

**Perth and Kinross Council Community Safety Committee**

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**POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT**

**PERTH & KINROSS LOCAL POLICING AREA PERFORMANCE RESULTS  
1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2013 TO 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 It is recommended that members:

(A) Note, scrutinise and question the content of this report.

**2 RECORDED CRIME**

2.1 Perth & Kinross LPA evidenced reductions in serious assault and robbery when compared to the average of the previous 5 years. Overall, the number of crimes of violence remained the same.

84 violent crimes recorded ~ exactly the same as 5 year average  
A reduction in serious assaults of 20.7% (6 fewer victims)  
A reduction in robbery of 70% (14 fewer victims)

As can be seen from above there is an overall reduction in assaults and robbery but overall Group 1 crimes (violent crimes) has remained static at 84 crimes. This is due to an increase in Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children which has had 23 more victims.

The majority of these crimes came from multiple charges in one single instance. There is little doubt that the partnership initiatives and joint training had equipped officers better to identify child neglect while carrying out their daily roles and this is then leads to partnership intervention to keep children safe in Perth and Kinross.

2.2 Reductions were also achieved in

Shoplifting – 31% (92 fewer victims)  
Vandalism – 32% (201 fewer victims)

2.3 Overall, Group 1-4<sup>1</sup> recorded 2062 crimes and evidenced a reduction of 12% compared with the 5 year average (271 fewer crimes).

<sup>1</sup> 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, the largest, covers a wide range of crimes of dishonesty; and Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising, and malicious mischief.)

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- 2.4 108 crimes of indecency were recorded, a 108% increase on the 5 year average of 52. However, it should be noted that approximately a third of these crimes had been retrospectively reported and did not occur this year. Recent, well publicised cases involving historic abuse have, perhaps, given victims greater confidence to report matters to the police knowing they will be thoroughly investigated. Some of the crimes were linked and involved the same victims and/or perpetrator. There was also an increase in crimes linked to the use of internet, phones etc.
- 2.5 Common assault mainly occurred in Perth City Centre and North Perth areas and approximately 47% of occurrences involved alcohol. Just over 30% of occurrences included a domestic aggravation. In terms of locus, just over 50% occurred in residential private spaces, approximately 35% in open spaces and a further 15% took place in or on public premises.

The Centresafe plan for the city centre supports focused anti violence patrols, to reduce the amount of alcohol related violence and disorder. This approach has been enhanced with an increase in community officers within Perth and they will take the lead in challenging such issues. In addition, Campaign Against Violence resources (office based officers augmenting operational officers) are used on a regular basis to increase the police presence during critical times.

All crimes of violence are given a high priority for investigation and oversight and this approach supported by the increased resources, has led to some of the highest detection rates achieved by Perth and Kinross.

### **3 DETECTION RATES**

- 3.1 Improvements in detection rates, against the 5 year average were evidenced in the following:-
- Serious assault 95.7% - 5 year average 94.3%  
Robbery 100.0% - 5 year average 81.1%  
Common assault 86.2% - 5 year average 79.3%  
Vandalism 37.5% - 5 year average 36.0%
- 3.2 The detection rate for Shoplifting (86%) was the same as the 5 year average but for Housebreaking – all property and including attempts - there was a deterioration from a 5 year average of 39.6% to 29.5%.

- 3.3 The detection of the supply, production etc of drugs is reliant on intelligence and, thereafter, the targeting of drug dealers can take a lengthy period to develop. Once an operation comes to fruition, however, multiple crimes and seizures can occur. Indeed, the figures in this report cover only the first quarter of the fiscal year but by the first week in August the position had been reversed and the number of detections this year was slightly above the five year average.
- 3.4 All investigations of rape, irrespective of geographically location, are now dealt with centrally by the Tayside Division Rape Investigation Unit and supplemented by the National Rape Investigation Unit (North Hub).

The detection rate for Crimes of Indecency fell by 2.1 percentage points, from a 5 year average figure of 66.9% to 64.8%. Results in this area can fluctuate for several reasons; often detections hinge on forensic evidence and the volume of cases being dealt with by the laboratories causes back-logs which can delay things significantly. Cases of an historical nature are not unusual and recent, well publicised cases involving sexual abuse have, perhaps, given victims greater confidence to report matters to the police knowing they will be thoroughly investigated. Cases of this nature often involve several crimes which will be detected all at the same time thus leading to a rise in the overall detection rate.

## **4 ROAD SAFETY**

- 4.1 Reductions were recorded in all three measures of road casualties when compared to the five year average:-

People killed/seriously injured 52 – 5 year average 66  
People slightly injured 158 – 5 year average 176  
Children killed/slightly injured 1 – 5 year average 5

- 4.2 Significant detections for the following were above the five year average and this is due to emphasis on enforcement to influence driver behaviour to keep people safe and deny criminals the use of the road networks:-

Speeding 1726 – 5 year average 832  
Seat belt offences 293 – 5 year average 61  
Mobile phones 412 – 5 year average 82

Currently greater focus on criminal activity of road users in terms of keeping people safe and denying criminals use of the road network. This has increased performance in areas such as dangerous driving, speed detection, seatbelt and mobile phone offences. However, we are currently working towards increasing performance in detecting disqualified drivers and those who are uninsured. To this end we are working with partners and also looking to develop IT solutions to increase opportunities to raise performance in this area. We are looking to adopt best practice being used currently elsewhere in Scotland.

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2013 - Sep 2013	5 year average	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	84	84	no	0%
2	Murder	1	1	no	0%
3	Attempted Murder	10	9	1 more	+11.1%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	0	
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	0	
6	Serious Assault detection rate	95.7%	94.3%		+1.4 pp
7	Serious Assault	23	29	6 fewer	-20.7%
8	Robbery detection rate	100.0%	81.1%		+18.9pp
9	Robbery	6	20	14 fewer	-70.0%
10	Petty (Common) assault detection rate	86.2%	79.3%		+6.9 pp
11	Petty (common ) assault	791	654	137 more	+21.0%
12	Stop and searches conducted	3883	1191		+226.0%
13	Percentage of positive stop and searches conducted (target 15%).	24.4%			
14	Number of complaints regarding disorder	3587	4732		-24.2%
15	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	604	430	174 more	+40.5%
17	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in one or more crimes being recorded	55.3%			
18	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	89.1%			
19	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	156			
20	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	94.5%			
21	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	86.3%			

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<b>Additional Identified Local Priorities</b>					
		Apr 2013 - Sep 2013	5 year average	Victims	% Change
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	76	84		-9.5%
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	29.5%	39.6%		-10.1pp
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	190	188	2 more	+1.0%
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	85.7%	86.0%		-0.3 pp
26	Theft by shoplifting	210	302	92 fewer	-30.5%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	37.5%	36.0%		+1.5 pp
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	421	622	201 fewer	-32.3%
29	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	43	5		+760.0%

<b>Public Protection</b>					
		Apr 2013 - Sep 2013	5 year average	Victims	% Change
30	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	108	52	56 more	+107.7%
31	Group 2 crimes detection rate	64.8%	66.9%		-2.1 pp
32	Rape detection rate (Tayside Division result)	67.3%	59.4%		+7.9pp

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<b>Road Traffic Casualty Statistics</b>				
	Apr 2013 - Sep 2013	5 year average	Victims	% Change
People Killed/Seriously Injured	52	66	14 fewer	-21.2%
People Slightly Injured	158	176	18 fewer	-10.2%
Children (aged<16) Killed/Seriously Injured	1	5	4 fewer	-80%

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2013 - Sep 2013	5 year average	Victims	% Change
33	Dangerous driving	35	31		+12.9%
34	Speeding	1726	832		+107.4%
35	Disqualified driving	15	19		-21.0%
36	Driving Licence	96	92		+4.4%
37	Insurance	212	215		-1.4%
38	Seat Belts	293	61		+380.3%
39	Mobile Phone	412	82		+402.4%

<b>Public Confidence</b>					
<b>Tayside Division</b>		<b>Apr 2013 - Sep 2013</b>			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
40	Complaints received about the Police	302		~	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
41	Total Allegations Recorded	414	10	~	~

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## Multi Member Ward Update

Date April to September 2013

### Crimes Count

Groups 1 to 4  
Groups 1 to 5  
All Group 1  
Murder/Att Murder  
Serious Assault  
Robbery  
Common Assault  
Knives/Offensive Weapons  
Consumption of Alcohol  
Drugs Supply/Production  
All Group 2

### PERTH & KINROSS Local Policing Area

Rec	Det	%
2094	966	46.1%
3066	1917	62.5%
85	85	100.0%
11	12	109.1%
24	23	95.8%
8	8	100.0%
803	688	85.7%
44	43	97.7%
0	0	~
78	71	91.0%
106	74	69.8%

### Almond & Earn

Rec	Det	%
71	22	31.0%
95	46	48.4%
3	3	100.0%
0	0	~
1	1	100.0%
0	0	~
27	21	77.8%
0	0	~
0	0	~
4	4	100.0%
0	1	~

### Blairgowrie & Glens

Rec	Det	%
113	63	55.8%
161	111	68.9%
3	3	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
66	61	92.4%
5	5	100.0%
0	0	~
3	3	100.0%
5	4	80.0%

Date April to September 2013

### Crimes Count

Groups 1 to 4  
Groups 1 to 5  
All Group 1  
Murder/Att Murder  
Serious Assault  
Robbery  
Common Assault  
Knives/Offensive Weapons  
Consumption of Alcohol  
Drugs Supply/Production  
All Group 2

### Carse of Gowrie

Rec	Det	%
97	33	34.0%
126	62	49.2%
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
0	0	~
20	20	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
3	4	133.3%
5	4	80.0%

### Highland

Rec	Det	%
105	30	28.6%
123	47	38.2%
8	8	100.0%
0	0	~
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
34	30	88.2%
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
2	2	100.0%
2	1	50.0%

### Kinross-shire without T-in-the-Park

Rec	Det	%
123	49	39.8%
142	68	47.9%
5	6	120.0%
3	4	133.3%
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
38	40	105.3%
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
1	1	100.0%
7	6	85.7%

### Kinross-shire T-in-the-Park only

Rec	Det	%
142	46	32.4%
517	419	81.0%
1	0	0.0%
0	0	~
1	0	0.0%
0	0	~
29	25	86.2%
3	3	100.0%
0	0	~
38	38	100.0%
4	2	50.0%

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### Crimes Count

Groups 1 to 4  
Groups 1 to 5  
All Group 1  
Murder/Att Murder  
Serious Assault  
Robbery  
Common Assault  
Knives/Offensive Weapons  
Consumption of Alcohol  
Drugs Supply/Production  
All Group 2

### Perth City Centre

Rec	Det	%
577	321	55.6%
754	484	64.2%
23	23	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
14	14	100.0%
3	3	100.0%
237	209	88.2%
15	15	100.0%
0	0	~
17	9	52.9%
25	16	64.0%

### Perth City North

Rec	Det	%
356	180	50.6%
517	339	65.6%
13	12	92.3%
2	2	100.0%
0	0	~
4	4	100.0%
165	135	81.8%
8	8	100.0%
0	0	~
5	5	100.0%
18	13	72.2%

### Perth City South

Rec	Det	%
114	51	44.7%
135	71	52.6%
2	3	150.0%
1	1	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
34	27	79.4%
3	3	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
7	3	42.9%

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### Crimes Count

Groups 1 to 4  
Groups 1 to 5  
All Group 1  
Murder/Att Murder  
Serious Assault  
Robbery  
Common Assault  
Knives/Offensive Weapons  
Consumption of Alcohol  
Drugs Supply/Production  
All Group 2

### Strathallan

Rec	Det	%
81	33	40.7%
106	57	53.8%
2	2	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
0	0	~
24	20	83.3%
3	2	66.7%
0	0	~
1	1	100.0%
6	5	83.3%

### Strathearn

Rec	Det	%
129	47	36.4%
158	76	48.1%
5	5	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
2	2	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
58	40	69.0%
3	3	100.0%
0	0	~
2	2	100.0%
7	6	85.7%

### Strathmore

Rec	Det	%
112	65	58.0%
151	104	68.9%
15	15	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
1	1	100.0%
0	0	~
48	42	87.5%
0	0	~
0	0	~
2	2	100.0%
11	8	72.7%

### Strathtay

Rec	Det	%
74	26	35.1%
81	33	40.7%
3	3	100.0%
0	0	~
0	0	~
0	0	~
23	18	78.3%
0	0	~
0	0	~
0	0	~
9	5	55.6%

Source: All results taken from the Police Scotland Management Information System on 11/10/2013

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