

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

Community Safety and Public Protection Committee – Monday 11th September 2017

DUNDEE CITY LOCAL POLICING AREA PERFORMANCE RESULTS 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017

Report No 298-2017 by Chief Superintendent Paul Anderson 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 against performance indicators that will facilitate local scrutiny.
- 2.2 Appendix A will provide context to the information provided in relation to performance and give information on some of the work which has taken place within the Dundee City Local Policing Area.
- 2.3 The data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Committee Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

3. PERFORMANCE

- 3.3 Performance Indicators detailed in Appendix A are subdivided into the following priorities within this report which are the Local Policing Priorities:
 - Putting Victims at the Heart of What We Do
 - Tackling Crime and ASB
 - Protecting Vulnerable People
 - Maintaining Public Safety

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 gives context to the 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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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Police Scotland to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing priorities for Dundee.

Performance in relation to the identified policing priorities is monitored and reviewed internally on a weekly basis. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Dundee City Council Community Safety and Public Protection Committee. This report covers the period from 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017.

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This report will make reference to crime groupings. Groups 1-4 refer to an amalgamation of four crime groups. They are Group 1, consisting of violent crime; Group 2 covering sexual offences; Group 3 covers a wide range of crimes of dishonesty; and Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising and malicious mischief.

Putting Victims at the Heart of What We Do

Putting victims at the heart of what we do, is a key focus in Dundee, and by identifying it as a priority allows us to focus on a victim centred approach to our response and preventative work.

Working with our partners and utilising all of Police Scotland's specialist's resources and trained staff assists us in ensuring victims feel confident and supported in the service we are providing.

Within this reporting period, the number of domestic incidents reported to Police and the total crimes in domestic abuse incidents have dropped slightly.

This is an area of what that Police Scotland have had a real focus on over the last few years and locally we utilise our Domestic Abuse Liaison Officers to provide support to victims and signpost them to our partner organisations.

Our Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit remain focused on investigating domestic incidents and actively encourage and seek out potential victims to ensure that crimes are recorded accurately and offenders are brought to justice.

Also within this reporting period there has been an increase in the number of sexual crimes reported. This is a reflection on the work our Online Sexual Crime Team carry out where again we take a proactive approach encouraging victims to have the confidence to report so we can identify offenders and ensure successful outcomes.

Theft by Housebreaking and Theft Shoplifting have both seen a reduction within this reporting period. Our Community Policing teams and the Community Investigation unit have done a lot of work around visibility and media messaging to provide positive security and safety messaging but also to provide reassurance within our communities.

The Community Investigation Unit led Operation Monarda, working together with Trading Standards on a week of action to tackle Bogus Workmen across the city.

This proactive approach targeted door steppers, canvassers and rogue traders. There were a number of offences detected and intelligence gathered by both police and Trading Standards.

The Community Policing team in Longhaugh have also been focusing on initiatives around Bogus Workman, leading on from this the Community Investigation Unit have been visiting sheltered accommodation, providing security advice liaising with partners in order to prevent and deter such crime happening.

This focus will continue and work is planned for officers to conduct briefings and visits to community drop ins as well as briefings to the media to ensure our communities are protected from becoming victims of these crime types.

The Community Policing Team model means that officers can focus on concerns and issues in specific wards and then share these initiatives across the city to ensure that everyone receives the same service and we can focus on the prevention of crime.

The City Centre Policing Team engage on a daily basis with the local Business in the Town Centre providing security and prevention advice. In order to combat Theft by Shoplifting the peak offending times and locations were identified and as a result a patrol matrix was put in place to ensure Police Officers were in the right place at the right time.

The City Centre Policing Team have now all been cycle trained and are in possession of all the appropriate equipment to undertake their duties on bicycles. This is at an early stage however the feedback is already positive from both the officers and the community, as the officers can cover a wider distance than on foot and can respond quicker to incidents within the city centre.

	Protecting Victims									
		5 year average	Apr 2016- June 2016	Apr 2017 - June 2017	% Change from last					
13	Number of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police		570	564	-1.1%					
14	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents		391	360	-7.9%					
15	Percentage of Domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded		50.2%	48.4%	-1.8%					
16	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents detection rate		74.4%	66.1%	-8.3%					
17	Total detections for Domestic Bail offences		23	19	-17.4%					
18	95% of initial Domestic Abuse Bail Checks are conducted within 24hrs		-	79.5%	-					
33	Number of Sexual Crimes		115	170	47.8%					
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate		64.4%	62.4%	-2.0%					
35	Rape detection rate		48.4%	69.2%	20.8%					

Housebreaking and Theft by Shoplifting

		5 year average	Apr 2016– June 2016	Apr 2017 – June 2017	% Change from last year
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate		26.6%	17.9%	-8.7%
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)		109	95	-12.8%
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate		74.8%	65.1%	-9.7%
29	Theft by shoplifting		409	332	-18.8%





Tackling Crime and ASB

Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour is without a doubt a clear priority within the City, it is recognised that by early intervention and early response to tacking Anti-Social behaviour can prevent escalation and crime occurring.

Across Dundee we continue to work with our partners and through the Community Safety Hub we are able to ensure that any Anti-Social Behaviour that is raised is shared with the Community Wardens for their patrol plans.

The Safe Zone bus remains a prominent feature within the City Centre during the weekend night time economy, and we maintain a Dundee Safe deployment, which sees officers dedicated in the Town Centre conducting licensed premises visits, liaising with door staff, taxi drivers and food outlets all to ensure that violence is prevented and where it does occur any detection opportunities are quickly identified and secured.

The violence picture is relatively comparative to this time last year although there has been an increase in Petty Assaults and crimes of Robbery.

In order to ensure that violence and Anti-Social Behaviour is not seen as acceptable, Locality Inspectors have specific action plans within their areas which focus on more detailed tasking and prevention suitable to their ward areas.

Focusing on evening economy violence the Locality Inspectors review the disposal of these crimes and ensure that all considerations are taken which include the request for exclusion orders and bail conditions preventing those involved from frequenting the City Centre and licensed premises.

In Longhaugh the Community Policing team have been working with partners from Scottish Fire and Rescue and have implemented a Fire raising Action Plan, some days of action have already taken place however there are more planned for the next reporting period where Police Officers will deploy with Community Wardens and Scottish Fire and Rescue officers into the targeted areas. Input to schools have already taken place and will continue when the new term begins. These will focus on the dangers, consequences and impact these crimes have on communities.

Engagement is in place with young offenders at Castle Huntly, and co-ordinated work is being undertaken within the community to assist in areas of need of visible improvement. The young offenders assist with work to address the overall appearance which benefits the community and also reduces the opportunity to commit vandalisms.

This work also allows the opportunity to improve relations with Police and also allows Police to understand the views of offenders.

Also within this reporting period Community Officers became aware of Dayton Drive leisure park seeing upwards of 60 youths congregating every Friday evening. This led to Anti-Social Behaviour in various forms. To tackle this, dedicated patrols were instigated every Friday evening. The Community Team also attended with youth workers and actively engaged with the youths, directing them to alternative activities. This had a very positive affect as many of the youths were unaware of the alternative activities on offer, with many agreeing to try them out. This resulted in a substantial reduction of youths congregating. In May 2017, Community Officers held a Bluebell Tea in the Ulverston Sheltered Housing accommodation, after a spike in Anti-Social Behaviour and crimes in the area. The Community team engaged with the occupants and the youths involved then arranged the tea to improve relationships. This was funded by the Community team, although they were supported with baking from various local retailers. Those attending were entertained by a Community Officer singing, and although the youths didn't come in and become involved they attended in the area and the situation has since resolved.

In June officers in Dundee undertook a week of action regarding concerns raised within the Community regarding those suspected to be involved in Drugs.

As a result of this

12 people were arrested on warrant

- 11 people were reported for drugs offences
- 7 people were reported for other offences

2 vehicles seized

This work has resulted in various other enquires and will now assist us with continuing this sort of proactivity with other days and weeks of action being planned.

During May and June the City Centre Community Policing Team worked together with the City Centre Ambassadors, the Community Safety Wardens, Street Chaplins and Safezone to pull together a plan to support the delivery of the Slessor Garden events.

These events were a huge success for the city and the contribution of the above groups/organisations ensured that it was not just those attending the event that were supported and kept safe but also the local business and residents too.

During this quarter the Community Investigation Unit have detected a series of 15 crimes where the offender had targeted elderly and vulnerable members of the public and had stolen cash and property. The perpetrator was found to be a prolific offender and following his arrest he plead guilty in court and was imprisoned for 4 years.

In addition to this the team have executed a number of drugs search warrants across the city and have seen positive results. A number of offenders have been identified and charged with being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

The Community Investigation Unit regularly attend and have input at a fortnightly Acquisitive Crime Meeting that is chaired by the local CID Detective Chief Inspector and also has input from P&K LPA, Angus LPA and Fife division. During these meetings cross border crime and travelling criminals are discussed. These meetings have been invaluable and have contributed towards identifying crime trends, travelling criminals and have allowed a joined up approach in tackling this crime type.

Operations are planned to carry out plain clothes patrols targeting housebreakers in the coming months. Working with other departments and divisions will continue and all housebreakings will be reviewed with overview of investigations remaining with the team.

	Crimes of Violence									
		5 year average	Apr 2016 – June 2016	Apr 2017 – June 2017	% change from last year					
1	Total Number Group 1: Crimes of Violence		63	64	1.6%					
2	Murder		0	1	-					
3	Attempted Murder		0	0	-					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)		0	0	-					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)		0	0	-					
6	Serious Assault detection rate		82.1%	75.8%	-6.3%					
7	Serious Assault		39	33	-15.4%					
8	Robbery detection rate		144.4%	73.7%	-70.7%					
9	Robbery		9	19	111.1%					
10	Petty (Common) Assault detection rate		73.6%	72.7%	-0.9%					
11	Petty (common) Assault		489	582	19.0%					



Drugs Supply									
		5 year average	Apr 2016- June 2016		% Change from last year				
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, production, cultivation.		41	49	19.5%				



	Antisocial Behaviour										
		5 year average	Apr 2016 – June 2016	Apr 2017 – June 2017	% Change from last year						
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder		2968	2994	0.9%						
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate		29.5%	29.1%	-0.4%						
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief		410	460	12.2%						
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)		10	13	30.0%						



Protecting Vulnerable People

It is vitally important that in Dundee we work with our communities and partners to ensure that vulnerable people are protected. Our Community Safety Hub remains instrumental in assisting with partnership working, linking with housing and Anti-Social Behaviour teams to ensure that vulnerability is identified and that mitigation and appropriate support is put in place.

There is a drop in the hate crime and offences detection rate however this does not mean that the focus on this area of work is any different. Within Dundee we continue to engage with and support groups across the city who support vulnerable communities. During this reporting period there was an increase in the Threat Level which saw an increase in the Police presence around crowded places and places of worship. Engagement continued throughout this time which was welcomed by all communities.

Throughout this reporting period there has been an increase in the reports of missing persons in relation to our young person's units. To tackle this the Community Policing Team in Lochee started engaging with the children, making regular visits and taking part in activities with them to build relationships whilst educating them around the risks and concerns of them not returning to the unit and staying out all night. This has taken time but has proven successful. This is another piece of work that has and will continue to be shared across the city as good practice to help at similar units.

Similar problems have occurred at Dudhope Villa which is a secure residential establishment for youths with learning difficulties or mental health issues. Due to the nature of the support the residents require if any of them run off, this results in a High risk missing person enquiry. Community Officers have been undertaking work within the unit and now attend one afternoon each month, where they get to know the residents and break down barriers around the perception of the Police. This also allows officers to gain information as to where the residents run off to and lets us brief them with important safety messaging.

The Maxwell Centre, within Coldside are committed to improving the quality of life for the local community. The Centre has various groups including groups for Youths and Girls. Officers attend each group, once per month, to speak with the attendees and discuss any issues they may have. Additionally officers attend the Main Street Café, funded by the local Church, nearby each month to speak with anyone who may wish to discuss any concerns they have.

In May Community Safety officers from the Hub delivered training session aimed at Foster Carers at SWISS Scotland based in Dundee and Fife. The training was focused on Internet Safety advice and Child Sexual Exploitation. This training was well received by all participants and the relationship between Police Scotland and SWISS is developing.

Over the last 3 months the Sergeant of the City Centre Police Team has been working closely with Tayside Council on Alcohol in relation to the "Safezone" bus. Through partnership the Safezone bus is now back in operation and has a plan for future development of the scheme. Safezone now have their own social media site and have close links with Police Scotland and have supported several events across the City including the Dundee Dance Event and the Slessor Gardens events.

Also within this reporting period a week long initiative was carried out by the Community Investigation unit during late shift hours which was focused on prostitution offences.

Partnership assistance was provided by community wardens and staff from Vice Versa (a charity that promotes the health, rights and dignity of women involved in prostitution).

By taking a multi-agency approach partners were on hand to provide advice, leaflets, and personal alarms and support services for known prostitutes. The operation was a success with 4 people arrested for kerb crawling/prostitution offences, but various vulnerable people being signposted to support organisations.

Hate Crime									
		5 year average	Apr 2016 – June 2016	Apr 2017 – June 2017	% change from last year				
19	Hate crime and offences detection rate		84.1%	59.5%	-24.6%				



Maintaining Public Safety

Ensuring that our Communities and the Public in Dundee are safe is a primary focus for us. The Locality Inspectors and Community Policing Teams have a pride in their areas and have a drive and dedication towards maintaining public safety.

We actively encourage our communities to take part in the Your View Counts Survey and we publicise the use of our Community Drop ins and dedicated ward email boxes so that we can respond to concerns.

We work with a variety of different policing areas in order to maintain public safety and ensure that if there are specialist resources required that they are utilised where possible.

The skills of our officers are constantly under review and we ensure that they are trained to the highest standard. We have been working to ensure our Community officers are trained on bicycles and to ensure that officers have the skills and knowledge to offer advice and training in relation to CONTEST. By doing so we continually support partners with safe delivery of events.

People slightly injured on the roads has seen a decrease however those seriously injured has increased slightly. We continually work with and support local partnerships to address road safety issues, in particular those affecting local schools.

We have undertaken school initiatives which will continue in the new term around educating children regarding safe cycling and also for those dropping children off at school around driver behaviours.

There have been planned days of action and enforcement around several schools to raise awareness and tackle the ongoing issues.

A road safety initiative is planned for August 2017 working in tandem with Dundee City Council within Broughty Ferry.

Over the last reporting period each month Community Officers have attended Baldragon and St Paul's Academies for "School Dinner Patrols" during which they have helped serve up meals and joined pupils for their lunch. While there they have been able to interact positively with the youths and teachers, discuss any issues and prevent or attend to any incidents before they might escalate or amount to criminality. The familiarity between the youths and officers has seen an increased provision of information to officers and increased awareness of incidents/concerns within the community. The engagement has been so positive that contact has been made with the local primary schools with a view to commencing work with them.

In June, West Fest took place in Magdalen Green, Dundee the entertainment included music stages, stalls, tents, bars and children's play areas. Approximately 10,000 members of the public attended the event. The West End Community Policing Team were on duty at the event to provide high profile public re-assurance and worked with partners to ensure the day went without incident.

Syrian refugee families are housed across the city and the local Community Policing Teams regularly engage with the families and have been building a good rapport. This has resulted in trust been built up and established, making the families feel safe and included in their new surroundings.

In relation to tackling Road Safety in the Maryfield Ward PC Aberdein has a current action plan specifically working with the local primary schools. There were planned days of action and enforcement around several schools to raise awareness and tackle the ongoing issues. Local children from the Boomerang project have designed posters for a campaign which is to be launched in September 2017.

This work as well as various other similar initiatives will continue across the course of the year.

	Road Safety										
		5 year Average	Apr 2016– June 2016	Apr 2017- June 2017	% Change from last year						
N/A	People Killed		0	0	-						
N/A	People Seriously Injured		6	9	50.0%						
N/A	People Slightly Injured		32	29	-9.4%						
N/A	Children (aged < 16) Killed		0	0	-						
N/A	Children (aged < 16) Seriously Injured		2	0	-100.0%						
36	Dangerous driving		19	31	63.2%						

37	Speeding	290	289	-0.3%
38	Disqualified driving	23	28	21.7%
39	Driving Licence	159	130	-18.2%
40	Insurance	322	298	-7.5%
41	Seat Belts	37	8	-78.4%
42	Mobile Phone	68	16	-76.5%





	Coldside			East End		Lochee				Maryfield		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	326	163	50.0%	229	125	54.6%	370	187	50.5%	586	369	63.0%
Overall Violent Crime	92	54	58.7%	64	51	79.7%	75	62	82.7%	173	134	77.5%
Murder/ Attempt Murder	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	6	4	66.7%	4	3	75.0%	2	2	100%	6	4	66.7%
Robbery	8	3	37.5%	1	-	0.0%	3	3	100%	2	4	200.0%
Common Assault	77	46	59.7%	59	48	81.4%	70	57	81.4%	165	126	76.4%
Knives/ Offensive Weapons	8	6	75.0%	7	4	57.1%	11	9	81.8%	14	12	85.7%
Drugs Supply/ Production	11	11	100%	6	6	100%	10	8	80.0%	10	8	80.0%
All Group 2	25	12	48.0%	17	9	52.9%	11	12	109.1%	24	20	83.3%
Housebreaking	15	1	6.7%	7	1	14.3%	21	5	23.8%	15	5	33.3%
Shoplifting	16	2	12.5%	39	23	59.0%	70	54	77.1%	145	110	75.9%
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	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	163	62	38.0%	260	118	45.4%	87	36	41.4%	237	95	40.1%
Overall Violent Crime	37	29	78.4%	57	43	75.4%	31	14	45.2%	89	63	70.8%
Murder/ Attempt Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	-	-	-	6	5	83.3%	1	1	100%	6	4	66.7%
Robbery	1	-	0.0%	1	-	0.0%	-	-	-	2	2	100%
Common Assault	36	29	80.6%	50	38	76.0%	30	13	43.3%	81	57	70.4%
Knives/ Offensive Weapons	3	3	100%	8	8	100%	2	1	50.0%	9	9	100%
Drugs Supply/ Production	6	6	100%	5	4	80.0%	1	-	0.0%	3	3	100%
All Group 2	10	9	90.0%	36	23	63.9%	12	8	66.7%	18	9	50.0%
Housebreaking	6	-	0.0%	11	3	27.3%	2	1	50.0%	11	-	0.0%
Shoplifting	7	1	14.3%	24	8	33.3%	10	4	40.0%	10	7	70.0%

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