



**Perth & Kinross Council Community Safety Committee**

**5 June 2013**

**Report by Chief Inspector Whitford, Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area  
Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside)**

**SUBJECT: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT**

**OPERATIONAL REPORT PART 1**

**Abstract: The attached report provides members with background operational information to the performance information submitted separately to provide context.**

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 It is recommended that members note and question the operational report.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some context to the information provided in relation to performance and to elaborate on some of the work which has taken place within the Perth & Kinross Local Policing Area.

**3 PERFORMANCE**

**3.1 Crime**

**3.1.1 Campaign Against Violence**

The Campaign Against Violence (CAV) is a national focused drive of initiatives and activity to target a wide spectrum of criminality, by utilising all available tactics and resources. One of the main strands is the mobilisation of resources from non public facing roles onto operational front line duties, known as Campaign Days. Officers from Divisional Headquarters will deploy on operational activities at least twelve times a year during peak demand periods. The ability to use experienced non public facing officers (CAV Officers) to tackle priorities allows Divisional Commanders to deploy additional resources on trending issues, without reducing service delivery to the public. This support of front line policing has been shown to have a significant and positive impact on local policing issues.

## **3.2 Drugs/Anti Social Behaviour**

- 3.2.1** The Community Investigation Unit comprises a mix of officers representing all four geographical Sections within the P&K LPA. The CIU work in partnership with local communities and the Local Authorities' Safer Communities Wardens to identify ASB, drug misuse activity and other issues of local concern. They thereafter look to identify and implement long term solutions and carry out enforcement activity to benefit residents.

## **3.3 Domestic Abuse**

- 3.3.1** Domestic Abuse is a high priority for Police Scotland. In order to improve our service to victims and proactively target persistent offenders, a Domestic Abuse Investigation Team has been formed. The team is headed by a Detective Inspector and will investigate cases of sustained abuse involving multiple incidents and/or multiple victims. This approach allows us to identify areas of good practice and areas for improvement in order that we can better protect victims. A dedicated Domestic Abuse Liaison Officer based in Perth oversees and engages with all clients to ensure a suitable safety plan is agreed and put in place to protect the service user.

## **3.4 Road Policing**

- 3.4.1** P&K LPA and Trunk Roads Policing officers took part in Police Scotlands' first national roads policing campaign which concentrated on speeding and inconsiderate driving. The campaign focussed officer activity in accident hotspots with the objective of challenging poor driver behaviour. Officers across Tayside made a significant contribution to the campaign and through prosecution, warnings and advice sought to improve driving standards.
- 3.4.2** The introduction of Multi Member Ward plans has created "communities priorities". These are issues identified by local residents and often relate to speeding or other anti social use of motor vehicles. The local Community Officer will create an action plan, usually in collaboration with partners and residents to prevent or reduce any such identified issue or problem.

## **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;

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| (a) | Human Rights Act 1998 compliant? | YES |
| (b) | Equality & Diversity compliant?  | YES |

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