2.6           | -2.0          |
| Fraud                    | 635             | 583   | 610.8    | 8.9       | 4.0           | 18.7           | 18.5 | 17.3     | 0.2            | 1.4           |
| Shoplifting              | 3174            | 1902  | 1533.4   | 66.9      | 107.0         | 47.4           | 40.9 | 41.6     | 6.5            | 5.8           |

### **Local Priority/Activity - Target those involved in drug supply**

We target drug dealers identified as causing significant antisocial Behaviour to communities and who put our most vulnerable people at harm. Regular partnership working with DCC ASB team and other Housing Associations assist in identifying persistent offenders. These actions often lead to evictions, making communities safer.

Tayside Division's Serious Organised Crime (SOC) Team are a specialist sub-department within the Criminal Investigation Department and lead locally on the investigation of SOC where intelligence is developed up to a point where significant diversion, disruption, or wider enforcement can take place.

Our Community Policing teams carry out regular drug search warrant enforcement based on intelligence.

### **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. This report will provide a detailed breakdown of the levels of violent crime recorded and investigated within the Dundee local authority area during the current performance year, whilst exploring the current trends and perpetuating factors which are central to the commission of these crimes.

The report will 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 diverse communities and deliver a sense of public safety.

#### **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 Abuse 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).

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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 lead 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.

Every morning senior managers meet to discuss each incident of note and assign each case to the appropriate department to review and investigate.

### Statistical Analysis and Crime Management

Tayside Division Community Analysts produce a monthly 'Violent Crime Report' which allows senior officers to analyse 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.

Our 'crime management' department ensures that each crime is properly recorded and that a robust professional investigation is delivered. Line managers across local policing, CID and PPU routinely assess crimes under investigation to ensure that these investigations are being progressed at pace and that vital safeguarding for victims is in place.

Through this combination of strong governance, statistical analysis, and careful tasking we can focus our resources effectively to maximise detection rates, limit repeat offending and prioritise crime prevention activity.

### Murder

There have been three murders during Q3 and none in Q4.

This first murder occurred on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 and related to the death of a female who was murdered, by her partner, within her home address, in the Downfield area of Dundee. The accused initially fled the scene but was traced by Police later the same day and subsequently arrested and

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charged with the offence. The family of the deceased were supported by specialist officers and accused was remanded in custody following an appearance at Dundee Sheriff Court.

The second murder occurred on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025, in the Lochee area of Dundee, and related to the death of a female who was murdered within the home address of her partner, who is also the accused. The accused initially attended at Police HQ reporting a separate matter involving the deceased. Police enquiries were made and the male (accused) was subsequently arrested and charged with the offence. The family of the deceased were supported by specialist officers and accused was remanded in custody following an appearance at Dundee Sheriff Court.

The third murder occurred on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, in the Hilltown area of Dundee. This related to the death of a male, who died after a disturbance within a stairwell of one of the multi's in the Hilltown area of Dundee.

After an extensive Police operation, a male was arrested and charged with the offence. The accused was remanded in custody following an appearance at Dundee Sheriff Court.

### Attempted Murder

There have been five attempted murders in Q3 and one attempted Murder in Q4 Dundee which is a decrease from the five reported in Q2 and the twelve reported within the corresponding period last year.

CID investigated five incidents and LPA investigated one. Five of the incidents have been detected with perpetrators arrested and charged. One of the offences remains undetected.

Two of the incidents were connected and involved a vehicle being intentionally driven at the complainers. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained.

Knives were used as weapons in the four other incidents whereby serious injuries were sustained.

The undetected attempt murder resulted from a disturbance outside a Public House within Dundee City Centre. The victim is non-cooperative with Police. However, investigations are ongoing with forensic analysis meaning it is anticipated this will be detected.

### Serious Assault

In Dundee, there have been 25 Serious Assaults recorded during Q3 and 19 Serious Assaults recorded in Q4. However, one of these crimes has been put for a no crime review. The figure in Q3 showed a slight increase from the 23 Serious assaults reported in Q2 but a decrease with regards to the 19 serious assaults for the Q4 figures.

So far, of the 44 crimes reported in Q3 and Q4, 30 of these crimes have been detected giving a current detection rate of over 69%. A number of these investigations are ongoing with positive lines of investigation being pursued such as identified suspects and forensic examinations pending.

Serious assault and violent crime are overseen by CID. A Detective Sergeant will review circumstances and have a footprint on the crime if CID do not have ownership. The Detective Inspector responsible for the CID in the Local Policing Area will ensure undetected crimes of this nature are subject to regular scrutiny / review to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed in a timeous manner.

The definition of a serious assault ranges from any injury which requires medical closure technique i.e stitches or glue to broken bones and internal injuries. Therefore, severity of injuries within this category ranges from facial injuries requiring minimal closure techniques sustained from a single punch to broken bones or serious lacerations sustained during prolonged attacks where weapons are used.

From analysis of these recorded assaults 19 occurred within residential properties where the accused was known to the victim and 22 within open space. Most of these incidents involved punching and kicking the victim to the head and body causing injury whilst 15 involved the use of weapons such as knives and blunt objects.

### Robbery

Crimes of Robbery, Assault and Robbery, and assaults with intent to Rob are recorded within this section. These crimes include any threat of violence or inference of any kind sufficient for incidents to be recorded.

These crimes are predominately investigated by Detective Officers supervised by a Detective Inspector. Crimes of this nature are a divisional priority, and a robbery toolkit has been developed to ensure consistency of investigative practice and provision of support to victims.

31 robberies were reported in Q3 and 34 robberies were reported in Q4. These are similar figures to the 34 Robberies reported in Q2. However, this figure is higher than the 25 and 24 robberies reported during the corresponding periods the previous year.

Of these 65 offences 29 were detected with a detection rate of 45%. Several investigations are ongoing with identified suspects and outstanding forensic analysis meaning it is anticipated this figure will rise.

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Analysis revealed 28 of these offences occurred in open space whilst 29 occurred within residential premises and 5 within commercial properties.

Weapons such as bladed items, bottles and bats were used in 11 crimes whilst physical violence such as punching and kicking was used to obtain property were commonly used in 43 offences. In 14 crimes the threat of violence was used to obtain property from the victim.

In many cases, a review of the crime reports shows that in most cases the victim and suspect/accused were known to each other prior to the robbery and several investigations are still ongoing.

In many cases both will have addiction issues, and the crime is committed to fund addiction. This creates barriers to witness engagement which can be challenging as Police are then reliant on independent witnesses / additional sources of evidence to establish circumstances.

### PARTNERSHIPS

Over the last period, partnerships officers have remained committed to raising awareness of County Lines and Cuckooing, holding several positive engagements across the city with different services including local taxi companies, homeless units, hotels and various partner agencies. Supporting posters and leaflets were provided with further training opportunities also signposted.

Driving awareness around recognising the signs of exploitation remains a key area of focus with County Lines and Cuckooing training delivered to DVVA (Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action).

Working in conjunction with DCC Anti-Social Behaviour Team and the SARC (Safety Alarm Response Centre) hotspot areas have been targeted with preventative messaging relating to County Lines, ASB and drugs, highlighting reporting mechanisms through the respective agencies, with over 1000 leaflets distributed.

Operation Begonia continues to offer support and safeguarding in conjunction with partner agencies and focussed deployments are carried out regularly ensuring we continue to build safer communities and support victims involved in commercial sexual exploitation.

Looking forward to Q1&2 26/27, a Violence Strategy is in development for implementation in the Local Policing Area and there is ongoing delivery of No Knives, Better Lives.

### COMMUNITY POLICING

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Tackling violence has been a priority for our CPTs, achieved through a focus on hot spot locations, domestic offender and outstanding apprehension warrants linked to violent offences and acquisitive crime. Each locality across Dundee has also benefitted from the presence of Violence Prevention patrols, able to quickly respond to instances of public violence, to deter further offending and reassure the local community. These patrols can be easily flexed, depending on data driven demand or high-profile incidents.

During quarters 3\*4, our Community and Response Policing Teams across the city have been tackling violence through a variety of enforcement opportunities, intelligence led Policing and proactive preventative work with a key focus on targeting domestic offenders and outstanding apprehension warrants linked to violent offences.

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.

### SNAPSHOT

- Officers engaged with pupils through a series of inputs at Greenfields Academy to support the No Knives better Lives Campaign. This was aimed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> year age group and will be concluded throughout April 2026 and thereafter delivered to other high schools in the area.
- Officers have worked collaboratively alongside staff from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, as well as staff and students from Greenfields Academy, on a short film aimed at preventing anti-social behaviour and deliberate fires being set in abandoned buildings. Whilst SRFS will take the lead on distributing the film to 1<sup>st</sup> year pupils this will also be utilised by Police Scotland for future preventative work within the community.
- Officers have engaged with several Youth Girl Groups based at Greenfields Academy, Finmill and Douglas Centre delivering advice and support around Safety in the Community and whilst utilising public transport.
- Breach of bail curfew reports progressed weekly, with monitoring of sign on logs and subsequent investigation of identified failures. This has resulted in several apprehensions and bail review requests to COPFS.

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- Forming partnerships with Community Alcohol Partnership to plan future projects across Dundee to engage youths and offer diversionary options to anti-social behaviour. Positive engagement visits with local retailers in relation to retail crime and crime prevention advice, also providing all local retailers with CPT contacts through QR code.
- City Centre Policing teams have carried out regular directed high-visibility patrols, carrying out licensed premises checks, positively engaging with young people and intervening with intoxicated persons, enforcing early intervention and reducing the likelihood of violence.
- City Centre teams have also prioritised enquiries in relation to violent crime, quickly identifying offenders and bringing them to justice timeously, whilst considering and utilising additional powers in conjunction with COPFS to prevent repetition.

Operation Argonite officers worked to target those offenders who posed a higher risk to victims through focussed investigation. Operation Argonite concluded in February 2026 with the introduction of the Policing For Our Communities Model.

Similar work is now carried out by our response and community Policing teams, supported by the CID Serious and Organised Crime section.

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

#### PARTNERSHIPS SNAPSHOT

Partnerships Officers continue to support a collaborative approach to tackling anti-social behaviour, working with partner agencies across the city including Anti-Social Behaviour Team, DCC Housing, Housing Associations, DCC Building and Trading Standards, with an overarching aim of reducing the impact on local communities.

There are 116 Live ASBOs in Dundee of which, 16 were created during quarter 4.

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There are 34 crime reports for Breach of ASBO between 01/01/2026 and 31/03/2026 in Dundee section. For the same reporting period, 26 Cases have been submitted for Breach, some with multiple offences.

There remains continual engagement with the ASB team and proactive sharing where appropriate.

Whilst certain functions remain in the Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions (PIP) space, much of the work previously carried out by PIP has now been taken over by Community Policing across the city.

### COMMUNITY POLICING SNAPSHOT

- Along with DCC ASB Team, numerous Youth Warnings have been delivered to young persons within the community as part of the Early and Effective Intervention that offer support or conditions to change behaviour rather than criminalising minor offences.
- Longhaugh CPT have carried out numerous hi-visibility and plain clothed foot and mobile patrols across Broughty Ferry, Fintry and Linlathen areas specifically targeting Antisocial behaviour.
- Across Maryfield and Hilltown, increased presence in problem areas through foot and cycle patrols. Meeting with DCC Housing, Retailers and residents to listen to concerns. Additionally patrols and reassurance visits to Greens in Albert Street, King street, Hilltown Multis, Arklay Street, Dens Road.
- Operation Begonia patrols fortnightly to support vulnerable females and tackle anti-social behaviour. Four males reported for soliciting offences in Q3 and Q4.
- City Centre Community Policing Team (CCCPT) engaged with Dundee City Council around issues being encountered at local parking establishments including rough sleeping, substance misuse and antisocial behaviour. Regular high visibility proactive patrols have been carried out within the parking areas leading to the removal of various persons. Work is ongoing with DCC re housing opportunities for these people. This remains ongoing during Q1 & 2 (26/27) with DCC in relation to the issue which has increased within common close areas of the City Centre.

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- CCCPT are currently engaging with DCC City Centre Management and local businesses to establish diversionary activities for young people during the upcoming Summer Holidays 2026.
- Weekly discussions with respective agencies where appropriate to ensure proportionate action is taken, with outcomes monitored and reviewed.
- Progression of joint visits where appropriate or required, ensuring a co-ordinated approach.
- Support to the monthly ASB MATAAC, focusing on emerging trends/ repeat locations and wider impacting ASB.
- Monitoring and reviewing incidents relating to ASB with relevant calls shared where appropriate in accordance with Data Protection Governance, to facilitate appropriate action such as tenancy & ASB warnings, ASBO progression and occasionally eviction proceedings.
- Working with partners to raise awareness around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the delivery of safer communities, Partnership Officers have delivered awareness inputs on Misinformation, Third Party Reporting and Hate Crime Training.
- Partnership Officers have engaged with Scotdec and Education, to discuss opportunities to deliver Hate Crime Inputs in local Secondary Schools to raise awareness and increased understanding.
- A review of the weapons in school policy has been considered with a partnership approach being utilised to support delivery of awareness of knife crime through appropriate materials including "No Knives Better Lives".

### DIVISIONAL LICENSING SNAPSHOT

- Working in partnership with Dundee City Council, Social Work and SFRS to identify those involved in ASB and work collaboratively to provide focused prevention and diversionary activity.
- Conduct high visibility patrols and engage with partner agencies, local residents and businesses to identify intervention opportunities and prevent and detect antisocial behaviour in particular alcohol related criminality.
- Develop nighttime economy plans with licensed premises and promote 'Bystander Awareness Training'
- Engagement with local Taxi Drivers to report and discourage anti-social behaviour.

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- Offer "Bystander Awareness Training" to Taxi Drivers specifically tailored to youth anti-social behaviour.
- Conduct regular Taxi vehicle checks to gather and collate intelligence relating to these issues

Engagement with local off-licences and encourage them to report instances of disorder and antisocial behaviour both within and outside their premises.

### FIRERAISING UPDATES

Within Q3 and Q4, 27 and 33 crimes were recorded respectively which is a significant decrease from 40 crimes recorded within the previous quarter and a decrease from the 51 and 55 crimes recorded within Q3 and Q4 for the corresponding period last year.

Within the 27 crimes recorded in Q3 and the 33 crimes in Q4, 11 and 15 of these respectively are in relation to vehicle fire-raising's. There were 19 and 15 vehicle fire-raising's in Q3 and Q4 respectively in the corresponding period last year indicating a decrease in vehicle fires.

About 13% of the total crimes in Q3 and Q4 have been detected however the majority are still under enquiry awaiting forensic analysis of materials/items found at the scene, so further detections are possible.

During Q2 (August 2025) a vehicle fire-raising investigative strategy document was developed due to the increase number of fire-raising's YTD. The purpose of this document was to develop a tiered approach to ensure consistency regarding objectives, suggested investigative strategies, considerations and ownership of investigation.

This appears to have had a positive impact with the number of fire-raising's during Q3 and Q4 significantly decreasing from the previous months and corresponding periods last year.

### OPERATION LESTE

Operation Leste is the Police Scotland national response to Immigration related protest activity. During Quarters 3 & 4, Police in Dundee attended a number of weekly protests across the city.

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There were three key locations impacted, namely Alloway Terrace, Reid Square and Arbroath Road. Whilst the majority of protests passed peacefully and lawfully, the operation was regularly reviewed and debriefed. We have been able to draw upon several national resources such as Hate crime advisors and Police Liaison Teams to help support a fair and balanced and approach.

Through effective communication, investigation and proportionate Policing, several participants were arrested and charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Some of these cases remain active, therefor limited detail can be provided . there

Police Scotland is a rights-based organisation, and our role is to ensure public safety while balancing the rights of protesters who wish to peacefully demonstrate.

We continue to monitor activity in neighbouring Policing areas and we work closely with Mears, Dundee City Council and other partners to ensure the safety of those taking part and affected communities as well as sharing intelligence and learning to inform our local and national response under Operation Leste.

We remain committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all communities.

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

### Housebreaking (Domestic Dwelling)

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 31 crimes recorded during the Q3 period and 41 crimes recorded during the Q4 period. There were 41 crimes recorded in Q2 which shows a decrease in Q3 and the same as Q4. However, there is a slight increase from the 65 crimes reported in Q3 and Q4 of the corresponding period the previous year.

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Approximately 19% of these crimes have been detected to date. Several enquiries are ongoing with forensic results pending and positive lines of investigation being pursued meaning this figure will rise.

Police Scotland continue to collaborate with partners sharing preventative advice.

CID and the SOC do review some of these crimes to ensure that any crime series is identified quicker maximising intelligence / evidential opportunities in relation to stolen vehicles/property providing a joined up investigative approach.

### Fraud

181 crimes of fraud were recorded in Q3 and 206 in Q4 which is an increase from the 143 and 151 crimes respectively reported during the corresponding periods last year and increase in the 130 crimes recorded in Q2.

Analysis of the crimes recorded in quarter 3 and 4 show 148 of these crimes occurred within the complainer's home address with 96 of these having the 'cybercrime' tag indicating an 'online' element.

The challenge when dealing with online fraud is many of the perpetrators of these crimes are located out with the UK providing an additional barrier to their identification and opportunities to bring to justice.

117 of the offences were committed in retail premises several of which was the fraudulent use of stolen bank cards.

About 22% of these offences were detected however due to the complex nature of fraud enquiries are protracted and take a significant amount of time to complete which will impact upon these figures.

### Motor Vehicle Crime

Within Q3 and Q4, 98 and 136 crimes were recorded respectively which is an increase from 86 crimes recorded in Q2.

About 46% of these offences were detected and there are several crimes still under enquiry, so further detections are possible. Although crimes have increased the detection rate has also increased from previous quarters.

An Acquisitive team is now responsible for investigating crime series under line management of CID. This provides enhanced investigative ability and resources to address motor vehicle crime and work collaboratively with neighbouring divisions.

## PARTNERSHIPS

- Continued monitoring of Shoplifting within the Division.
- Engagement through Crime Prevention officers, supported by ALOs in the National RCTF.
- National ALOs completed 9 visits and surveys in Dundee.
- RCTF continue to support LPA. Dedicated enquiries and patrols, engagement with retailers.
- Implementation of Online Reporting for retailers is now fully functional across all Divisions, thus leading to a higher number of retail crimes being reported. Previously, this was under reported so whilst figures look alarmingly high, these figures are realistic and would reflect previous years had this tool been available during that time. RCTF support this system in terms of investigation along with the Police Community Investigation Hub through slower time enquiry and those which have limited enquiry opportunity to detect, may be subject to direct filing, however the results so far are showing higher levels of detection.

## COMMUNITY POLICING SNAPSHOT

- CPT officers have attended several sheltered housing complexes and delivered support and advice to resident around banking scams/frauds and ensuring understanding and education on the subject.
- Along with support from PSYV, officers were out as part of the After Dark Initiative within the Broughty Ferry area throughout December 2025 combining hi-visibility patrols and crime prevention advice. Focusing on home security and encouraging homeowners to keep homes secure.

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- Coffee with a Cop has been ran within North East, East End and Broughty Ferry wards offering informal drop-in sessions within local community centre and libraries allowing opportunities for the community to attend and discuss/highlight issues.
- Officers, with support from Alzheimer's Scotland have delivered events in Broughty Ferry and Douglas bringing advice and guidance on the Herbert Protocol.
- Social media posts raising awareness of retail crime consequences, posting true reflection of weekly returns . High visibility patrols at identified repeat victims of crime. Leaflet drops at Hilltown multis and Hilltown / Stobswell retailers.
- CCCPT have worked alongside the Retail Crime Task Force and local businesses, carrying out a plain clothes days of action whereby several outstanding perpetrators were traced and arrested.
- CCCPT have also carried out further plain clothes patrols whereby they have recovered drugs, prevented shopliftings and traced wanted persons.

### RETAIL CRIME

Dundee LPA was successful in a bid to secure funding to tackle retail crime across the city. As such, several days of action were carried out during quarters 3&4 across the city and this involved working in partnership with the National Retail Crime Task Force, officers providing security advice to retailers, increasing high visibility patrols and dedicating time to tracing and dealing with high tariff offenders, ensuring that detailed reports are submitted to COPFS with a view to securing remands and robust bail requests to reduce reoffending.

This addition over the last 6 months as well as new reporting tools available to retailers has undoubtedly contributed towards the significant increase in recorded shopliftings whilst the focus on this area is also increasing the detection rate considerably.

## Local Priority/Activity – Make our roads safer

### ROADS POLICING UNIT

During the period under review the following initiatives were prioritised:

- Operation Drive Insured
- Winter Festive Drink/Drug Driving Campaign
- Commercial Vehicles Campaign

Dundee Local Policing Area suffered 1 fatal collision for the period under review.

The LPA have had 13 persons seriously injured due to road traffic collisions over Q3 and 4. YTD there is a reduction of 23 from last year as a whole.

Road safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing unit (RPU). Focused patrol work will be complemented using available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking resulting from local Tasking and Coordinating processes to tackle criminality.

Local Policing and RPU officers have been able to target driver behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on the Fatal 5 which are Dangerous/Careless driving, drink/drug driving, speeding, seatbelts and mobile phones, all in line with National and Local objectives and initiatives. This has resulted in an increase in

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speeding detections in particular throughout the area which is down to focused activity by both Roads Policing Officer's and Community Officers.

Based on strategic assessment, several priority locations have been identified in Dundee which have been subject to focused operational activity, including the A90, A92 as well as main routes through the City.

Road Policing Officers assisted by Divisional Staff have carried out several Days of Action with DVSA on the A92 where both cars and commercial vehicles have been stopped and checked with various offences dealt with.

National Driver Retraining Scheme (NDS) continues to be rolled out across Dundee with schools and businesses being visited by Road Policing staff and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Days of Action in the city with Motor Insurance Bureau (MIB) resulted in a significant number of vehicles seized driven without Insurance.

Rider Refinement North (RRN) has commenced this month with good uptake from motorcyclists already from the local area and will run up until end of August. RRN looks to educate motorcyclists in enhanced road safety. This will be continued again next year working alongside Institute of Advanced Motorists.

### COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Our Community Policing and response Policing teams continue to support national operations as well as addressing local issues including reports of speeding. Enforcement is carried out as well as prevention activity including the use of our Pop-Up Police officers which can be seen across the city.

CPT's also regularly assist Dundee City Council with enforcing the School Exclusion zones which requires continual education and reminders.

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The main and repeated concerns on Dundee streets is that of the Surrón bikes which pose risk not only to the inexperienced riders, but other road users and members of the public.

Our CPT's are proactive in their approach to this problem and several seizures have been made of such bikes over the last two quarters.

CPT's remains committed to tackling this issue and several days of action are planned for 26/27.

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

Our officers continue to carry out various engagement events, including Police Surgeries within local community, attending multi-agency support sessions, affording members of the community the opportunity to attend and speak to a police officer to seek advice, re-assurance or ask questions. Whilst preventative advice is always offered, we also signpost to other relevant support agencies.

These include the popular "Coffee with a Cop" sessions, PIP stalls regularly located within the Overgate Centre offering advice in relation to crime prevention and educational activity in relation to hate crime to name just a few.

We are making use of our social media platform to showcase our good work, partnership collaboration and updates on live incidents, road closures and missing persons amongst other information. We have increased this usage during the beginning of quarter 1 (2026) and are receiving positive feedback.

### Local Priority/Activity – Protect, support and empower our people

Informational Posters circulated in heavy footfall areas, promoting the Employee Assistance Program which provides access to a range of personal facilities and assisting services to support our staff.

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There are regular emails to management encouraging the recording and recognition of good work that contributes to all staff email and a Divisional Newsletter is circulated monthly which also recognises achievement and signposts officers to support services and development opportunities.

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

As part of our ongoing Dundee Estates Improvement Programme, we are pleased to announce the relocation from Maryfield to our newly refurbished premises in the Hilltown which is now our base for the Hilltown and Maryfield Community team. Maryfield is now occupied by a larger team of our Operational Support Division and will see the site refitted for purpose in supporting our specialist services.

This move represents a significant investment in providing modern, fit-for-purpose facilities for officers and staff, including a brand-new kitchen and improved welfare areas in the Hilltown. In addition, a comprehensive “clear-out” of police stations across Dundee is underway to remove unused equipment, declutter workspaces, and make better use of available accommodation. These improvements will create cleaner, more efficient, and more welcoming environments for everyone, ensuring our estate continues to support the outstanding work carried out by our teams across the city.

## POLICING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

In February 2026, Tayside Division launched a new Policing model, as part of a wider graduated national rollout. It had been recognised that Local Policing has been mostly unchanged since the creation of Police Scotland, with varied Divisional approaches, whilst crime & public expectation has continued to evolve. There had been a number of challenges facing Police Scotland including visibility, the public getting non-emergency help timely and appropriately as well as frontline policing becoming more reactive than proactive and preventative.

The new model aims to address these challenges and enhance Community Policing. In addition to Response and Community Policing teams, the Community Investigations Hub (CIH) has been created to better serve the public in terms of the management and response to non-urgent incidents and crimes. The CIH prioritises non-urgent demand to ensure the public receive a timely, efficient response.

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Through the model providing more efficiency, Police officers will be more visible in their communities providing increased capacity to focus on effective local problem solving and engagement with their communities.

Although the model is in its infancy in the Division, there are already positive signs that it will achieve its aims and provide a better service to Dundee City.

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