



**Dundee City Council
Dundee City Council Scrutiny Committee
Report No 209-2025**

**DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA
QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT**

1st January 2025 – 31st March 2025

**Report by Chief Superintendent Nicola 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:

- Protect vulnerable people from harm

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- Support victims of crime and prevent re-victimisation
- Address violence through preventative and enforcement measure
- Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour
- Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims
- Make our roads safer
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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 Scrutiny and Audit Committee. Quarterly Performance Reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Dundee Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

This report covers the period from 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025.

In line with the Dundee LPP, the 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 as a whole.

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?



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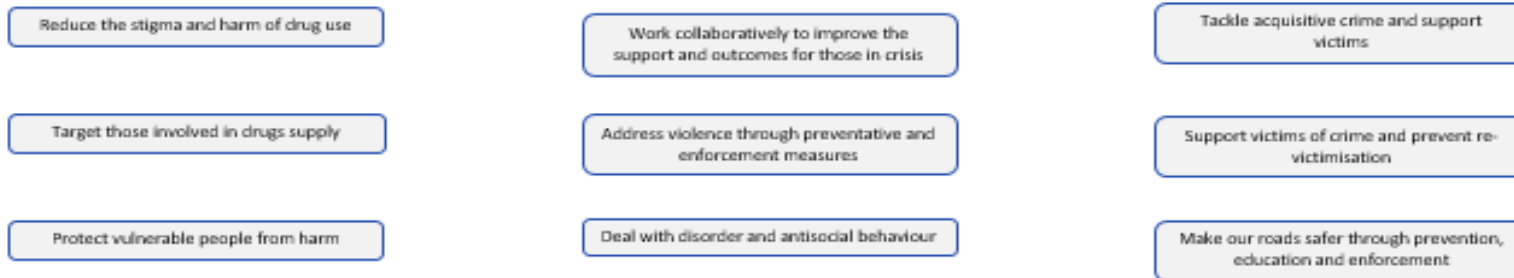
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Our Purpose Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in **Scotland**
Our Values Fairness Integrity Respect Human Rights

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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.
ASB and Disorder										
Overall group 4	1714	1628	1794.2	5.3	-4.5	31.5	28.9	35.2	2.6	-3.7
ASB Incidents	11909	11541	13467	3.2	-14.2					
Violence										
Robbery	115	155	147.8	-25.8	-22.2	67.0	65.2	70.8	1.8	-3.8
Serious Assault	110	131	142.8	-16.03	-23.0	75.5	72.5	74.9	2.9	0.5
Common Assault (excl Emergency Workers)	1895	1862	2001.2	1.77	-5.3	65.8	66.3	64.1	-0.5	1.7
Public Protection										
Overall Group 2	528	516	574.4	2.3	-8.1	53.4	64.1	60.0	-10.7	-6.6
Rape	98	106	112.2	-7.54	-12.7	59.2	65.1	62.9	-5.9	-3.7
Domestic Abuse	1707	1699		0.47		66.0				
Road Safety										
Speeding offences	227	171	671.4	32.74	-66.2	99.6	100.6	100.0	-1.0	-0.5
Drink / Drug Driving	244	183	257.4	33.3	-5.2	97.1	100.0	95.7	-2.9	1.4
Acquisitive Crime										
HBs	354	353	429.0	0.3	-17.5	41.8	35.4	31.7	6.4	10.1
Motor Vehicle Crime	648	882	739.2	-26.5	-12.3	28.4	23.4	27.2	5.0	1.2
Fraud	594	659	577.4	-9.86	2.9	17.8	15.0	20.0	2.8	-2.1
Shoplifting	1896	2177	1418.2	-12.9	33.7	40.8	39.1	45.9	1.7	-5.1

Overall Group 2' **All Sexual Crimes** including Rape & Attempts, Indecent & Sexual Assaults, Prostitution Offences and 'Other' Group 2 Crimes.

Overall Group 4' **All Fireraising, Vandalism, Reckless Conduct and 'Other' Group 4 Crimes.**

Counting rules for Domestic Abuse have changed and as such a wider comparison would be inaccurate.

- **Local Priority/Activity - Protect vulnerable people from harm**

The Partners Intelligence Portal is a secure and confidential electronic system, developed by Police Scotland to enable partner agencies to share important information they receive whilst working. The portal provides capable partners with the means to securely and discreetly submit key information, whilst maintaining safeguards which protect the source of the information. As part of the continued commitment and drive to improve, focus remains in place to raise awareness and expand the use of the Portal with awareness inputs and training delivered across the quarter to representatives from Hope Point and Hillcrest Futures, with further inputs scheduled for Q1 with a wide range of statutory and 3rd sector services.

Over the quarter, partnerships officers have remained committed to raising the awareness of County Lines and Cuckooing with training delivered to the team at Hillcrest Housing and further inputs scheduled for Hillcrest Futures and the Strive Team, developing a greater understanding of how to recognise and report signs.

There is ongoing engagement with Social Bite in relation to proposed Recovery Village in Dundee with site visit undertaken and continued planning around proposed public engagement and discussion held with the Director of Public Health regarding development of Drug Trend Escalation process.

During Q4, Downfield Community Policing Team (CPT) have worked closely with Operation Argonite, (our proactive investigations team), to develop intelligence and complete enforcement in relation to local level drug dealing. This enforcement action has resulted in the recovery of Class A controlled drugs and a female being arrested, cautioned and charged and reported to COPFS. This work has also provided opportunities to signpost drug users to support services.

We have worked closely with partners in the launch of **Operation Begonia**, which is designed to protect those vulnerable women forced into street prostitution through criminalising those who intend on purchasing sex. Activity is centred around high visibility vehicle and foot patrols, supported by plainclothes patrols. This also includes linking in with gendered services partners and submitting referrals in order to access support. A further, fuller update will follow at next Quarter's Scrutiny.

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• Local Priority/Activity - Support victims of crime and prevent re-victimisation

Tackling violence and supporting victims has been a priority for our community teams, achieved through a focus on hot-spot locations, domestic offenders, priority nominals 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.
- Downfield CPT complete ongoing reviews of Category A Apprehension Warrants linked to violence in the locality. This ensures offenders are arrested quickly, reducing opportunities for further offending. During this quarter, numerous Cat A apprehension warrants linked to violent offences have been enforced locally.
- Focused proactive patrols in hot spot areas known for violent crime, utilising stop search powers where applicable.

Longhaugh Community Officer, PC Fotheringham, has attended a Youth Diversionary Meeting with CLD workers, planning for upcoming events and diversionary work in Broughty Ferry over the upcoming summer period. Work is ongoing to ensure diversionary activities are in place for the summer months and the increase in people attending in the area to utilise the beach, as we are conscious that Broughty Ferry can become a focus for youth related disorder.

LCPT attended at a local Bield Sheltered Housing to provide crime prevention and safety advice.

- **Local Priority/Activity - Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures.**

Introduction

Tackling violent crime is part of Police Scotland's focus in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our communities. This report provides a detailed breakdown of the levels of violent crime recorded and investigated within the Dundee local authority area during the current reporting period, 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).

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.

Senior managers meet each day to discuss incidents of note and assign each case to the appropriate department to review and investigate.

Statistical Analysis and Crime Management

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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 focus our resources effectively to maximise detection rates, limit repeat offending and prioritise crime prevention activity.

Murder

There have been no murders during the reporting period.

Attempted Murder

There have been six attempted murders in Dundee, which is a slight rise from the five reported during the previous reporting period.

All the incidents were investigated by CID. None of the offences are connected and all have been detected.

Vehicles were used as weapons in two of these offences and were intentionally driven at victims.

In a further two of these crimes Police officers were the victims. On one occasion the offender attempted to stab an officer to the chest whilst being arrested however thankfully body armour was not breached and no injury caused.

In a further incident, a male discharged a crossbow towards officers who were outside his address during a siege. Thankfully, the bolts missed, and no injury was caused to either police officers or any members of the public. The male was later arrested and remanded in custody.

Serious Assault

There have been 30 Serious Assaults recorded during Q4 in Dundee. This is an increase from the twenty-five reported during the previous quarter but a decrease from the forty-two reported within the corresponding period last year.

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Twenty of these crimes were detected giving a current detection rate of 66.3%. 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 can range 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 fourteen occurred within residential properties, three within licensed premises and the remainder in open space. Most of these incidents involved punching and kicking the victim to the head and body causing injury whilst eight 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.

Within Q4, twenty-four robberies were reported, which is almost identical to the twenty-five reported during previous quarter, however significantly lower than the forty-two reported during the corresponding period the previous year.

Of these twenty-four offences, sixteen robberies were detected with a detection rate of 66.6%. Several investigations are ongoing with identified suspects and outstanding forensic analysis meaning it is anticipated this figure will rise.

Analysis revealed seven of these offences occurred in open space, twelve occurred in residential premises and the remaining offence took place upon public transport.

Further analysis identified in twenty of these offences physical violence such as punching and kicking was used to obtain property. In the remaining cases threats of violence and use of weapons were used.

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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.

Looking forward into Quarter 1, Dundee LPA have now enacted an ongoing regime of dedicated violence reduction patrols, operating predominantly in the evenings, 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 May 2025, patrols have taken place right across Dundee, with a particular focus on Lochee, Douglas, Kirkton, Fintry and Broughty Ferry.

- **Local Priority/Activity - Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour.**

Youth ASB

Our Community Policing Teams (CPTs) remain focused on delivering a multi-agency response to anti-social behaviour and have worked closely with ASBT, Community Safety Wardens (CSWs) and staff at premises within the Camperdown Leisure Park to target instances of anti-social behaviour and wilful fire-raising. This has led to the identification of young people involved and subsequent joint visits to their home address with the ASBT.

Work in this area remains ongoing and the following will be delivered over the coming weeks and months to detect and prevent further offending -

- Planned dedicated patrols by CPT and CSWs.
- Daily reviews of incidents and crimes to ensure all intelligence and investigative gathering opportunities are explored.
- Educational inputs at local schools to the identified age groups.
- If perpetrators are identified, referral through SFRS to their Support & Education programmes (FSSE).
- If there is criminality, perpetrators will be referred to Police Scotland Youth Justice Assessors for appropriate disposals.

Repeat Callers

The Dundee Partnerships team remain focused on tackling anti-social behaviour, driving a collaborative response with partner agencies including Housing, ASBT, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Trading Standards, with an overarching aim of reducing the impact on local communities.

During Q4, work has continued in relation to repeat callers, the majority of which relate to anti-social behaviour. Through collaboration with the ASBT, DCC Housing and private housing associations, many of the ongoing issues have been resolved either through early intervention or enforcement action. Early information sharing with partners has aided DCC ASBT obtaining anti-social behaviour orders providing additional protection for victims.

ASBOs

Currently there are 116 live ASBO's currently in place across Dundee with 13 breaches recorded across Q4, with ongoing multi-agency actions including:

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- Attendance at weekly meetings to discuss recurring ASB issues ensuring proportionate action is taken from a multi-agency perspective.
- Progression of joint visits where appropriate or required to ensure a co-ordinated approach.
- Support to the Quarterly MATAC relating to ASB to focus 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.

During Q4, Partnerships Officers have engaged with partners and the wider public to raise awareness around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) with examples including continued awareness sessions with Mears and residents at the Asylum Accommodation within Dundee to develop understanding around Scots Law and safeguarding, and engagement sessions with student support services at Dundee University.

Licensing

Between 1st January 2025 and 31st March 2025, the licensing team have processed 839 licence applications for the Dundee area. This included applications for occasional licenses to allow premises to have additional outdoor areas, grants and renewals for taxi operators/drivers. This also included renewals and grants of House of Multiple Occupancy and Short Term Lets.

35 recorded ASB incidents were at or in the immediate vicinity of licensed premises.

- There were 3 inspections carried out throughout Dundee, with no premises identified as problematic during this period.
- The licensing team have been promoting the 'Bystander' training throughout the city delivering training the premises.
- The Licencing team have also assisted at a number of significant events and have further plans over the summer.
- We have worked closely with LSOs in assisting in a new late-night venue opening.

The Licensing Team are continuing to deliver training to licenced premises in respect of keeping people safe, particularly during the night-time economy.

- **Local Priority/Activity - Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims.**

Acquisitive crime typically refers to theft by shoplifting, theft of and from motor vehicles, as well as theft by housebreaking.

Dundee LPA is supported by officers from the Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions unit (PIP), who carry out a daily review of local acquisitive crime, highlighting trends or crime series and identifying opportunities to publicize advice or signpost victims to support.

Within the divisional structure, there is a monthly Acquisitive Crime review, which reviews wider trends, both divisionally and nationally, identifying scope for collaborative working or specific intervention opportunities.

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 twenty-seven crimes recorded during the Q4 period, which is a decrease from the forty-two reported during the previous quarter but a slight increase from the twenty-four crimes recorded during the corresponding period in the previous year.

Approximately 45% 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 likely rise.

Police Scotland continue to collaborate with partners in sharing preventative advice.

These crimes are overseen by a Divisional Acquisitive crime team within CID, which ensures that they will either be entirely investigated or reviewed and directed by Detective Officers, under supervision of a Detective Sergeant and Inspector.

This assists with cross border crime series, which are identified more quickly, maximising intelligence gathering or evidential opportunities in relation to stolen vehicles/property, providing a joined up investigative approach.

Fraud

164 crimes of fraud were recorded this quarter, which is a slight rise from the 146 crimes reported the previous quarter and the 155 recorded during the corresponding period last year.

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Analysis of the crimes recorded in Q4 shows almost half of crimes occurred within the complainer's home address and have 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, proving an additional barrier to their identification and opportunities to bring to justice.

Over a third of the offences were committed in retail premises and involved fraudulent use of stolen bank cards.

About 17% 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 the Q4 period, 160 crimes were recorded, which is a decrease from 172 crimes recorded the previous quarter and from the 168 recorded quarter four last year.

About 30% of these offences were detected however there are several crimes still under enquiry so further detections are possible.

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

Partnerships officers continue to respond to ongoing and emerging trends relating to acquisitive crime including Theft HB's (domestic and commercial), frauds/scams, building site security and cybercrime releasing supporting messaging/ information and advice on all available platforms, further engaging with the community proactively as when required.

During Q4, a number of engagement opportunities with partners and the wider public relating to acquisitive crimes were identified as detailed:

Retail Crime:

Theft shopliftings remain a focus for Dundee officers, who can make increasing use of digital evidence gathering capability (DESC) to capture relevant CCTV, boosting solvency and ensuring best evidence is presented at court.

Nationally, Police Scotland has launched a new anti-shoplifting unit, the National Retail Crime Unit, which brings together officers with specialist knowledge and experience to act both as advisors to local policing areas, as well as a force multiplier to assist with specific initiatives.

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Locally, a Day of action held in Dundee City Centre held on 28th March with activities focused on enforcement and crime prevention awareness, with youth diversionary activities supported by local partners and PSYV to drive engagement and in recognition of it's position as a shoplifting hot-spot, Lochee CPT carried out significant investigation into thefts from BP Kingsway West, identifying and reporting 7 adult offenders for over 70 shopliftings.

They were supported by our PIP officers, who conducted a crime survey at the site, along with sustained engagement with BP Garages national security manager, in order to make amendments to the layout of the store and improve knowledge of staff, with a view to deterring further offending.

Fraud/ Scams/ Sextortion:

- Sextortion awareness delivered through PSYV stand in the Overgate Shopping Centre.
- Online input to Students at Dundee University to raise awareness around financial harm and scam.
- Crime Prevention Stand delivered in February for Adult Support and Protection Day with partners including Trading Standards/ SFRS and NHS Adult Protection Team, with a number of positive engagements with staff and members of the public to raise awareness around financial harm, home and personal safety and risks recognising the risks of exploitation.
- Attendance at local community groups/ forums to deliver scam awareness sessions.

Housebreakings:

Continued liaison with the Community Safety Wardens in Dundee around domestic housebreakings, with follow up 'After Dark' leaflet drops arranged, and several home safety visits undertaken. Crime Prevention follow-ups carried out for commercial HBs with advice given through a specifically trained officer where required.

- **Local Priority/Activity - Make our roads safer.**

During the period under review the following initiatives were prioritised:

- National Seatbelt Campaign
- Commercial Vehicles Campaign
- Vulnerable Road Users Pedestrians & Older Drivers
- National Speeding Campaign

Dundee LPA has suffered no fatalities for the period under review.

Dundee LPA have had 20 persons seriously injured due to road traffic collisions over Q4

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 on the road network.

Local policing and RPU officers have targeted driver behaviour in line with Force Objectives 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, seatbelt offences and use of mobile phones whilst driving.

Based on strategic assessment, several priority locations have been identified in Dundee which were subject to focused operational activity, including the A90 and A92.

The New Driver Scheme (NDS) continues to be successfully delivered in both the education and employment sectors across Tayside. The NDS is a presentation to raise awareness of road safety issues. The joint presentation, delivered by Police Scotland and SFRS provides a stark reminder of the individual responsibilities that the driver has, both for themselves and other road users.

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Within Q4, as part of the vulnerable road users Pedestrian Safety Campaign, road policing officers, along with Community Policing Teams have attended at school exclusion zones to provide education and enforcement with drivers using pedestrian zones along with Community Policing Teams.

Operation Challenge

During Q3, Downfield and Longhaugh CPTs have remained committed to Operation Challenge, focusing on detecting and disrupting those involved in the anti-social, reckless, and criminal use of e-motorbikes and off-road motorbikes. This has included:

- Liaising with our Control Room and Response Sergeants to ensure there is robust and intrusive supervision of the response to these incidents – this will improve our recording, evidence and intelligence gathering.
- Identified a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Downfield and Longhaugh who are reviewing incidents daily – this will ensure any potential investigative leads are identified and progressed whether this be by the CPT or Response Teams.
- Liaised with partners in Education, Community Social Work and Anti-Social Behaviour Teams requesting they submit any intelligence through the portal – this will improve our intelligence led approach.
- Undertaking pro-active operations as part of our day-to-day business, which has included the incorporation of new tactics, such as the use of drones, to improve our approach to this problem.

Since the beginning of March 2025, three of these vehicles have been seized and nine individuals cautioned and charged and reported to the Youth Justice Assessor, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration or Crown Procurator Fiscal Service. Downfield Community team also completed the seizure of two unregistered off-road motor bikes from the Kirkton area. Both riders will be charged for Road Traffic offences. There are also several live investigations with positive lines of enquiries.

Speeding

Following concerns from members of the public regarding speeding vehicles on Dalmahoy Drive, Downfield CPT are in the process of undertaking a speeding initiative over a six-week period to positively impact road safety at this location.

Vehicle fire-raising – Update:

Fire-raising to vehicles continue to be a notable issue across Dundee and one we are very much alive to.

During Q4, there were a total of 25 crimes of this type recorded, 10 less than during Q3. 7 of these offences have been subsequently solved and reported. The biggest single cause remains criminal disputes, most of which are investigated by detective officers, supported by specialist resources.

We remain fortunate that no victim or member of the public has been injured because of these offences, which are likely utilised to send a powerful visual message to the intended target, without putting the offender in harms way.

In terms of prevention, our PIP team, in tandem with colleagues at SFRS have visited every garage forecourt across Dundee, reminding owners of their responsibilities around the sale of fuel. Community Wardens have also supported us with patrols in the relevant area, following a report of vehicle fire-raising.

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