

## **Item: 4**

**Police and Fire Sub-committee: 27 February 2024.**

**Performance Against Local Policing Plan.**

**Report by Chief Inspector Scott Robertson – Area Commander (Orkney Area Command).**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To provide an update on progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the 2023 to 2026 Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Sub-committee is invited to scrutinise:

#### **2.1.**

Progress made against the objectives set within the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2023 to 2026 Year 1, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, for the period covering 1 April to 31 December 2023, in order to obtain assurance that progress is being made against the objectives.

### **3. Performance Monitoring**

#### **3.1.**

The Performance Against Local Policing Plan 2023 to 2026, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, covers all priorities featured in the local Policing Plan and gives evidence of Prevention and Intervention work corresponding to each of the Policing priorities. It also provides a local narrative in relation to Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism.

#### **3.2.**

Appendix 1 also includes progress made against the objectives set within the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2023 to 2026 Year 1, for the reporting period 1 April to 31 December 2023.

#### **3.3.**

The Sub-committee is invited to scrutinise the progress set out in the attached performance report.

## **4. Corporate Governance**

This report relates to the Council complying with governance and its scrutiny role and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

## **5. Financial Implications**

There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

## **6. Legal Aspects**

There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

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## **8. Appendix**

Appendix 1: Progress made against the objectives set within the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2023 to 2026 Year 1, for the period covering 1 April to 31 December 2023.



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Working together to ensure Orkney remains a safe and vibrant place to live and work



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## Introduction by Area Commander

### Chief Inspector Scott Robertson

I present to you the Orkney Policing Scrutiny Report covering the reporting period 1 April 2023 until the 31 December 2023.

The interpretation of statistics continues to be a key part of what we do, identifying potential crime trends and ensuring I have the right officers in the right place to keep our communities safe. We do compare data on previous years, and we are slowly coming back to pre-COVID demand. I am always happy to discuss the data and provide some context around the statistics provided within the report.

We are now, following the COVID challenges, facing some real cost of living challenges which will impact all of our communities, including those who have not felt such hardship before. My team are continuing to work with Partners to protect the vulnerable people within our communities.

We maintain our presence on our roads, enforcing road traffic legislation, improving road safety and investigating road traffic collisions. I know this has been a particular area of concern. You will notice an increase in detections for dangerous and careless driving offences along with an increase in detections for drink and drug driving. My team are committed to making the Roads of Orkney as safe as possible.

Fraud continues to cause some concern with individuals falling victim to various methods of fraud. We are seeing an increase in reported frauds and we continue to work hard to

publicise these crimes and work alongside financial institutions to help educate our community to help us stay safe online.

Our work tackling Serious and Organised Crime continues, we continue to disrupt these individuals and working effectively with Partners is key. We use these relationships to identify individuals that are vulnerable to exploitation, making early interventions and making the Orkney Islands inhospitable to Serious and Organised Crime Groups.

Finally the implementation of technology within Police Scotland I hope will continue, however with the recent budget announcement of cuts to the Police Service these may not progress as promptly as we would prefer. These budget cuts continue to impact negatively on our Policing footprint across the board.

Orkney remains one of the safest places to live in the whole of Scotland and I am proud to serve as Area Commander. My team and I remain committed to doing our best every day to serve and keep our communities safe.

## Local Policing Priorities

The Local Policing Priorities for the N Division area are decided by data from our Strategic Assessment which details Threats and Risks, and also feedback from Local Authorities, Partners and public in the Your Police survey.



**ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME**

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



**ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER**

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime



**ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending



**PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners



**SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME**

Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including cyber related crime



**TERRORISM AND PUBLIC ORDER**

Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness

## Road Safety and Road Crime

**Intention - With Partners, enhance Road Safety across the Orkney Area.**

**Objective – With Partners, deliver a Road Safety Strategy focusing on: Challenging driver behaviour; Education at the roadside and elsewhere; Detection of offences linked to contributing factors of Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Collisions and collectively reducing potential harm.**

SGJD crime group/classification	Year-to-date (April - December)				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 yr mean	2023/24
Dangerous driving offences	5	8	4	7.2	11
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	9	21	18	20.0	25
Speeding offences	55	59	130	77.6	77
Driving while disqualified	2	-	-	1.2	2
Driving without a licence	9	9	6	11.2	10
Failure to insure against third party risks	33	28	48	34.6	46
Seat belt offences					
Mobile phone offences	11	19	22	19.2	15
Driving Carelessly	12	20	30	26.0	44

**Operation CEDAR** - (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) builds on established practices and will continue to focus on various agencies working in partnership to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured in the Orkney area. Operation CEDAR involves proactive multi-agency enforcement operations on the roads, which sits alongside education activity aimed at improving driver behaviour of all ages. Partner agencies continue to work together to improve understanding of the factors which could contribute to improving road safety for everyone on the roads and together respond to these issues.

## Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence (including Alcohol and Drug misuse)

**Intention – With Partners, better understand the causes to prevent and reduce instances of Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence to enhance community safety across the Orkney Area.**

**Objective – Work with Partners to share information, support Education, Prevention, Diversionary and Enforcement Measures linked to harmful alcohol consumption; maintain robust procedures around licensed premises; support victims of violent crime by working with partners to improve service provision and prevent repeat victimisation.**

SGJD crime group/classification	Year-to-date (April - December)				Detection Rate
	2021/22	2022/23	5 yr mean	2023/24	
Murder	-	1	0.2	-	-
Serious assault	1	3	2.4	6	116.7%
Possession of drugs	13	45	42.2	41	85.4%
Common Assault	51	71	68.0	65	61.5%
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	12	13	12.6	15	100.0%



## Acquisitive Crime

**Intention – With Partners and Communities, prevent instances of acquisitive crime across the Orkney area.**

**Objective – With Partners, share information, support education, prevention, diversionary and enforcement activity linked to acquisitive crime; develop work with targets – recidivist offenders to reduce reoffending linked to acquisitive crime e.g. Persistent Offenders programme; enhance the use of all media platforms to raise awareness of local and national preventative initiatives.**

SGJD crime group/classification	Year-to-date (April - December)				Detection Rate
	2021/22	2022/23	5 yr mean	2023/24	
Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total	4	3	3.2	7	71.4%
Motor vehicle crime - Total	4	11	6.4	17	64.7%
Theft by shoplifting	11	20	16.4	22	81.8%
Fraud	17	23	13.2	30	3.3%

Fraud – The increase in Fraud related crimes last year and continuing to this year has not only been experienced by members of the public residing within the Orkney area, but across the wider N Division area, Scotland and the United Kingdom. Detection of these crimes is incredibly challenging with perpetrators often out with the United Kingdom.

### Banking Protocol

Following a number of incidents across the N Division area in respect of Frauds and Banking Protocol, work has been ongoing with various Banks within N Division with a view to setting up learning sessions between staff members to talk through Banking Protocol. This has allowed for a better understanding of the Police response, management of vulnerabilities and referrals/support available to victims.

## Protecting Vulnerable People

**Intention – Protect people at risk of harm.**

**Objective – With Partners we will focus on safeguarding communities; with Partners we will address emerging issues through Prevention and Intervention.**

SGJD crime group/classification	Year-to-date (April - December)				Detection Rate
	2021/22	2022/23	5 yr mean	2023/24	
Domestic Abuse (Total)	48.236	46	48.2	55	69.1%
Sexual Crimes	36	73	43.0	35	51.4%
Hate Crime	4	1	2.4	0	-
Missing Persons	19	29	-	32	-

### Hate Crime –

Police Scotland underwent a national inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) in relation to Hate Crime with N Division (Highland and Islands) being identified as one of three focussed Divisions. Learning from this had shown the need to ensure the public have confidence in coming to report incidents.

### Missing Persons –

Police Scotland takes every report of a missing person seriously and investigates appropriately with access to local, regional and national specialist resources. Missing persons investigations are a core part of local Policing and it is local officers who undertake all investigations, supported by specialist colleagues where necessary. N Division has a dedicated Missing Person Co-ordinator who advises on operational and preventative approaches.

**Serious and Organised Crime**

**Intention – With Partners, reduce the threat, risk and harm caused by Serious Organised Crime.**

**Objective – With Partners work to safeguard Orkney by taking all opportunities to prevent crime and make Orkney a hostile environment for Serious & Organised Crime Groups; to improve outcomes for individuals and communities and reduce offending through prevention, early intervention and diversion; in support of our Partners in the Local Authority and NHS via the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy we will direct those who are substance dependant towards recovery through prevention, treatment and support services; with Partners work to reduce the instances of substance misuse in our communities.**

SGJD crime group/classification	Year-to-date (April - December)				Detection Rate
	2021/22	2022/23	5 yr mean	2023/24	
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	4	2	4.2	4	50.0%

## Counter Terrorism

**Intention – Support the delivery of the CONTEST strategy to reduce the threat posed by terrorism and domestic extremism.**

**Objective – Strengthen PREVENT work with Partners and institutions; with Partners, support individuals who are vulnerable to terrorism and violent extremism; strengthen PREVENT work in relation to the internet and Social Media; Effective Multi-agency planning in respect of Counter Terrorism is taking place; Develop our ability to respond effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).**

Police Constable Lisa Campbell, N Division's Local Counter Terrorism Officer stated:

*“As the Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer (CTLO) for N Division, I ensure areas have a Local Contest Liaison Officer who is kept up to date on latest developments in Contest.*

*I liaise with CT Intelligence, CT Security Advisors, the Prevent Delivery Unit as well as local Area Commanders to address any CT related matters in the area and provide support to the Area Command if required.*

*I can also provide presentations on Act now, Radicalisation awareness, threat overview and current trends. LCLO's can also assist with this within schools etc.*

*I can provide updates on the annual threat overview to local Councils.”*

## Crime Statistics

For additional detail, published crime data can also be accessed online via the link  
Crime data - Police ScotlandCrime data - Police Scotland