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Chief Executive

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**Members:**

Councillor Bob Brawn (Convener)  
Councillor Chris Ahern (Vice-Convener)  
Councillor Alasdair Bailey  
Councillor Liz Barrett  
Councillor Peter Barrett  
Councillor Anne Jarvis  
Councillor Ian Massie  
Councillor Sheila McCole  
Councillor Tom McEwan  
Councillor Caroline Shiers  
Councillor Frank Smith  
Councillor Colin Stewart  
Councillor Richard Watters



**Housing and Communities Committee**

**Wednesday, 23 March 2022**

**AGENDA**

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## HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Monday 24 January 2022 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors B Brawn, C Ahern, A Bailey (up to and including Item 5), L Barrett, P Barrett, A Jarvis (up to and including Item 6), I Massie, T McEwan, F Smith, C Stewart and R Watters.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); C Mailer, Depute Director (Communities); E Ritchie, J McColl (up to and including Item 7), C France, M Smith (up to and including Item 7), M Dow (up to and including Item 7), N Lennon (up to and including Item 7), N Robson, S Coyle, F Crofts (from Item 7 onwards), D Stokoe (for Item 5 only) (all Communities); J Pepper, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); H Robertson, N Rogerson (for Items 8 and 9) and E Lindsay (for Items 8 and 9) (all Education and Children's Services); and S Hendry, A Taylor, A Brown, M Pasternak and A McMeekin (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: Chief Superintendent P Davison (up to and including Item 4(iii)) and Chief Inspector G Binnie (up to and including Item 4(iii) (both Police Scotland) and; Group Commander E Baird (up to and including Item 4(iii)) (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); and E Osbourne (MAPP Co-ordinator) (from Item 7 onwards).

Apologies: Councillors S McCole and C Shiers.

Councillor Brawn, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion on Items 1-3 and 5-9, and the Vice-Convener on Item 4.

### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were noted as above.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C Ahern declared a Non-Financial interest in Item 9 as current Chair of the Community Justice Partnership.

### 3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE OF 10 NOVEMBER 2021 FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee of 10 November 2021 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

**VICE-CONVENER TOOK THE CHAIR**

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

##### **(i) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Interim Activity Report**

There was submitted an interim update report by Area Manager S Wood, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (22/12) on the performance of the SFRS against the priorities, performance indicators and targets detailed within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross 2020-23, covering the interim period 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

Group Commander Baird answered members' questions thereon. The question and answer session can be viewed via the following [link](#).

##### **Resolved:**

The update on operational and community safety engagement activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Perth and Kinross area covering the interim period 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, be noted.

##### **(ii) Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Quarterly Police Report – 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021**

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent P Davison, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (22/13) on the performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area as set out in the Local Policing Plan for the second quarter, 1 July to 30 September 2021.

Chief Superintendent Davison and Chief Inspector Binnie answered members' questions thereon. The question and answer session can be viewed via the following [link](#).

##### **Resolved:**

The update on performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area during the period 1 July to 30 September 2021, be noted.

##### **(iii) Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area – Interim Activity Report**

The Committee received a verbal report from Chief Inspector G Binnie, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) providing an interim update on local policing activity in the Perth and Kinross area for the period 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

##### **Resolved:**

The interim update on performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area be noted.

#### **CONVENER RE-TOOK THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT**

#### **5. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Culture and Community Services (22/14) providing an update on progress with Community Planning priorities since 10 November 2021.

**Resolved:**

The contents of Report 22/14, be noted.

COUNCILLOR BAILEY AND D STOKOE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**6. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN INCORPORATING THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AND RENT STRATEGY TO 2026/27, RESERVES STRATEGY AND OTHER HOUSING CHARGES 2022/23**

There was submitted a Joint Report by the Executive Director (Communities) and Head of Finance (22/15) (1) setting out the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for five years from 2022/23 to 2026/27; (2) recommending increases to rents for houses and other HRA property service charges, and an appropriate level of reserves; and (3) detailing the proposed budget for the next five years of the Capital Investment Programme totalling £83.3 million from 2022/23 to 2026/27.

Motion (Councillors Brawn and Ahern)

- (i) The Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2022/23 and provisional budgets for financial years 2023/24 to 2026/27, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 22/15, be approved.
- (ii) The proposed Housing Revenue Account Capital Investment Programme for 2022/23 to 2026/27, as set out in Appendix 4 to Report 22/15, be approved.
- (iii) The Rent Strategy for 2022/23 and a provisional Rent Strategy for the following 4 years to 2026/27, as detailed in Section 6 of Report 22/15, be approved.
- (iv) The 3.0% rent increase for the year commencing 4 April 2022 for all Council houses be approved, meaning the average weekly rent would be £73.61 per week based on 52 weeks.
- (v) The rent increase of 3.0% for the year commencing 4 April 2022 be approved for:
  - All lock-ups
  - All garage sites
  - Chalets and stances for travelling people at Double Dykes and Bobbin Mill
  - Dispersed tenancies owned by the HRA
  - Greyfriars Hostel
- (vi) The Housing Revenue Account Reserves Strategy, as proposed in Section 7 of Report 22/15, be approved.
- (vii) The final movement in the Housing Revenue Account in 2022/23 transferred to a Covid-19 earmarked Reserve (HRA), as proposed in Section 7.12 of Report 22/15, be approved.
- (viii) The proposal to set Housing service charges from 4 April 2022, as stated in Section 10 of Report 22/15, be approved.

- (ix) Endorse and approve, where necessary, the revised level of all housing related charges, as detailed in Appendix 6 to Report 22/15.
- (x) The progress made to date in delivering and maintaining the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) for improving and managing the housing stock, as set out in Section 4 of Report 22/15, and the related business cases, be endorsed.

Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and L Barrett)

Recommendation (i) insert after 2022/23 “plus £38k for enhanced measures to tackle anti-social behaviour. This will result in a reduction of £38k in CFCR.”

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 11.31AM.

**Note:** The Mover and Seconder of the Motion agreed to accept the Amendment in the Revised Motion as follows:

- (i) **The Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2022/23 plus £38k for enhanced measures to tackle anti-social behaviour resulting in a reduction of £38k from Reserves, and the provisional budgets for financial years 2023/24 to 2026/27, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 22/15, be approved.**
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- (x) **The progress made to date in delivering and maintaining the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) for improving and managing the housing stock, as set out in Section 4 of Report 22/15, and the related business cases, be endorsed.**

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Revised Motion.

COUNCILLOR JARVIS LEFT THE MEETING DURING THE ABOVE ITEM.

E OSBOURNE JOINED THE MEETING DURING THE ABOVE ITEM.

**7. PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF NOS. 1-5 CUMBERLAND BARRACKS, COUPAR ANGUS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) (22/16) seeking approval for the disposal of six properties on the Housing Revenue Account properties at 1 to 5 Cumberland Barracks, Coupar Angus.

Motion (Councillor Brawn and Councillor Ahern)

The proposed disposal by auction of properties at 1-5 Cumberland Barracks on the terms and conditions contained within Report 22/16, and on any other terms and conditions considered appropriate by the Executive Director (Communities) and the Head of Legal Services, be approved.

Amendment (Councillor McEwan and Councillor Watters)

To add the following recommendation to the report:-

- (iv) The capital receipt raised from the sale of this property would be reinvested in modern social housing for affordable rent where it is most needed.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 12.32PM.

**Note:** The Mover and Seconder of the Motion agreed to accept the Amendment in the Revised Motion as follows:

- (i) **The proposed disposal by auction of properties at 1-5 Cumberland Barracks on the terms and conditions contained within Report 22/16, and on any other terms and conditions considered appropriate by the Executive Director (Communities) and the Head of Legal Services, be approved.**
- (ii) **The capital receipt raised from the sale of this property be reinvested in modern social housing for affordable rent where it is most needed.**

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Revised Motion.

N ROGERSON, E LINDSAY AND F CROFTS JOINED THE MEETING DURING THE ABOVE ITEM.

COUNCILLOR LAING, M SMITH, J McCOLL, M DOW AND N LENNON ALL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

#### **8. TAYSIDE MAPPA ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (22/17) introducing the Tayside Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Annual Report for 2020-21.

E Osborne, MAPPA Co-ordinator, answered members' questions.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of the Tayside MAPPA Annual Report 2020-21 be endorsed and noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) bring forward future reports to this Committee.

#### **9. JUSTICE UPDATE REPORT 2019-20**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer (22/18) providing updates on (1) the work of Council services and partners to meet local and national outcomes for Community Justice for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021; and (2) the effectiveness of arrangements for the supervision of serious offenders and approaches to help people make positive changes in their lives and tackle the underlying causes of their offending.

**Resolved:**

The approach being undertaken by Perth and Kinross Council in respect of the Perth and Kinross Community Justice Partnership and the content of the 2020-21 Annual Report be approved.

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**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

**23 MARCH 2022**

**Report by Area Manager Stephen Wood, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Report No. 22/60)**

**SUBJECT: FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**Abstract**

The Reports contain performance information relating to the third quarter (1 October – 31 December) of 2021-22 on the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in support of Member scrutiny of local service delivery.

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide information for the Committee regarding the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, against the priorities, performance indicators and targets detailed within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross 2020-23, to facilitate local scrutiny.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members:

Note, scrutinise and question the content of this report.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**4 PERFORMANCE**

4.1 A performance management framework has been developed to facilitate the monitoring of performance against the agreed priorities and outcomes ensuring effective targeting of resources and the principles of Best Value are met.

4.2 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross 2020-23 was approved by the Housing and Communities Committee on the 2 December 2020.

4.3 The priorities and outcomes contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan reflect 'place' and the contribution of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to the Perth and Kinross Community Plan (LOIP) 2017-27 and Community Planning Partnership.

4.4 In summary the following local priorities and targets are detailed within the plan:

Priority 1 - Improving Fire Safety in the Home

Priority 2 - Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community

Priority 3 - Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm

Priority 4 - Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Priority 5 - Reducing Deliberate Fires

Priority 6 - Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness

4.5 Appendix 1 attached to this report provides a detailed breakdown and analysis of all data collected during the reporting period. A performance summary and scorecard is detailed on page 6 of the report. In addition, further sections are included to provide Members with an overview of a range of notable incidents and events undertaken by the local personnel/stations in support of prevention activities and preparation for emergency response.

## **5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

5.1 Not applicable.

## **6 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

6.1 There are no environmental issues arising as a consequence of this report.

## **7 SUMMARY**

7.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant community safety engagement activities and operational matters; and gives context to the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Perth and Kinross area.

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# QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

*Covering the activities and performance in support of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross.*



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**Quarter Three: 2021/22**

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## **ABOUT THE STATISTICS IN THIS REPORT**

The activity totals and other statistics quoted in this report are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review.

Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be differences in the period totals quoted in our reports after original publication which result from revisions or additions to the data on our systems.

From 2015-16 onwards responsibility for the publication of end-year statistical data transferred from the Scottish Government to the SFRS. This change of responsibility does not affect the status of the figures quoted in this and other SFRS reports presented to the Committee.

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## INTRODUCTION

This quarter three monitoring report covers the SFRS's performance and activities in support of the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross, namely:

- Priority 1 - Improving fire safety in the home
- Priority 2 - Improving fire safety and resilience in the business community
- Priority 3 - Minimising the impact of unintentional harm
- Priority 4 - Reducing unwanted fire alarm signals
- Priority 5 - Reducing deliberate fires
- Priority 6 - Effective risk management and operational preparedness













As well as supporting the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross, this monitoring report shows how SFRS activities and performance contribute to the wider priorities of the Perth & Kinross Council Community Planning Partnership (CPP), as set out in the Perth & Kinross Community Plan (LOIP).

The figures in this report are provisional, to provide the Committee with the SFRS's direction of travel in the Perth & Kinross area, in terms of performance against headline indicators and targets. Most figures will not change; however, members should note that there may be some small variations for some indicators when the final confirmed figures are published by the SFRS.




The Perth & Kinross Council Housing and Communities Committee agreed the new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross on 2 December 2020, covering a three-year period. In support of delivering the priorities in this plan, 12 headline indicators and targets have been set, and form the basis of this quarterly monitoring report.

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The table below provides a summary of quarter three activity and year to date (YTD) performance against Headline Indicators and annual targets. It aims to provide, at a glance, our direction of travel during the current reporting year.

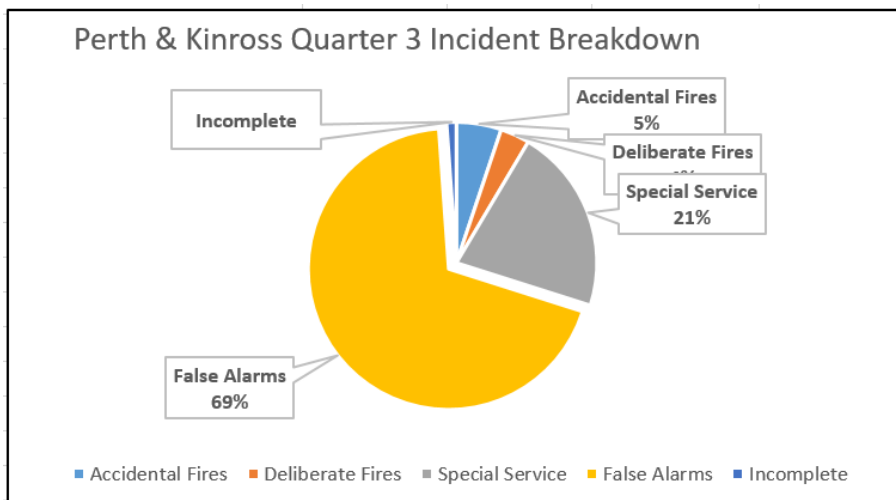
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| <p><b>HI 1</b><br/>Accident Dwelling Fires (ADF)</p>  <p>Q3 – 23 Incidents<br/>YTD – 74 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 104 Incidents</p>           | <p><b>HI 2</b><br/>ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 0<br/>YTD – 0<br/>Annual Target – 0</p>                                        | <p><b>HI 3</b><br/>ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 4<br/>YTD – 12<br/>Annual Target – 18</p>                                    |
| <p><b>HI 4</b><br/>Non-domestic Building fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 11 Incidents<br/>YTD – 36 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 53 Incidents</p>              | <p><b>HI 5</b><br/>Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 0<br/>YTD – 0<br/>Annual Target – 0</p>             | <p><b>HI 6</b><br/>Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 0<br/>YTD – 0<br/>Annual Target – 2</p>           |
| <p><b>HI 7</b><br/>Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents</p>  <p>Q3 – 29 Incidents<br/>YTD – 58 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 83 Incidents</p> | <p><b>HI 8</b><br/>Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 2<br/>YTD – 4<br/>Annual Target – 0</p>                                      | <p><b>HI 9</b><br/>Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 21<br/>YTD – 37<br/>Annual Target – 70</p>                                 |
| <p><b>HI 10</b><br/>Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q3 – 156 Incidents<br/>YTD – 508 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 528 Incidents</p>        | <p><b>HI 11</b><br/>Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 7 Incidents<br/>YTD – 23 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 29 Incidents</p> | <p><b>HI 12</b><br/>Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 8 Incidents<br/>YTD – 69 Incidents<br/>Annual Target – 80 Incidents</p> |

### Year-to-Date Legend

|                                                                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | Below headline target               |
|  | Less than 10% above headline target |
|  | More than 10% above headline target |

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

During Quarter three (October - December) the SRFS attended a total of 496 incidents across Perth & Kinross.

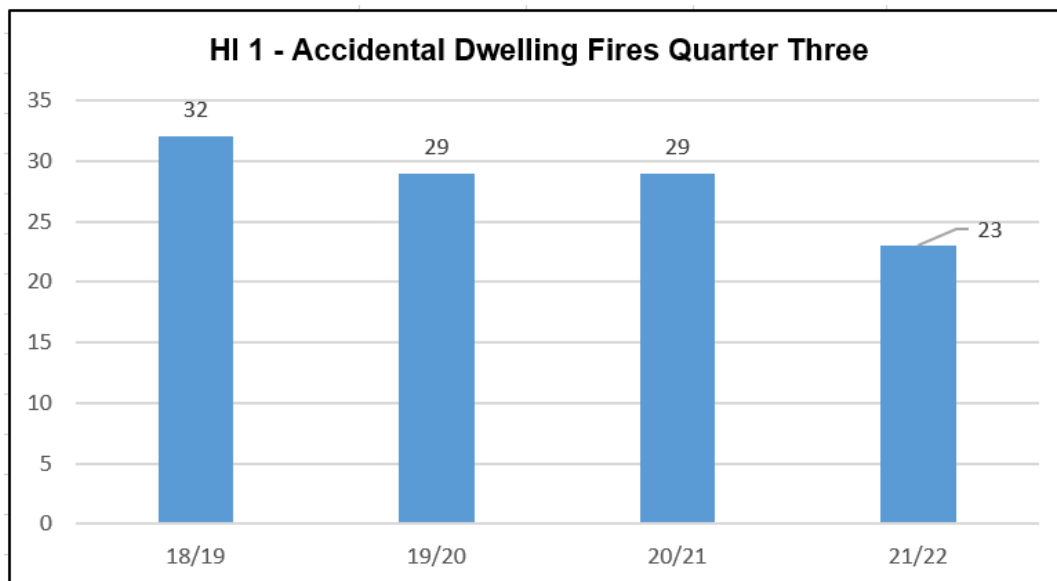


Of the 12 headline indicators and targets, the following performance should be noted for Quarter three 20/21:

- The number of **Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF's)** continues to decrease in the long term, reporting the lowest YTD number of ADFs in the last three years. During Quarter three, there were 23 incidents against an average of 29. The performance during quarter three reflects a decrease on same quarter last year (28).
- There were no **ADF Fatal Casualties**
- The number of **ADF Non-fatal Casualties** (4) which is equal to the three year average.
- The number of **Non-Domestic Building fires** (11) is reflecting a decrease for this quarter, last quarter and three-year average (29). There were no fatal casualties and no non-fatal casualties reported for quarter three in non-domestic building fires.
- The number of **Road Traffic Collisions** for quarter three is reflecting an increase against the three-year average for this quarter (29 against 25). We are currently on track for achieving our annual target. There were two **Fatal RTC Casualties** reported for this quarter whilst **Non-Fatal RTC Casualties** is reporting 21. The number of RTC and casualties has steadily risen through all quarters during 21/22.
- The number of **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)** caused by automatic fire alarms (AFAs) in non-domestic buildings reports an increase, 156 against a three-year average of 150. We will not achieve the 21/22 annual target of 528 reflecting on the YTD figure of 508.
- The number of **Deliberate Primary Fires** is slightly below the three-year average (7 incidents against 8). YTD the numbers are similar and slightly lower, reflective over the past three years. The number of **Deliberate Secondary Fires** is reporting a decrease for this quarter 8 against an average of 19. Q1 figures of 45 have pushed us closer to our annual target.

# PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

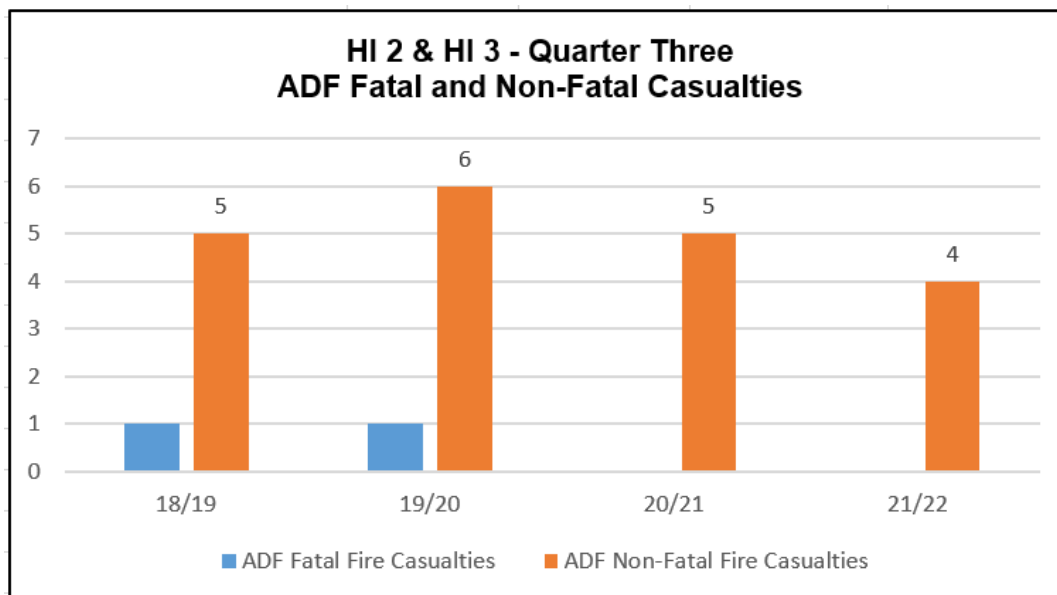
## HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)



**Table 1: Year to Date (April - December) Performance**

|                  | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22     | Annual Target |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>H1: ADF's</b> | 87    | 93    | 74    | <b>74</b> | 104           |

## HI 2 - ADF Fatal Casualties & HI 3 - ADF Non-Fatal Casualties



**Table 2: Year to Date(April - December) Performance**

|                                     | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22     | Annual Target |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>H2: ADF Fatal Casualties</b>     | 1     | 1     | 0     | <b>0</b>  | 0             |
| <b>H3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</b> | 10    | 28    | 15    | <b>12</b> | 18            |

### **Indicator Description**

The largest single type of primary fire in Perth & Kinross is ADF in the home and their prevention is a key focus of the Service's community safety activity.

#### HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of ADF's, in a growing Perth & Kinross population, by keeping these fires **below 104**, each year.

#### HI 2 – ADF Fatal Casualties

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die some-time after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures. As a headline target, the aim is to have **Zero ADF Fatal Casualties**, in Perth & Kinross each year.

#### HI 3 – ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in the home, including precautionary checks. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from fire in the home, in an increasing Perth & Kinross population, by keeping fire injuries **below 18**, each year.

### **What we aim to Achieve**

As well as helping to deliver Priority One: *Improving Fire Safety in the Home*, meeting the headline targets will also support a long-term vision in the Perth & Kinross LOIP.

We also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP objectives:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### **Performance Management**

There were 23 ADF's reported during quarter three, which reflects a decreased number of fires for the same quarter last year which was (25) and the three-year average (29). The fire damage in 15 incidents was reported as low level recording no heat or smoke damage. No households sustained significant damage. Of the 23 incidents, 16 had previously been fitted with smoke detection of which 11 operated and gave early warning to the occupiers. The total number of ADF's continues to decrease in the long term, currently we are reporting the equal lowest number of fires for the last five years, as a result of a number community safety initiatives delivered through ourselves and partnership working. We are therefore showing **Green** for achieving the HI 1 annual target.

There was no ADF Fatal Casualties during quarter three. We are therefore showing **Green** for achieving the HI 2 annual target. There were four ADF Non-Fatal Casualties during quarter three, two received first aid on scene and the remaining two received a preliminary check-up by SAS but not admitted to hospital. We are showing **Green** against the HI 3 annual target. Within Perth & Kinross we will continue to work with our partners to ensure we positively contribute to reducing the risk to our communities and staff by analysis of our operational activities and targeting those most at risk and vulnerable, particularly around unintentional harm in the home. These targeted initiatives will continue to develop and improve as we move forward together to ensure we provide the most appropriate support for our communities with regard to unintentional harm.

## PRIORITY 2 – IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY AND RESILIENCE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

### HI 4 - Non-Domestic Building Fires

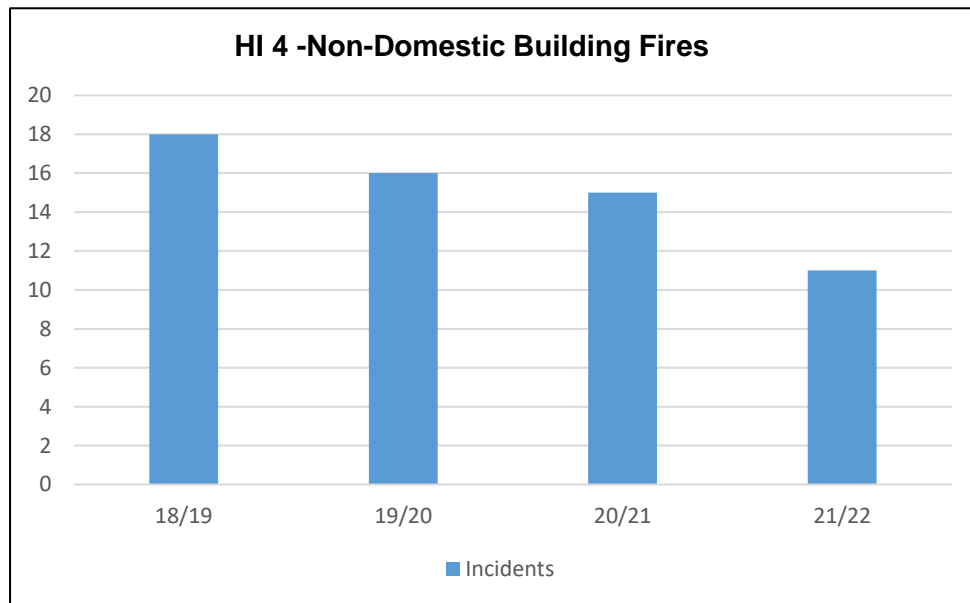


Table 3: Year to Date (April - December) Performance

|                                        | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22     | Annual Target |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>H4: Non-domestic Building Fires</b> | 42    | 50    | 34    | <b>36</b> | 53            |

### HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings & HI 6 – Non-Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings

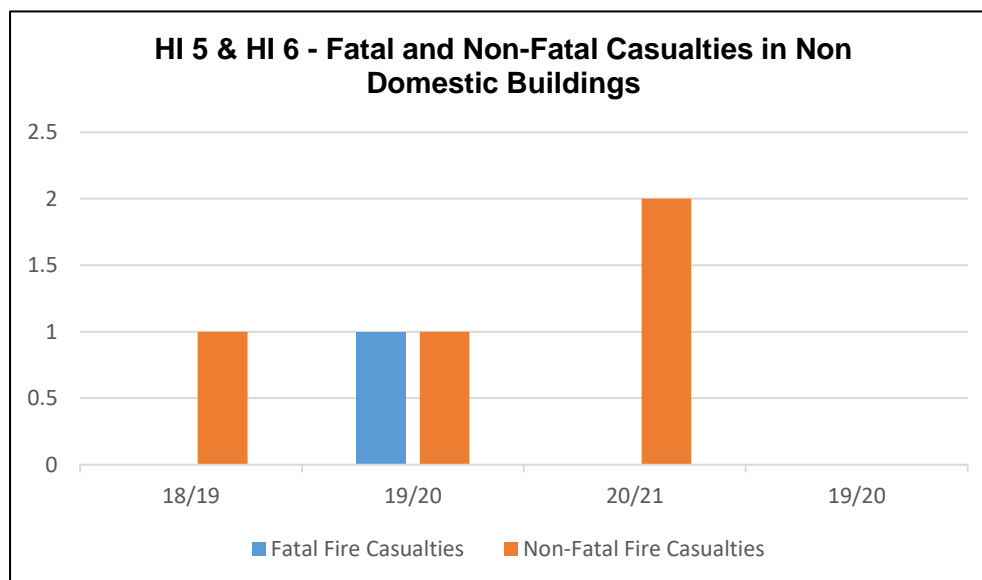


Table 4: Year to Date (April - December) Performance

|                                      | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22    | Annual Target |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------------|
| <b>H5: Fatal Fire Casualties</b>     | 0     | 1     | 0     | <b>0</b> | 0             |
| <b>H6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties</b> | 1     | 1     | 2     | <b>0</b> | 6             |

### Indicator Description

These headline indicators and targets cover the types of non-domestic buildings applicable to Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 ('The Act') (e.g. care homes, hotels and hospitals etc.) and is designed to reflect the effectiveness of fire safety management in respect of these types of buildings.

#### HI 4 - Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of fires in non-domestic buildings (where The Act applies), by keeping these fires **below 53**, in Perth & Kinross each year.

#### HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die sometime after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures. As a headline target, the aim is to have **Zero Fatal Fire Casualties** in non-domestic buildings applicable to the Act, in Perth & Kinross each year.

#### HI 6 – Non-fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in non-domestic buildings, including precautionary checks. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce risk of injury from fire in non-domestic buildings, by keeping fire injuries **below 6**, in Perth & Kinross each year.

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Two: *Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcomes:

- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### Performance Management

There were 11 fires in non-domestic buildings during quarter three which reflects an increase from the same quarter last year which was (6). YTD there is a decrease against the three-year average 36 against 42. Within eight incidents there was no heat or smoke damage and within the remaining three, none of them were subjected to fire damage over five square meters. This therefore is showing **Green** against the HI 4 annual target to date.

There were no Non-Domestic Fatal Fire Casualties and no Non-Domestic Casualties during quarter three. YTD, we are showing **Green** against the HI 6 annual target.

The COVID pandemic restrictions have impacted our ability to undertake fire safety audits within commercial buildings. In total, 47 fire safety audits were completed during Q3. 39 in care homes and two in licenced premises. Some of the audits completed were undertaken remotely, this was particularly evident within care homes and hospitals. A great deal of fire safety enforcement activity involved the engagement with local businesses to ensure they were maintaining safety critical procedures during these uncertain times. There were no enforcement/formal notices issued during this period and we are also on track for completing our framework audits in quarter four.

Fire Safety Enforcement Officers (FSEO's) will continue to provide the most appropriate level of support to local businesses to enable suitable and timely legislative fire safety guidance and enforcement to be undertaken. We also continue to engage with business forums to ensure the right level of information is given to the business community.

## PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

### HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

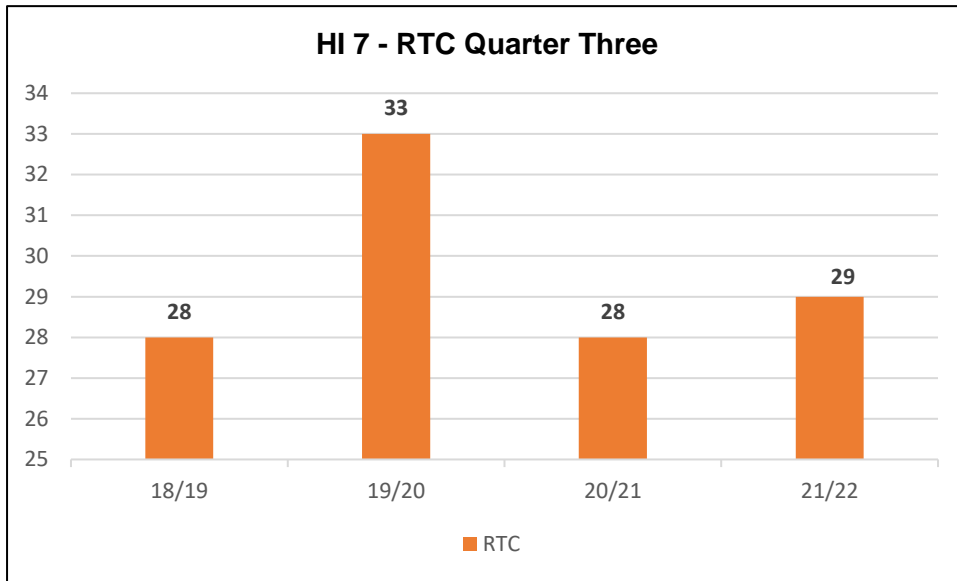


Table 5: Year to Date (April - December) Performance

|                   | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | Annual Target |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| H7: RTC Incidents | 68    | 71    | 45    | 58    | 83            |

### HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties & H9 – Non-Fatal RTC Casualties

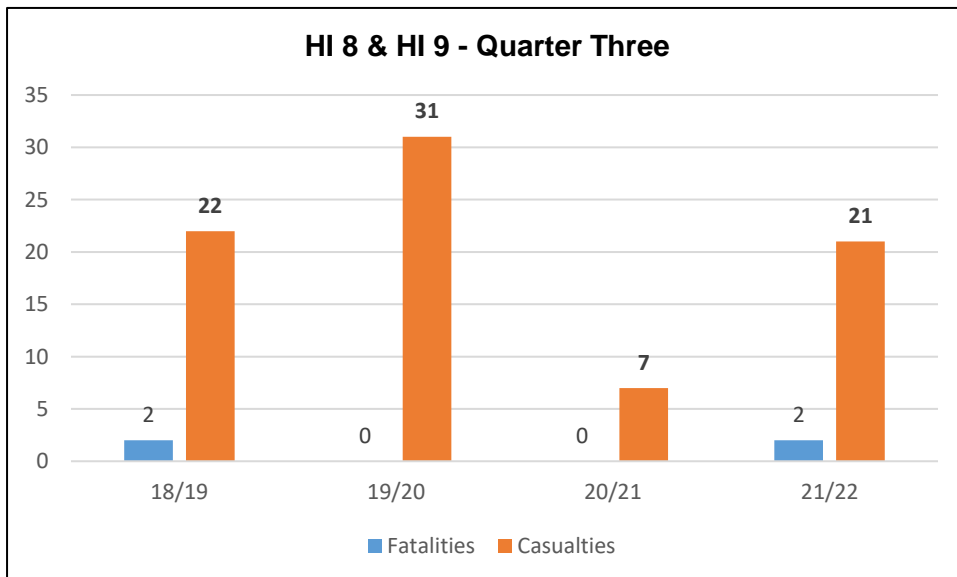


Table 6: Year to Date (April - December) Performance

|                              | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | Annual Target |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| H8: Fatal RTC Casualties     | 6     | 1     | 0     | 4     | 0             |
| H9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties | 61    | 59    | 16    | 37    | 70            |



### Indicator Description

The SFRS has become increasingly involved in more non-fire related prevention work, in support of its role in promoting the wider safety and well-being of its communities, including minimising the impact of unintentional harm. The headline indicators and targets reflect the fact that most of non-fire related incidents attended by the SFRS in Perth & Kinross are RTC Incidents.

#### HI 7 - RTC Incidents

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of RTC incidents, by keeping them **below 83** each year.

#### HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of death from RTC's in Perth & Kinross, by keeping them **at Zero** each year.

#### HI 9 - Non-fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from RTC's in Perth & Kinross, by keeping non-fire injuries **below 70** each year.

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Three: *Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm*, we also link these headline targets to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcomes:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### Performance Management

We attended 29 RTC Incidents, to assist with safety of the incident scene and release/extricate occupants trapped in the vehicles as a result of a collision. This is reporting an increase on the same quarter last year (28) and last quarter (18). Of the 29 incidents attended 10 incidents required more technical extrication to release casualties and at 15 incidents persons were released and we made the scene safe. Although the Q3 numbers are high, YTD we are showing **Green** for achieving the HI 7 annual target.

Of all the RTC Incidents we attended during quarter three there were two recorded fatalities, therefore we are showing **Red** for the HI 8 annual target.

Of the 29 RTC Incidents we attended during quarter three there were 21 non-fatal casualties which reflects a decrease (23%) on the same quarter last year (31). YTD we are reporting 37 non-fatal casualties which is the lowest Q3 figures for the last five years, therefore we are showing **Green** for achieving the HI 9 annual target.

This type of incident accounts for around 3% of all incidents and 16% of all special service incidents attended this quarter. However, these types of incidents account for a high number of casualties every year which requires a multi-agency partnership approach to reduce these risks to people on our roads. Road Safety within Perth & Kinross has established a Road Safety Partnership to ensure we review our current position. This multi-agency group is reviewing this area of work locally with a view to establishing priorities for the partnership moving forward which will influence the content of Perth and Kinross Road Safety plan and subsequent actions. The Road Safety Plan is now in place which is supported by an annual action plan. These actions will ensure we work, as a partnership, towards integrating Road Safety initiatives that will reduce the impact of this type of incident locally. An example of this is project EDWARD which was delivered at Pitlochry and Aberfeldy fire stations in partnership with Police Scotland. Also as we move into the COVID recovery phase we are planning our virtual reality goggle strategy which will be primarily aimed at young adults.

# PRIORITY 4 - REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

## HI 10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

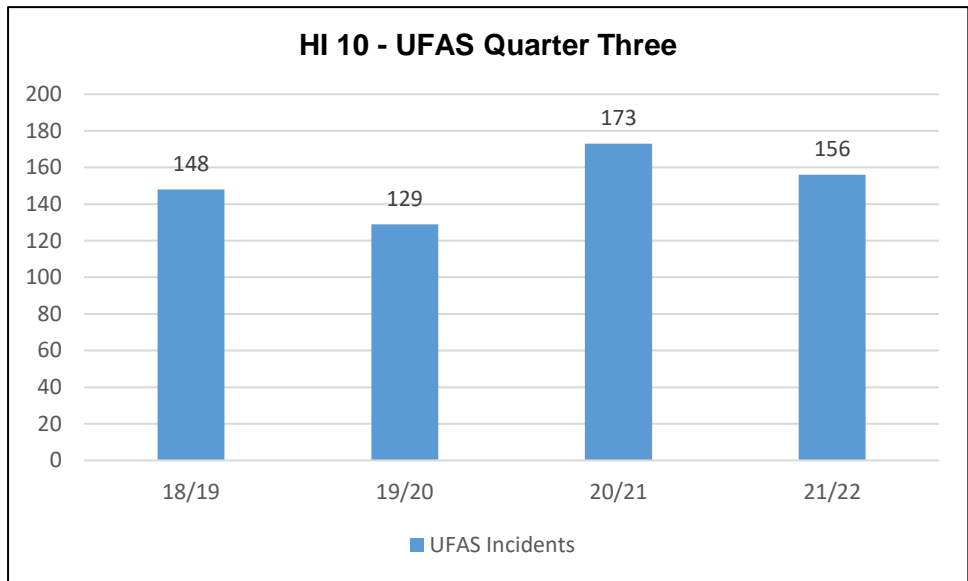
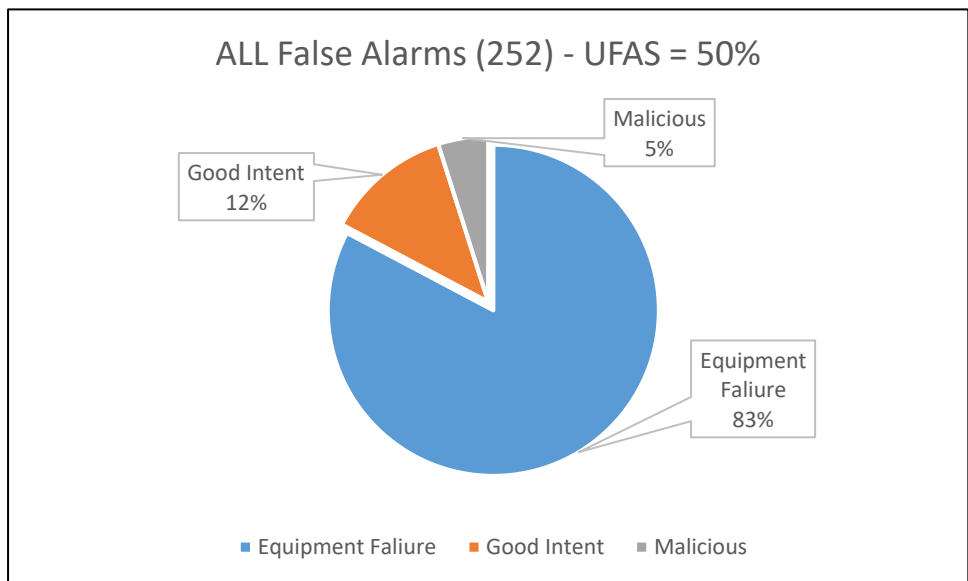


Table 7: Year to Date (April - December) Performance

|                       | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | Annual Target |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| HI 10: UFAS Incidents | 479   | 428   | 447   | 508   | 528           |

## All False Alarms for Year to Date



### Indicator Description

Automatic Fire alarms (AFA) are fundamental to providing early warning from fire, giving people the chance to evacuate safely. However, to be effective, they must be properly installed and maintained, and a good fire safety management regime must be in place by the duty holder, so they do not activate when there is no fire.

Every Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) from an AFA has an impact in terms of unnecessary blue light journeys, redirecting SFRS resources away from other activities such as community safety work and causing considerable disruption to businesses.

#### HI 10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

As a headline target, the aim is to improve fire safety management and awareness, by reducing the number of attendances to unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) from automatic systems in non-domestic buildings to **less than 528** each year.

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Four: *Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcome:

- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy

### Performance Management

During quarter three 2021/22, SFRS were called out to 156 UFAS incidents from a total of 307 False Alarms. In total, UFAS accounted for 32% of our total operational demand.

As previously discussed and reported, the SFRS undertook a full review of how and why we respond to automated fire alarm signals as ever-increasing numbers throughout Scotland are impacting how we deliver services to our communities. The review developed four options, three of which would reduce our attendance at different levels. The options were part of a public consultation released in Q2 and closed in Q3.

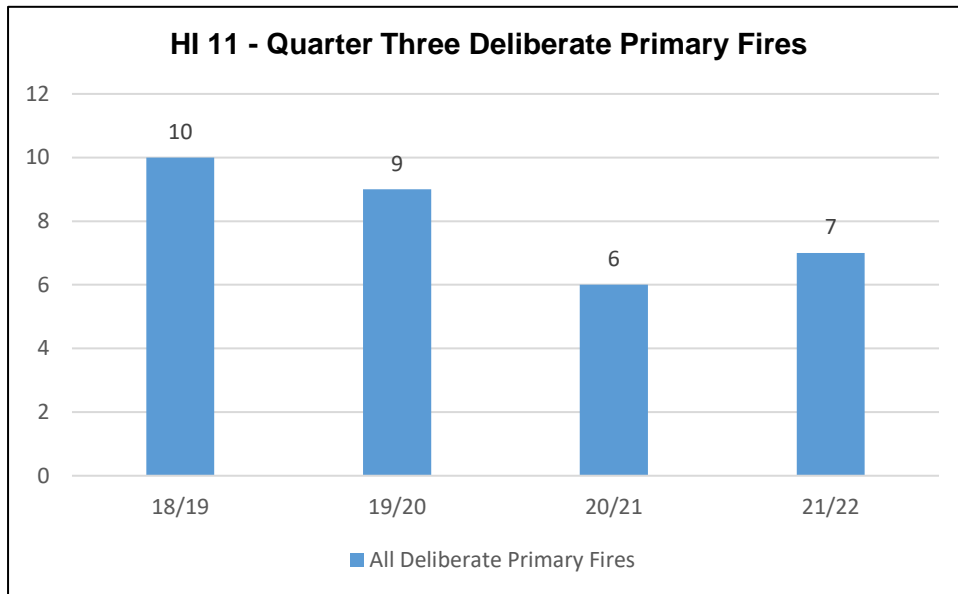
To deliver this new strategy on how we mobilise to fire alarm signals we will be developing a framework, writing policies and undertaking training internally and externally. This will also involve working collaboratively with schools, colleges, universities and the NHS along with any others that routinely experience large numbers of activations. We plan to deliver this new approach around Q1 2023. In the meantime, we will be engaging with our partners updating them of the changes and continue to advise them how to minimise their fire alarm activations. The table below lists the 5 property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS during quarter Three. When analysed further, it is the same property types that are causing UFAS in Perth & Kinross and nationally, the picture is very similar.

| Property Types - UFAS             | 21/22 Q3 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Residential Care- Nursing Home    | 15       |
| Education – Secondary and Primary | 25       |
| Retail Shop                       | 12       |
| Hospital and Medical Care         | 10       |
| Office and Call Centre            | 7        |

During quarter three our operational crews continued to investigate the cause of every UFAS event to ensure the appropriate level of engagement with the duty holder when in attendance at these call-outs. Every UFAS incident SFRS attends is used as an opportunity to educate the duty holder about the impact UFAS has on their businesses, the community and the Fire and Recue Service.

Based on the annual UFAS Target we have set we are currently showing **Red** against the HI 10 annual target.

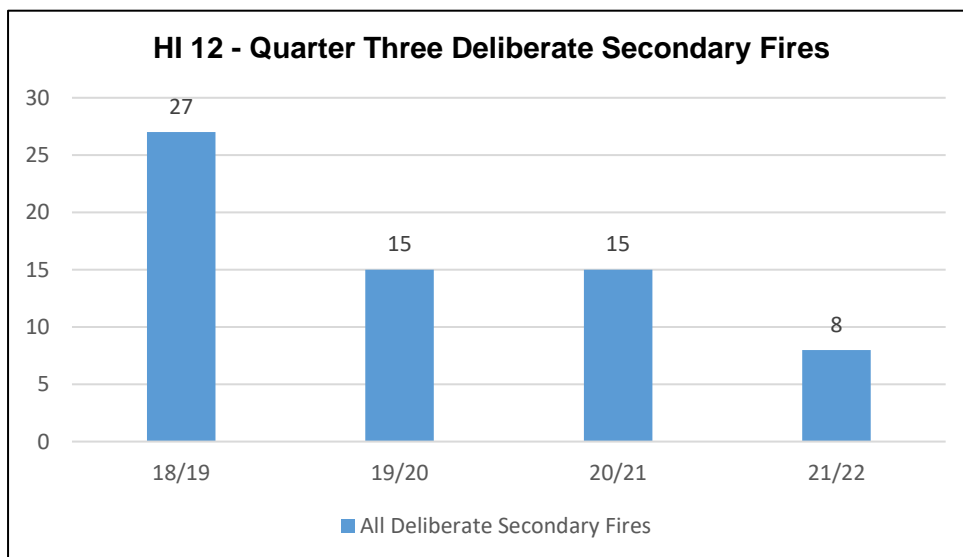
## PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES



**Table 8: Year to Date (April- December) Performance**

|                                        | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | Annual Target |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| <b>HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires</b> | 21    | 25    | 25    | 23    | 29            |

### HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires



**Table 9: Year to Date (April- December) Performance**

|                                          | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | Annual Target |
|------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| <b>HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires</b> | 90    | 72    | 52    | 69    | 80            |

### **Indicator Description**

These headline and indicators targets account for all types of fire that are believed to have been started intentionally, and are categorised as Deliberate Primary Fires and Deliberate Secondary Fires.

#### HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the following types:

- Fires in the home
- Fires in non-domestic buildings
- Fires in motor vehicles

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate primary fires in Perth & Kinross by keeping these fires **below 29** each year.

#### HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the majority of outdoor fires including grassland and refuse fires and include fires in derelict buildings, but not chimney fires. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate secondary fires in Perth & Kinross by keeping these fires **below 80** each year, this exceeds the annual target.

### **What we aim to Achieve**

As well as helping to deliver Priority Five: *Reducing Deliberate Fires*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcomes:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
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### **Performance Management**

There were seven deliberate primary fires reported during quarter three, which is below average (8). We are reporting a similar number of fires as the incidents remain relatively low within Perth and Kinross in the long term. Three of the incidents were car fires, two garden sheds, a bottle bank and the other was within Perth Prison. Due to the steady figures throughout Q1 and Q2 we are therefore showing **Amber** against HI 11 annual target.

There were eight deliberate secondary fires reported during quarter three which is lower in comparison to the same quarter in 2019/20 where there were 15 incidents. This also reflects a slight decrease on the three-year average for this quarter which is 19 incidents. The majority of these incidents were in the Perth City area. Due to the high numbers experienced in Q1 (45) we are showing **Red** against the HI 12 annual target against year to date.

During the last few months we have continued to work with partners to reduce the number of all deliberate fire incidents albeit the current COVID pandemic has limited these activities. This proactive approach particularly around youth engagement to endeavours to reduce the number of deliberate fires, particularly secondary fires, as part of a wider youth awareness education initiative. These included working with local schools to reduce this type of unacceptable, anti-social behaviour. This along with national campaigns within the Autumn Season, this will help to reduce this risk locally. There is a continual programme of input each quarter with regard deliberate fire raising, alongside other educational safety programmes, across Perth and Kinross particularly around the Perth City area.

## PRIORITY 6 – EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

### Description

Risk Management and operational preparedness is a key area of work for the SFRS. In Perth & Kinross, this means:

- Knowing what the risks are in Perth & Kinross and then making plans, so we are resilient to respond to any event.
- Being prepared to respond to national threats or major emergencies.
- Developing flexibility to deploy crews, to take on a broadening role within the community.
- Firefighters being quipped to deal with emergencies safely and effectively and our stations being in a constant state of readiness.
- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Six: *Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness*, our activities also support improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP objectives:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
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### Activity

During Quarter Three 2021 (October - December), we have delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighters, whereby we trained and confirmed their preparedness to deal with:

- Extrication Techniques (RTC)
- Breathing Apparatus
- Trauma and Medical Emergencies
- Water and Ice Rescues
- Casualty Care
- Sleeping Risks

Firefighters continue to conduct Operational Intelligence visits to sites within their station area (Covid-19 dependant) so that they are familiar with the associated risks and hazards and, if required, can take effective actions in dealing with incidents at these sites. They also continue to conduct Home Fire Safety Visits, with an action plan implemented to ensure that all High-Risk properties were visited and telephone contact made with all Medium and Low Risk properties.

We are maintaining our staff re-integration programme for day staff to be fully proficient to provide operational resilience should we suffer staff shortages due to Covid-19. We continue to deliver Covid-19 Risk Critical courses in-line with Scottish Government guidelines which will be essential training only where the subject has been deemed risk critical. As some courses had to be cancelled due to Covid, we are preparing to identify and schedule these back in as soon as this is workable.

Specific Incident Command, Breathing Apparatus & Compartment Fire Behaviour Training and Driver Training courses continue, ensuring stations are staffed appropriately to meet the needs of our communities. Our Trainee Firefighter yearly assessments are also continuing to ensure that they are developing their skills in line with their 3-year Modern Apprenticeship.

We are also continuing our advertising campaign with a view of filling a number of vacant posts within our retained and volunteer stations. Interviews are programmed in for January 2022.

## APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

This section provides details of Community Safety Engagement initiatives undertaken within Perth & Kinross during the third quarter of 2021-23. The Safer Communities Partnership work together to continually provide various community safety messages, education, training and support. This implements risk reduction strategies to support our communities, particularly those most vulnerable. Working collaboratively also supports the priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan and the wider Perth & Kinross Council Community Planning Partnerships priorities. Unfortunately COVID restrictions have heavily impacted the way we carry out our engagement activities so much of it particularly through quarter three has been remote engagement through MS Teams etc.

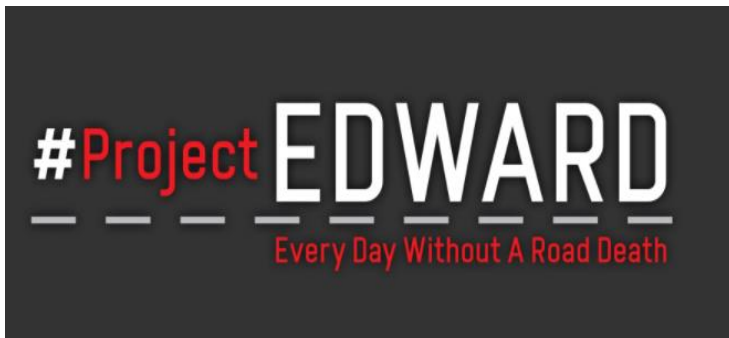
Some examples this quarter are:



The law regarding domestic smoke detection is changing on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. Much of the advertising by the Scottish Government was undertaken during Q3. This has resulted in a very high number of enquiries to the SFRS nationally and locally where advice has been given. Our community teams have prioritised and met with many community groups within PKC to discuss the changes.



In general, we have low attendance figures within Perth and Kinross with regards to Bonfires. Every year we continue and develop our collaborative partner approach leading up to the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Working with Police Scotland and the Community Wardens we delivered presentation packages to all primary and secondary schools. Our fire safety enforcement team created letters for business owners informing them how to keep their business safe from anti-social fire related crime.



Project Edward - Every Day Without A Road Death. A collaboration between SFRS, Police Scotland, PKC and the Highland Road Safety Group to deliver driver awareness to those who haven't driven or reduced their journeys during the Covid lockdown. Includes Blue light awareness, winter safety and driving in adverse weather. Events were run at Pitlochry and Aberfeldy Fire Stations during November.



The SFRS supported the 'Don't Drink and Drown' National campaign which was launched on 6<sup>th</sup> December. It is designed to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking when near water. Around 73 people lose their lives each year through a substance related drowning. In context this is 20% of the annual accidental drowning fatalities in the UK.

Other work our Community Safety Team have been undertaking;

Watch Commander Cammy Sands assisted the 'Enable Employability Group' with mock interviews. This is to assist young adults with learning challenges with interview techniques with a view to prepare them for work.

St Johns Academy - Work experience week. WC Sands gave an input on SFRS as an employer and a day in the life of a firefighter. There was also discussions on our application and interview process and the criteria required to join.

Perth Grammar School – Our community safety team gave risk awareness (Road / Water) and community engagement input to a group of young people who are demonstrating a disengagement with main stream learning.

We attended and promoted the 16 days of action (Violence against women). Programme of events very well organised by PKC



SFRS attended 496 incidents of which a number would undoubtedly have had a serious impact on members of our communities and their families, particularly from Road Traffic Collisions, Dwelling Fires and other Special Service Calls. Some of the more notable incidents and events are noted below:

### Flooding in Rattray



31/10/21 Crews from Blairgowrie, Alyth and Perth used pumps to remove flood water from School Field Road, New Road and Honeyberry Drive in Rattray. The flood was mainly due to the Rattray burn bursting its banks. Crews were in attendance for over four hours, pumping water, reassuring residents and assisting PKC with residents displaced from their homes. WC Smith from Blairgowrie FS is currently assisting Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council with their resilience plans. He has also donated 500 flood sacks for their newly positioned flood store in Rattray.

### Bus Fire A9 Auchterarder



20/11/20 Fire crews from Auchterarder and Perth attended this incident. The bus driver noticing the fire managed to move the bus from the A9 to the North bound Gleneagles slipway and evacuate all the passengers. The bus contained St Johnstone supporters traveling home. Only minor injuries reported. The fire that started at the rear of the bus quickly took hold. The bus was extinguished quickly and everyone removed safely from the incident.

### Van fire I&H Brown



20/10/21 crews from Perth attended a van fire which was deliberately set alight. Whilst the van was on fire it rolled into I&H Brown building situated on the Dunkeld Rd. Fortunately the prompt actions from the crews prevented the fire spreading too far into the building. CCTV clearly showed the van being set alight by the perpetrator. Police Scotland are investigating.

### Crieff Hydro Staff Accommodation



21/11/21 crews from Crieff and Auchterarder attended Crieff Hydro's staff accommodation. A fire, thought to be started by an electrical appliance quickly spread into the timber framed partition walls. To prevent fire spread much of the internal walls had to be cut away, any hot spots identified by thermal image cameras and extinguished. The following day our Fire Safety Enforcement team attended the hotel and carried out a post fire audit.

### RTC A94



05/11/21 crews from Coupar Angus and Alyth attended an RTC on the A94 mid-way between Coupar Angus and Meigle. All emergency services in attendance worked well to create space and extricate one of the casualties. The road was closed for some time to enable a safe scene for crews and enable a police investigation.

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**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**Housing and Communities Committee**

**PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL POLICING AREA QUARTER 3 POLICE REPORT**

**1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021**

**Report by Chief Superintendent Phil Davison  
Police Scotland D Division (Tayside) (Report No. 22/61)**

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 It is recommended that members note and scrutinise the statistical information contained in this report in conjunction with Appendix A.

**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 Appendix A will provide information in relation to some of the work which has taken place within Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area.

2.3 The content in this report is for information purposes to allow Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

**4. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no staffing issues as a result of this report.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

5.1 This report does not have any impact on the environment.

**6. SUMMARY**

6.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant operational matters and performance of the local policing area.

**7. COMPLIANCE**

7.1 Is the proposal;

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



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Quarter 3 ending 31st December 2021  
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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 LPP clearly sets out the policing objectives for Perth & Kinross Council and will report to the Housing and Communities Committee.

Performance in relation to the identified policing objectives and outcomes is monitored and reviewed at the monthly Tasking and Delivery Meeting. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Perth and Kinross Council Housing and Communities Committee. This report covers the period from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021, however will focus on Year to Date (YTD) data from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020 and 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021.

Data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Committee Members to conduct their responsibilities under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

This report will make reference to specific crimes mentioned in the local policing plan, which we refer to as our control strategy.

The information contained within this document compliments Force Priorities and supports reporting through Community Planning Partnership structures.

The infographic consists of seven colored rounded rectangles, each representing a policing priority. Each rectangle contains an icon, a title, and a brief description of the objective.

- Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour** (Orange): Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime. Icon: A hand with a lightning bolt.
- Acquisitive Crime** (Yellow): Reduce crime through preventing offending and reduce re-offending. Icon: A padlock.
- Road Safety and Road Crime** (Grey): Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads. Icon: A winding road.
- Public Protection** (Blue): Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners. Icon: A person sitting at a desk.
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism** (Light Green): Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness. Icon: A globe.
- Wildlife Crime** (Light Green): Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and sea. Icon: A paw print.
- Serious Organised Crime** (Light Orange): Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime, including cyber crime. Icon: A network of nodes.

# Plan on a Page – Perth & Kinross Local Policing Plan 2020-2023

**Our vision** | Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Perth & Kinross  
**Our purpose** | Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Perth & Kinross  
**Our Values** | Fairness | Integrity | Respect | Human Rights

## Local Priorities



**Violence Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour**




**Acquisitive Crime**



**Road Safety And Road Crime**



**Public Protection**



**Serious Organised Crime**



**Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism**



**Wildlife Crime**

## Objectives

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

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

Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness

Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and at sea

## Outcomes

Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service

The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery

The public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing

Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public

Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges



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Keeping people safe

# Summary Report Perth & Kinross LPA

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The table below provides a summary of this year to date Vs last year to date figures for this quarter in relation to crimes reported and crimes detected. This is an indication of the current position and further detail and indicators are provided in the full scrutiny report.

|                                                    |                                                    |                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b> | <b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b> | <b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b> |
| <b>Serious Assault</b>                             | <b>Robbery Inc Intent</b>                          | <b>Common Assault - Total</b>                      |
| Crimes                                             | Crimes                                             | Crimes                                             |
| Detect %                                           | Detect %                                           | Detect %                                           |
| 20/21                                              | 20/21                                              | 20/21                                              |
| 21/22                                              | 21/22                                              | 21/22                                              |
| % +/-                                              | % +/-                                              | % +/-                                              |
| 62                                                 | 29                                                 | 754                                                |
| 85.5                                               | 86.2                                               | 76.4                                               |
| 54                                                 | 34                                                 | 851                                                |
| 85.2                                               | 79.4                                               | 67.8                                               |
| -12.9%                                             | +17.2%                                             | +12.9%                                             |
| -0.3%                                              | -6.8%                                              | -8.6%                                              |
| <b>Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour</b> | <b>Acquisitive Crime</b>                           | <b>Acquisitive Crime</b>                           |
| <b>Emergency Services Assault</b>                  | <b>Housebreakings -Dwellings</b>                   | <b>Motor Vehicle Crime</b>                         |
| Crimes                                             | Crimes                                             | Crimes                                             |
| Detect %                                           | Detect %                                           | Detect %                                           |
| 20/21                                              | 20/21                                              | 20/21                                              |
| 21/22                                              | 21/22                                              | 21/22                                              |
| % +/-                                              | % +/-                                              | % +/-                                              |
| 102                                                | 45                                                 | 204                                                |
| 100                                                | 11.1                                               | 37.3                                               |
| 89                                                 | 72                                                 | 154                                                |
| 97.8                                               | 30.6                                               | 37.7                                               |
| -12.7%                                             | +60%                                               | -24.5%                                             |
| -2.2%                                              | +19.4%                                             | +0.4%                                              |
| <b>Acquisitive Crime</b>                           | <b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>                  | <b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>                  |
| <b>Fraud</b>                                       | <b>Speeding</b>                                    | <b>Drink/ Drug Driving</b>                         |
| Crimes                                             | Crimes                                             | Crimes                                             |
| Detect %                                           | Detect %                                           | Detect %                                           |
| 20/21                                              | 20/21                                              | 20/21                                              |
| 21/22                                              | 21/22                                              | 21/22                                              |
| % +/-                                              | % +/-                                              | % +/-                                              |
| 193                                                | 1436                                               | 198                                                |
| 21.8                                               | 100                                                | 84.8                                               |
| 291                                                | 1779                                               | 151                                                |
| 12.9                                               | 100                                                | 89.4                                               |
| +50.8%                                             | +23.9%                                             | -23.7%                                             |
| -3.9%                                              | /                                                  | +4.6%                                              |
| <b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>                  | <b>Road Safety and Road Crime</b>                  | <b>Public Protection</b>                           |
| <b>Road Deaths - All</b>                           | <b>Serious Injury - All</b>                        | <b>Rape Inc Assault with Intent</b>                |
| Crimes                                             | Crimes                                             | Crimes                                             |
| Detect %                                           | Detect %                                           | Detect %                                           |
| 20/21                                              | 20/21                                              | 20/21                                              |
| 21/22                                              | 21/22                                              | 21/22                                              |
| % +/-                                              | % +/-                                              | % +/-                                              |
| 0                                                  | 41                                                 | 45                                                 |
| N/A                                                | N/A                                                | 57.8                                               |
| 4                                                  | 52                                                 | 65                                                 |
| N/A                                                | N/A                                                | 44.6                                               |
| /                                                  | +26.8%                                             | +44.4%                                             |
| /                                                  | /                                                  | -13.2%                                             |
| <b>Public Protection</b>                           | <b>Serious Organised Crime</b>                     | <b>Serious Organised Crime</b>                     |
| <b>Group 2 - Sexual Crimes</b>                     | <b>Drugs Supply</b>                                | <b>Drug Possession</b>                             |
| Crimes                                             | Crimes                                             | Crimes                                             |
| Detect %                                           | Detect %                                           | Detect %                                           |
| 20/21                                              | 20/21                                              | 20/21                                              |
| 21/22                                              | 21/22                                              | 21/22                                              |
| % +/-                                              | % +/-                                              | % +/-                                              |
| 260                                                | 79                                                 | 347                                                |
| 55.0                                               | 78.5                                               | 102.3                                              |
| 274                                                | 86                                                 | 257                                                |
| 43.4                                               | 67.4                                               | 90.3                                               |
| +5.4%                                              | +8.9%                                              | -25.9%                                             |
| -11.6%                                             | -11%                                               | -12%                                               |

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**Violence,  
Disorder and  
Antisocial  
Behaviour**

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**Operating Context**

This quarter has seen an increase in Robbery and Common Assault but a decrease in Serious Assault and assaults against emergency workers.

HMP Perth continues to feature as a hot spot however joint work with SPS continues and changes are being considered to our operating model to ensure we can focus on preventions activity.

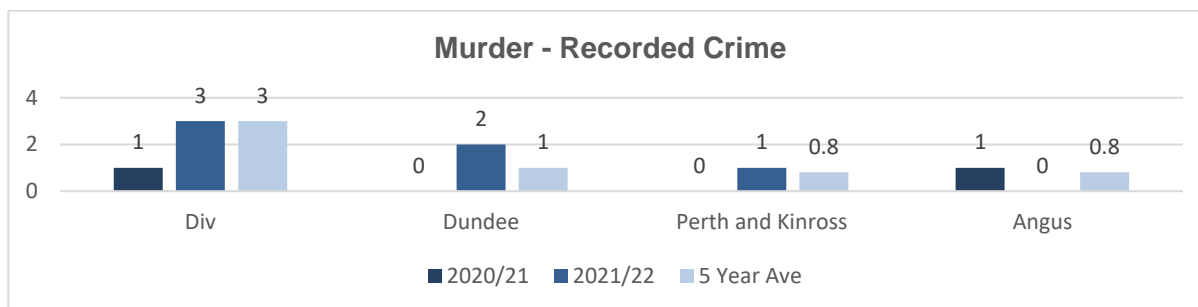
Domestic Abuse remains the most common contributory factor to violence however of concern are the growing links between violence and addiction. With the additional link between crime and poverty and wider vulnerability we are engaged in discussions with Criminal Justice Partners to ensure our vision includes pathways to divert both victims and perpetrators from the further commission of violence.

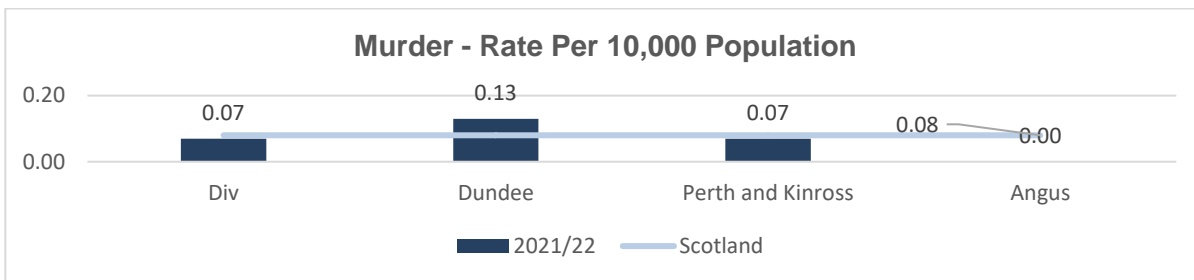
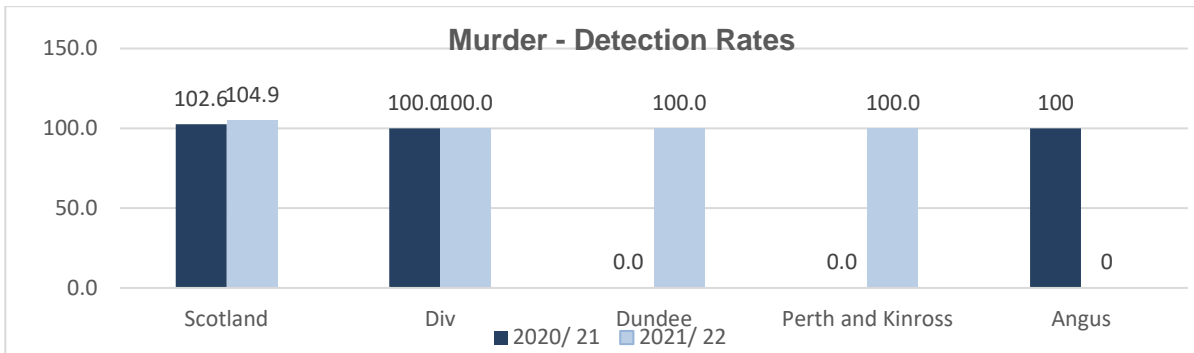
The involvement of young men in violence continues to be a concern and whilst the reported numbers have reduced work is ongoing with partners at a Strategic level to understand the impact of COVID lockdown and external influences on young people.

As we return to normality around the night time economy our Community Teams continue to work with licensed premises to prevent and disrupt any public space violence influenced by alcohol or substance use.

Murder

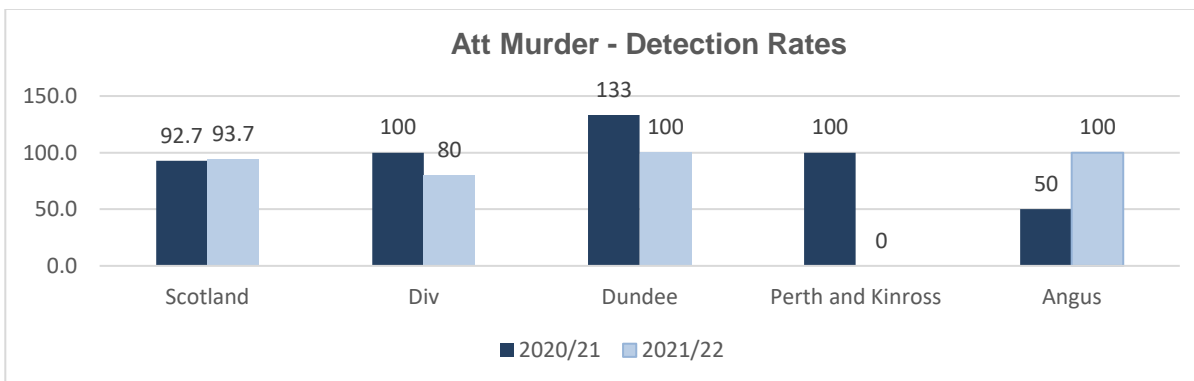
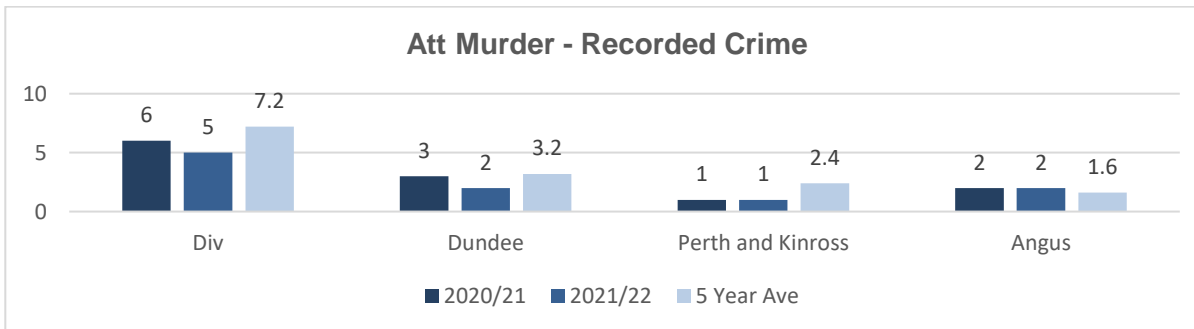
There have been no murders recorded during this reporting period.

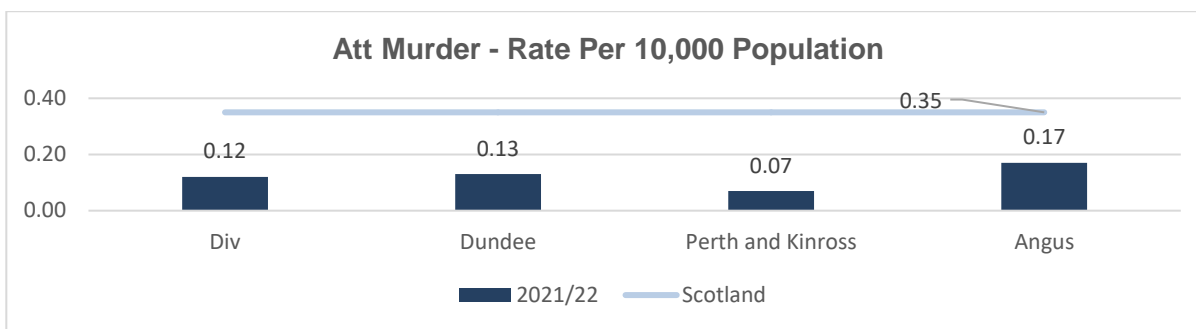




Attempted Murder

There has been one attempted murder recorded during this reporting period. In December 2021 a vehicle was deliberately driven on multiple occasions at a pedestrian in Kinross. A 41 year old man and 40 year old woman have since been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.





Serious Assault

There were 17 serious assaults recorded during this reporting period. This represents a reduction of one crime from quarter 2 and an overall reduction in serious assault from the numbers recorded at this time in 2020/21.

Detection rates remain slightly below quarter 2 but are identical to those in 2020/21. The difference in detection rate from quarter 2 amounts to 2 crimes and enquiries remain underway. In those cases which remain undetected the victim/witnesses have been under the influence of alcohol and difficulty has been encountered in obtaining details about the incident.

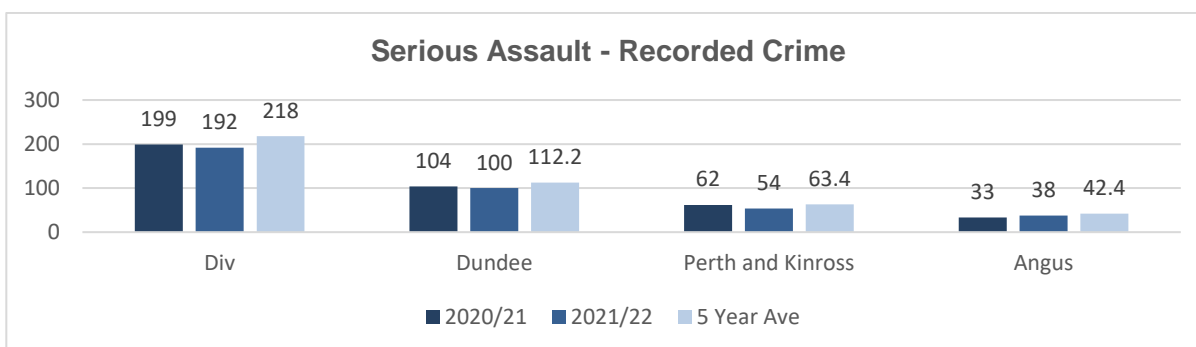
As before a little under a third of recorded serious assaults took place at HMP Perth and a similar number were domestic assaults.

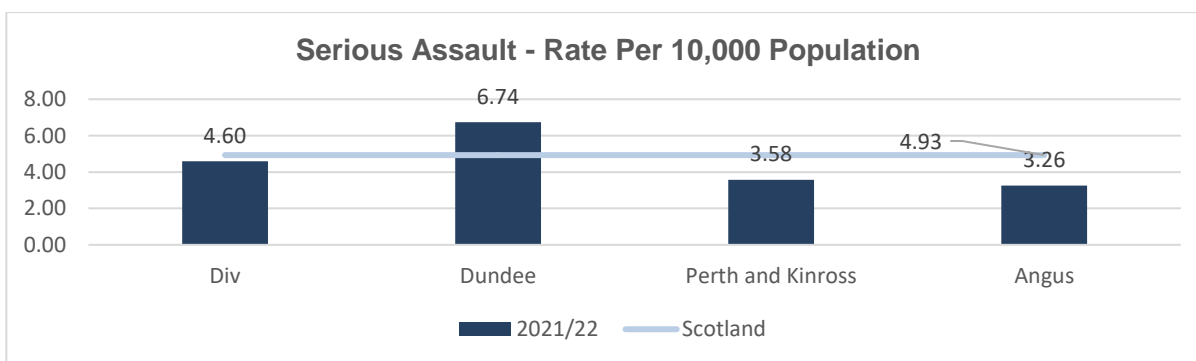
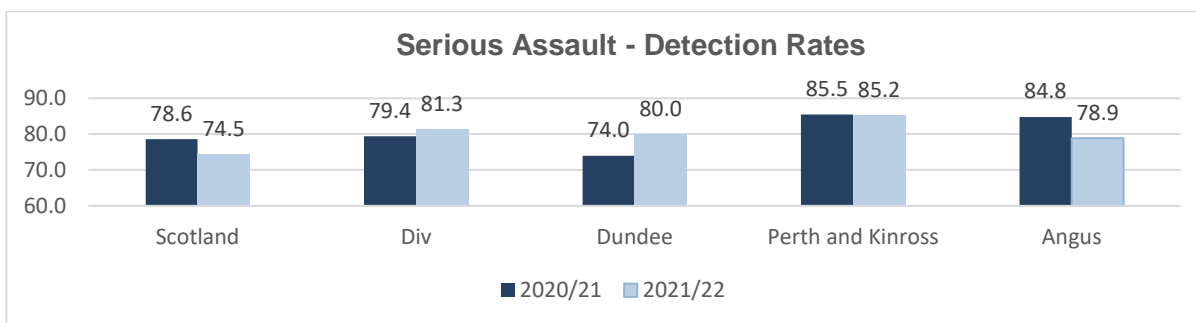
In the majority of those other cases alcohol played a significant part, the victims and perpetrators were known to each other or in each other's company and the assaults took place within the night time economy or in the vicinity of licensed premises. Few of the incidents in this reporting period have involved weapons.

Results

In October 2021 a 27 year old male from Blairgowrie and a 25 year old male from Kingussie were arrested following a large disturbance outside a licensed premises in Blairgowrie where the victim sustained a serious injury.

In November a 28 year old man was arrested following a disturbance in Mill Street, Perth where another male sustained a serious injury.





### Common Assault

Common assault remain higher than the equivalent period in 2020/21 and the number of crimes has risen by 44 when compared to quarter 2. Crime volumes peaked during November and thereafter reduced in December during the run up to the festive period.

Detection rates are down on the equivalent period last year however a number of enquiries remain ongoing.

Over half (51%) of common assaults occurred within Perth City and around a third were committed within a domestic abuse setting.

There was an equal split between public space and private space crimes however the swing back to private space in minimal compared to quarter 2 (2%). Public space assaults can occur in public streets however also include schools, shops, licensed premises and prisons. Focused policing plans are in place to proactively target repeat perpetrators and those on bail for acts of violence, particularly domestic offenders. These plans also inform joint patrols and work in public spaces with a higher risk of assaults being committed, such as HMP, retail premises and hospitals.

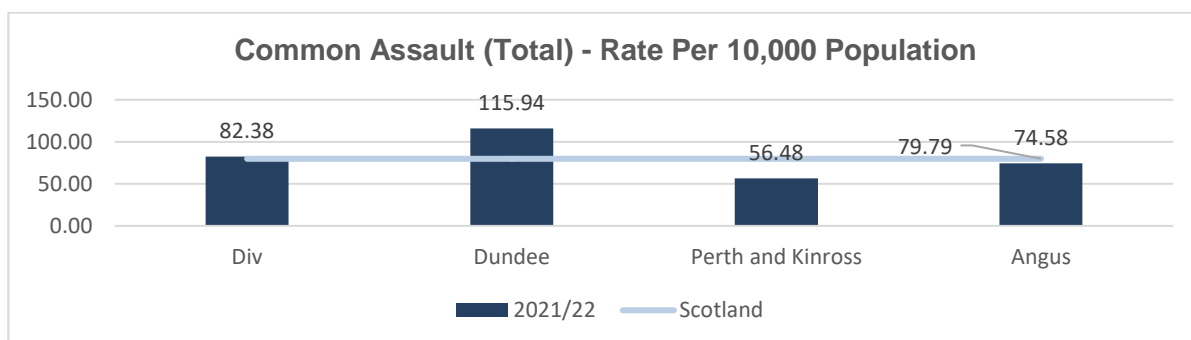
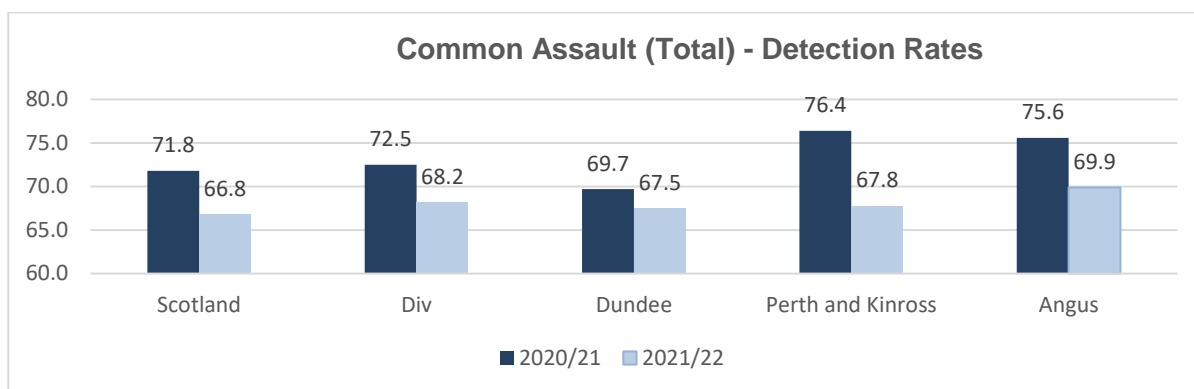
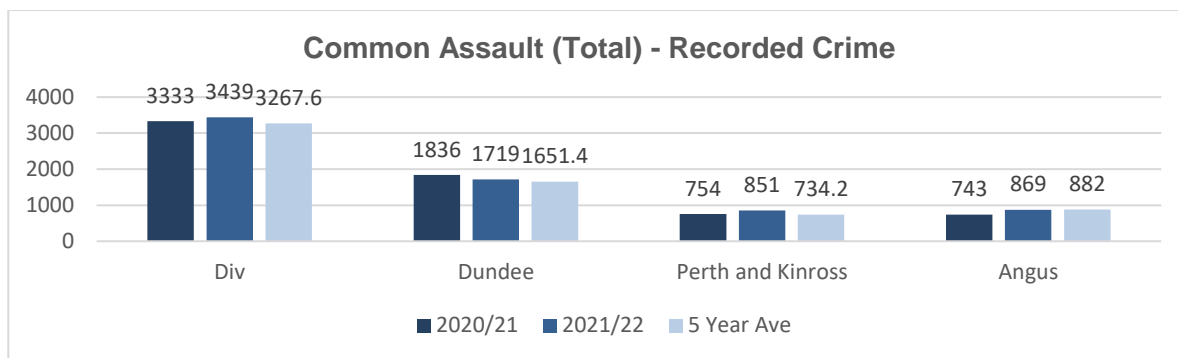
The majority of offenders are male (74%) with young males between 24 and 34 the most frequent offenders. Young males aged under 16 also feature heavily, accounting for a fifth of all male accused.

It is again positive to see a continuing reduction in assaults against Police and other emergency services workers.

### Results

In October a 33 year old man was arrested having threatened and assaulted a member of staff at a major retail outlet in Perth.

In November a 15 year old was reported to the Scottish Children's Reporter Agency after a group of young people approached a Police Officer in Crieff and assaulted him with a weapon.



Robbery

There were 18 Robberies during this reporting period, with a peak during late October and the first two weeks of November. This represents an increase since quarter 2 and reported crimes are above the same figures from 2020/21.

Detection rates remain slightly below 2020/21 but above quarter 2. There remain three crimes undetected for this period and all remain under enquiry. In one case, identification of the perpetrator remains outstanding and in two cases the people involved are known however insufficient evidence exists. In one of these cases the perpetrator has been charged with a number of other offences from the same incident.

In all but two crimes the perpetrators were known to the victim and three of the crimes involve offending within a domestic setting. Three of the crimes occurred during the same incident and are recorded as such due to the presence of three different victims.



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Few of the crimes occurred within a public place and there was no commonality of location. Only one of the crimes in this period involved the use of a weapon.

In 60% of the cases the motivation behind the crime appears to be the recovery of monies due to others from addiction problems and in one case prescribed medication was forcibly removed from an adult.

In 35% of cases, and becoming more regular, is the forcible removal of a phone from the victim during an argument, often in an attempt to recover footage of an earlier incident. One of these incidents involved the removal of a phone from an older male child from a group of peers.

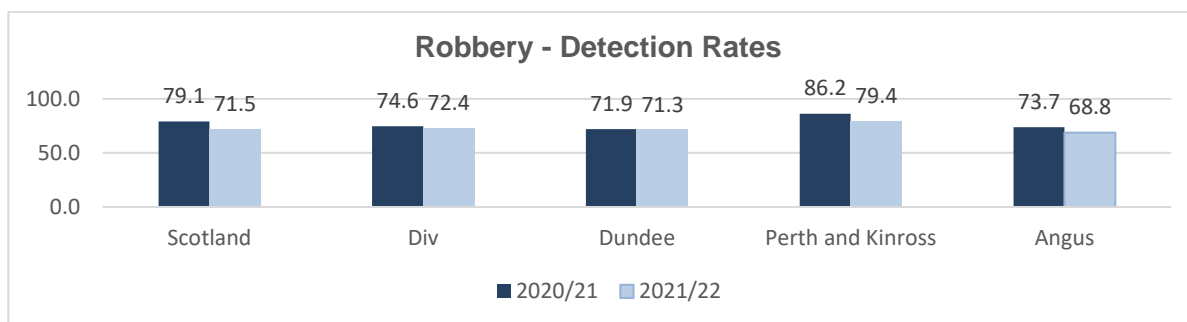
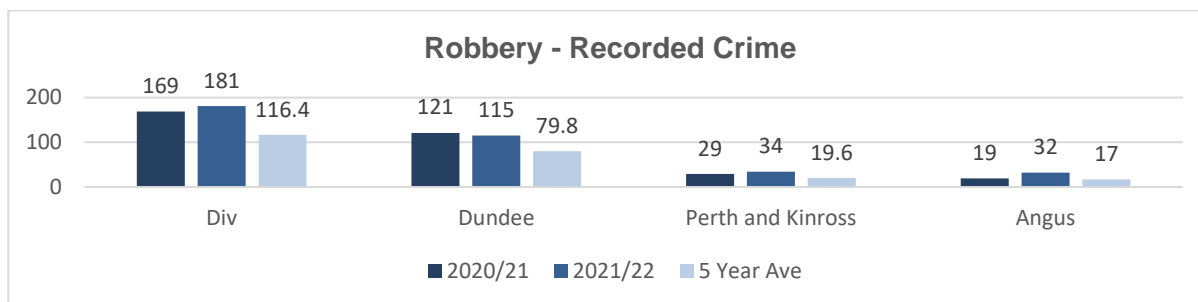
Given the increasing links between this type of criminality and poverty, addiction, mental health and wider vulnerabilities we continue to work with criminal justice partners on approaches that can provide more positive outcomes to victims and perpetrators.

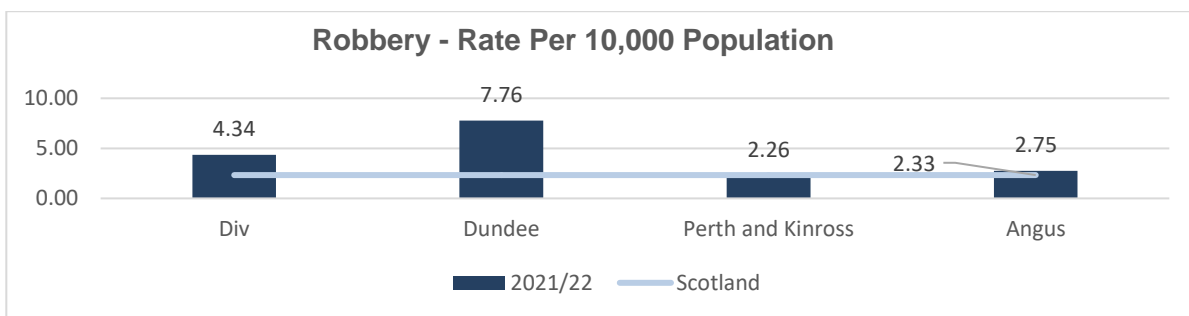
**Results**

In November three males under 16 were reported for the forcible removal of a ruck sack and phone from another young person in Crieff.

In November a 46 year old man was arrested for stealing money, by force, from a vulnerable neighbour at an address in Perth.

Also in November, a 24 year old male was arrested having forcibly removed cash, a phone and a vehicle from three associates at different locations in Perth.





Vandalism

There has been a rise in recorded vandalisms during this reporting period compared to the same period in 2020/21. Detection rates continue to be slightly down from last year.

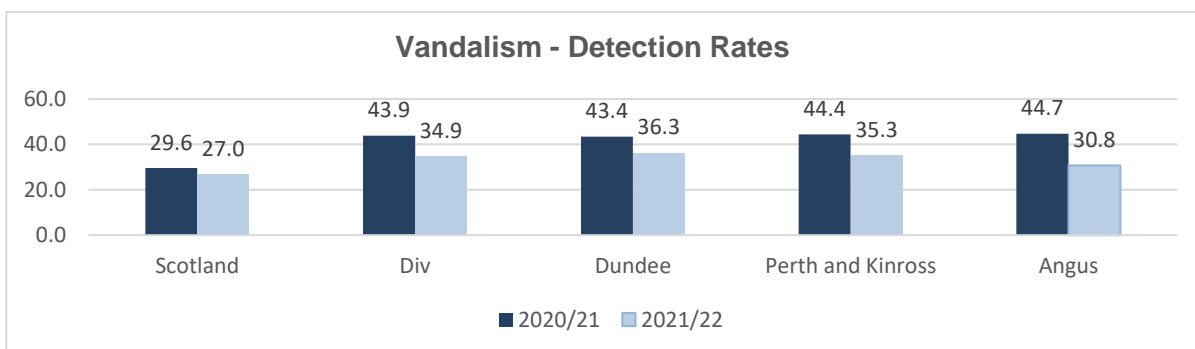
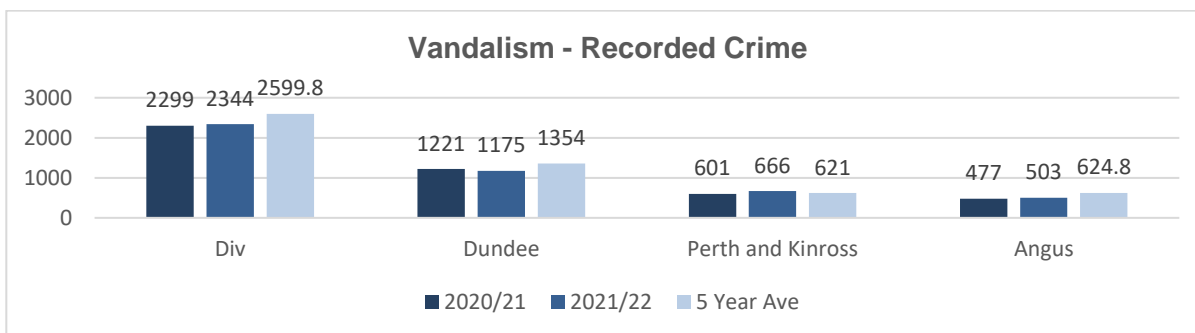
Continuing the theme from previous periods over half the reported vandalisms relate to damage to vehicles discovered by owners and reported as vandalisms. Investigative opportunities to identify the location, determine exactly how the damage was caused and identify any offenders are often limited.

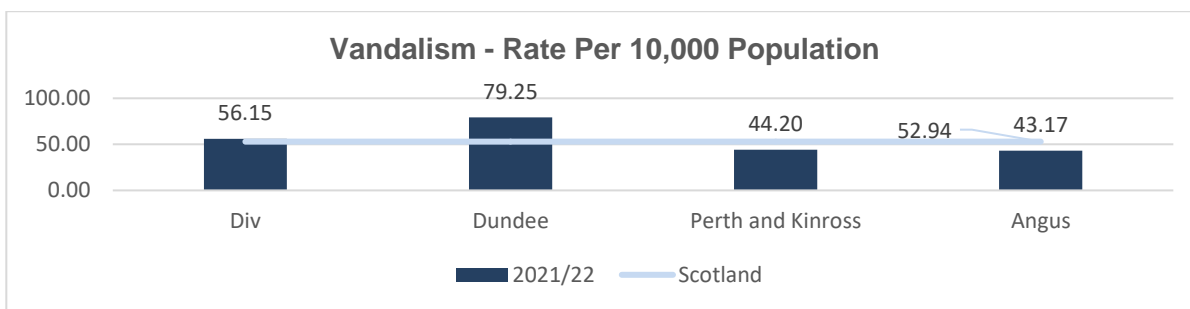
The geographical split is evenly spread across Perth, North and Perthshire and given this period included school holidays we saw a small number of vandalisms to schools.

Results

In October, two young children under 12 were found to be responsible for damaging a number of cars in Perth.

In November a 54 year old man was charged with causing damage to a gate whilst trying to force entry in to Forestry Commission land within North Perthshire.





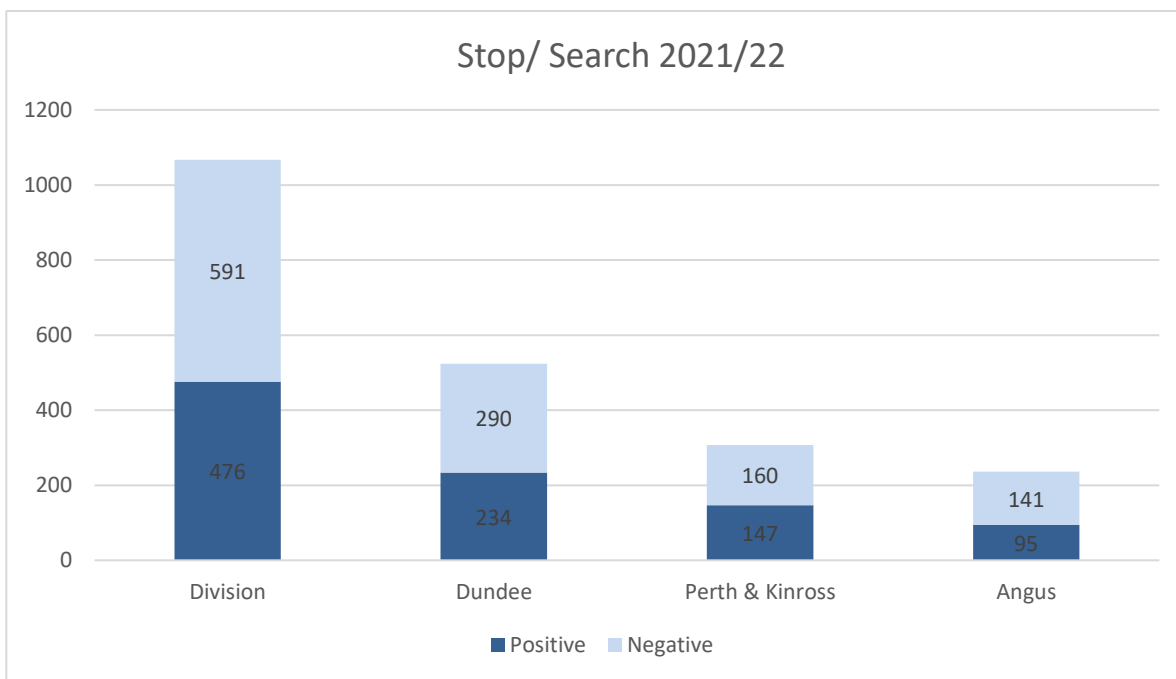
Stop Search

Stop and Search is an operational policing tactic in the prevention, investigation and detection of crime, with the intention of keeping people safe and improving community wellbeing. Stopping and searching members of the public is a significant intrusion into their personal liberty and privacy. We are obliged and committed to ensuring that stop and search of a person is carried out in a manner that is lawful, proportionate and accountable.

Officers will explain why they have stopped an individual before any search, explain what they are looking for. After the search officers will provide the individual with a receipt for the search, which contains information about their rights and how they can access a copy of their stop and search record.

In the reporting period 307 stop searches were conducted with items including weapons and drugs recovered on 147 occasions, which equates to a positive rate of 47.9%.

Assurance reports are provided monthly which show no disproportionate searching was carried out of persons under 18, nor did any disproportionate searching take place around ethnicity.





**Acquisitive  
Crime**

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### **Operating Context**

This quarter has seen a continuation of the trend seen in quarter 2 away from motor vehicle crime towards other forms of acquisitive crime.

Much of the crime in Perth City has trended towards housebreakings to local authority or housing authority properties, often by associates of the householder. Where perpetrators are identified in Perth it is common for them to be involved in other acquisitive crime such as shoplifting or have linked issues with poverty or addiction.

Crime trends in the more rural areas have involved travelling criminals and some outstanding work has taken place between local officers and other Divisions, such as Edinburgh, Fife and North/East Divisions to identify organised criminals targeting domestic dwellings and commercial premises in rural Perthshire.

Fraud continues to present a challenge to Policing, particularly cyber enabled fraud, and we continue to work with our partners on preventions and support for victims.

#### Domestic Housebreaking

During this period 34 housebreakings to domestic dwellings have been recorded. This represents an increase from quarter 2 and an increase in reported rates when compared to the same period in 2020/21. Detection rates remain strong in comparison to the same reporting period last year and remain above Divisional and national averages. The work of our Community Investigation Units, response units and Proactive CID continues to result in some positive enforcement.

The geographical split remains consistent with roughly half the crimes occurring in Perth and 25% each in North and South Perthshire.

Crimes in Perth remain indistinct in pattern and are generally housebreakings or attempts targeting cash and similar portable items, perpetrated by persons from the area and often associates of the house occupier.

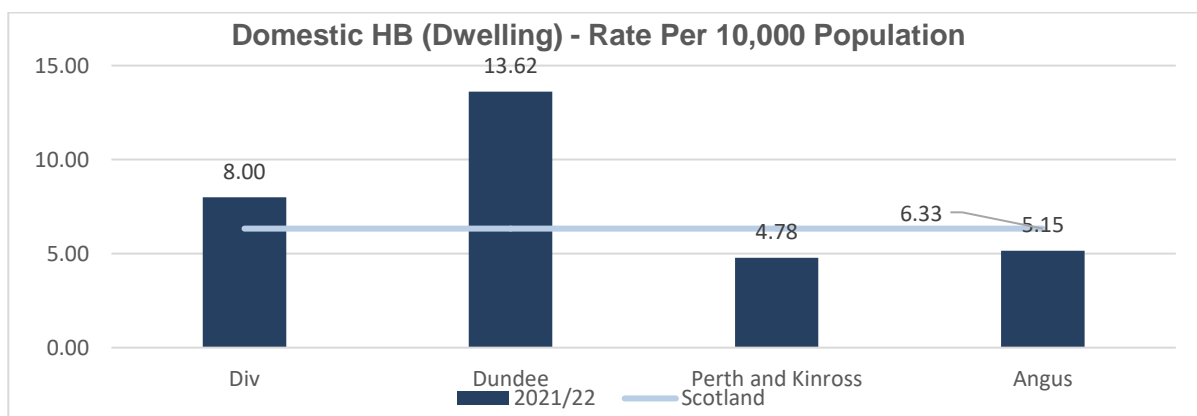
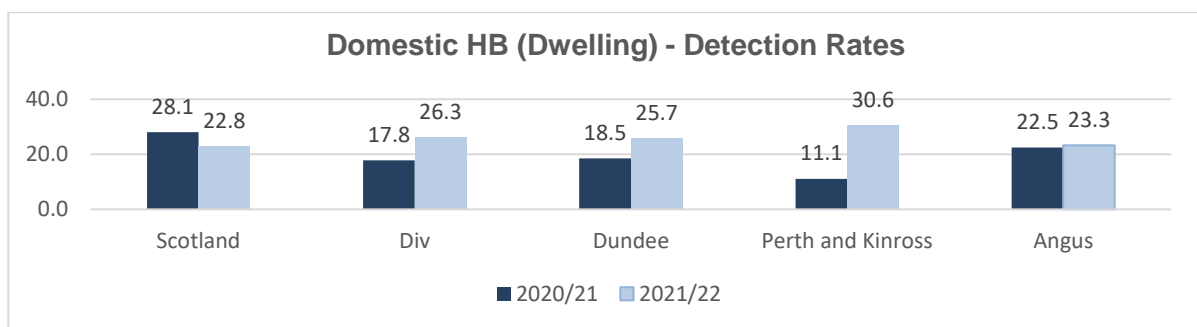
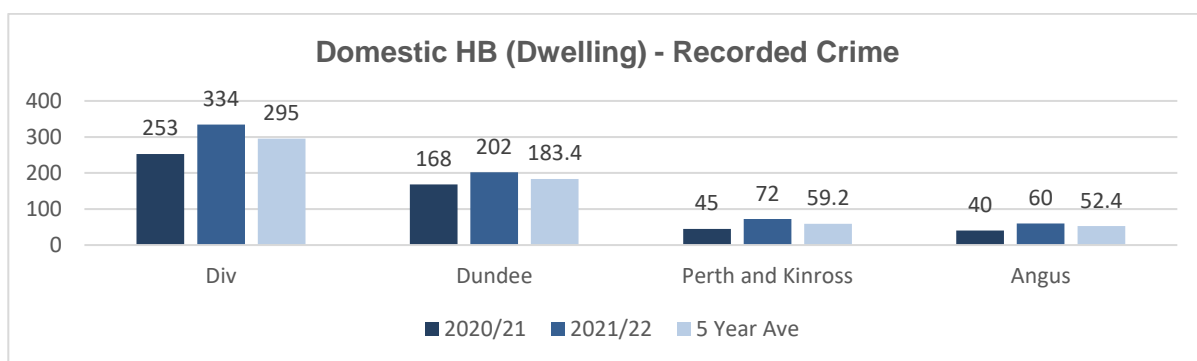
Crimes in South and North Perthshire often relate to the targeting of higher value property from unoccupied houses in rural areas with perpetrators often travelling into the area from outside.

Patrol plans remain in place to ensure visibility in more rural areas, particularly in the hours of darkness and we are supported by Road Policing colleagues and other national Divisions to target travelling criminals.

**Results**

In October a 26 year old man was arrested having broken into his ex-partner's house in Perth and stolen a number of items, including gifts intended for the children of the house.

Following extensive enquiry with officers from Aberdeen, two males from the south coast of England have been identified for 7 housebreakings to properties in Aberdeenshire and Tayside, targeting jewellery. One of these incidents took place in early November in South Perthshire.



Fraud

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Rates of reported fraud continue to be higher than figures from the comparative period in 2020/21. Similar rates are seen across Tayside and nationally. Detection rates are now slightly above figures from quarter 2.

Following changes in local crime recording systems it is clear that around 33% of all frauds are cyber enabled, making use of the internet for commission. As reported in previous quarters, the three most common types of fraud remain the fraudulent use of bankcards or accessing online banking to purchase goods, the persuasion of a victim to transfer money to an apparent "safe" account and the failure to provide or pay for goods from a previously agreed transaction.

We are pleased to see the continued success of banking protocols to prevent financial harm coming to vulnerable people and work with our partners in Trading Standards and the local authority to target scams and highlight potential fraudulent schemes.

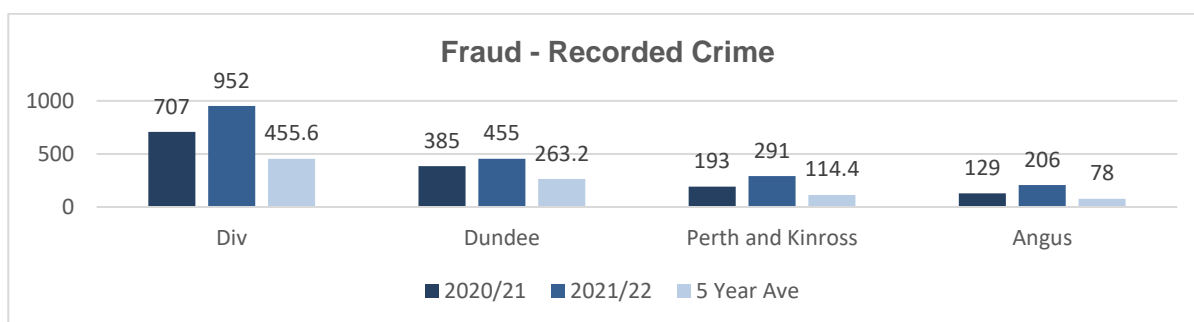
We continue to share alerts and bulletins, primarily via social media with the local authority and partners. These include regular cyber alerts shared with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland.

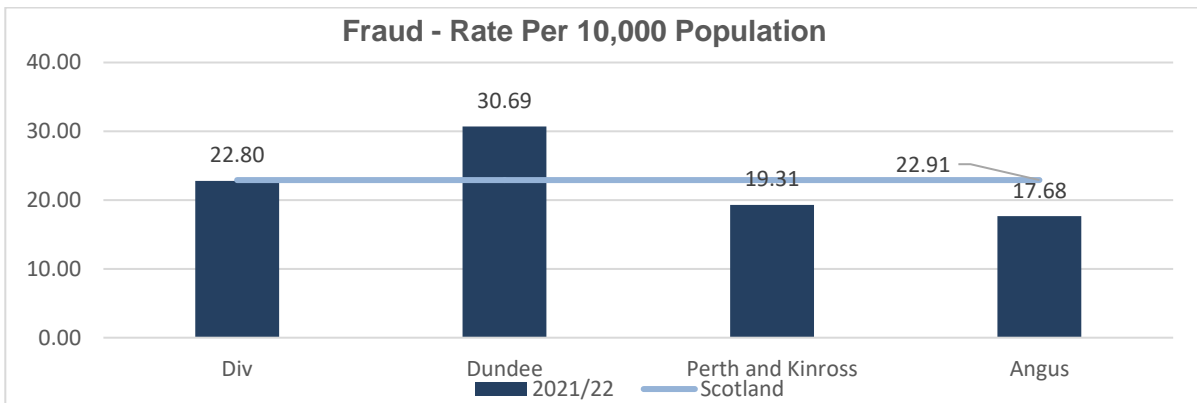
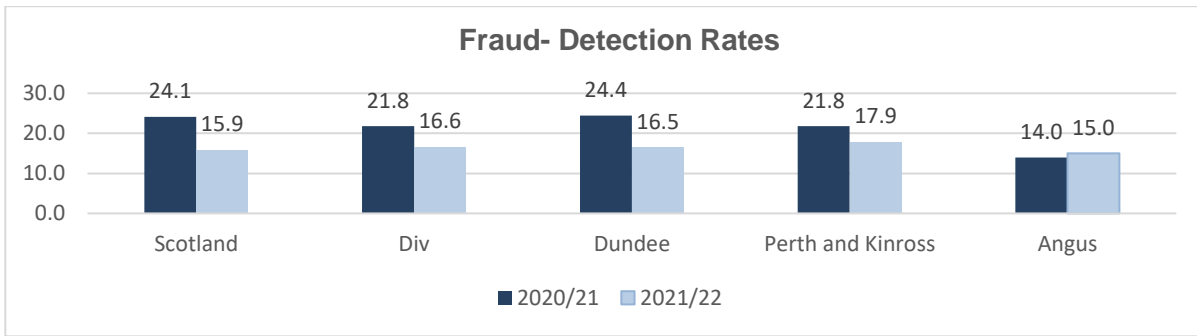
During this quarter Police in conjunction with the Gannochy Trust provided Fraud leaflets, No Cold Caller door stickers and doorstep crime/scam advice leaflets following a report of a door to door salesperson offering clothing around a sheltered housing complex. These were distributed to over 300 local residents.

**Results**

In mid-October a male from Crieff was remanded in custody following an extensive enquiry into extortion and fraudulent schemes carried out within the South Perthshire area.

In December a 45 year old female was arrested having gained access to the home of a Perth resident having fraudulently presented herself as a charitable collector for a local church. The female thereafter stole money from within the house.





Theft by Shoplifting

Recorded rates of shoplifting have continued to drop in this quarter with 30% less crimes recorded in comparison to the equivalent period in 2020/21. During this quarter the retail environment was less restricted than in 2020/21 and positive joint working took place between local officers and major retail outlets, being a particular focus during our festive policing arrangements in December.

Detection rates remain slightly below 2020/21 however are higher than quarter 2 and remain above Divisional and national figures.

Around 90% of the incidents recorded occur within Perth and given the majority of offences occur within known retail outlets our local patrol plans remain consistent.

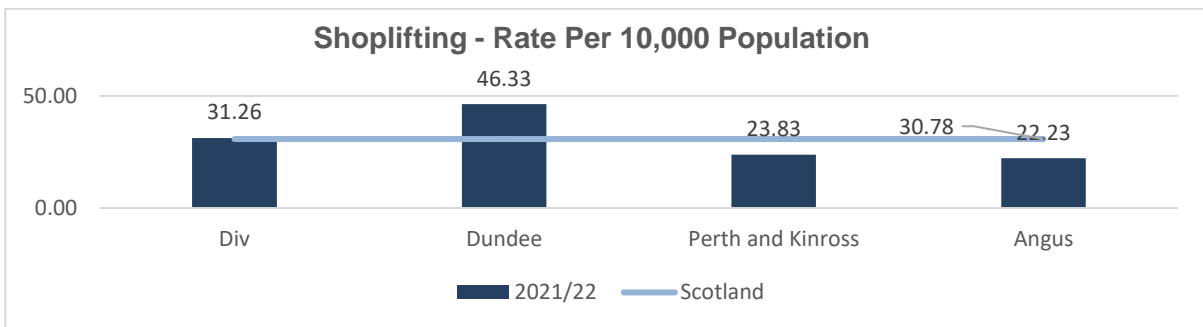
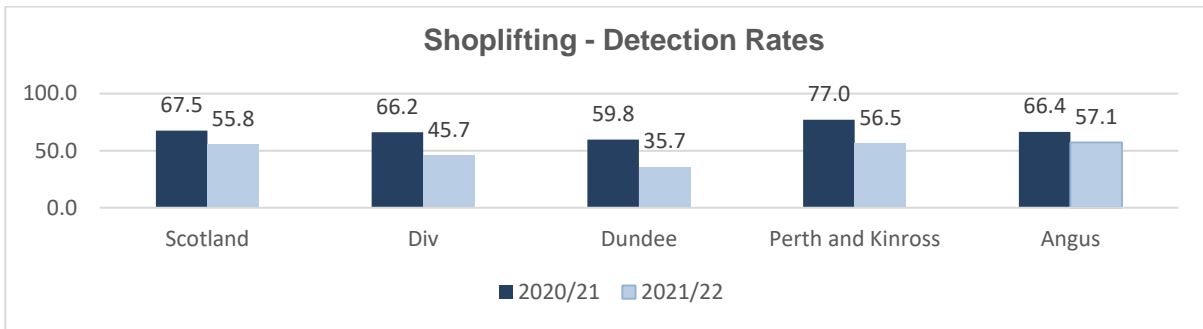
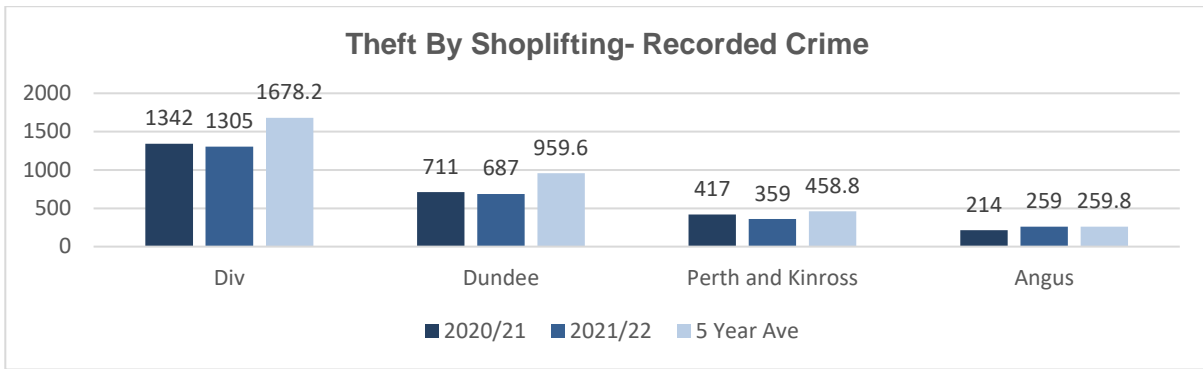
Alcohol remains the most commonly stolen item in around 60% of cases and other common stolen items remain food and cosmetics.

Increasingly, we see regular shoplifters become known to Police and retail staff allowing for detection opportunities and there is a clear link between shoplifting, poverty and alcohol abuse, with perpetrators often acknowledging addiction problems when in contact with the Police.

Results

During October a 41 year old male was charged with 3 thefts by shoplifting from three different retail premises in Perth.

In the week before Christmas, during festive patrols, a 26 year old female was charged with 3 shopliftings from different retail premises in Perth.



Motor Vehicle Crime

This quarter has seen a further reduction in motor vehicle crime of over 50% from the equivalent period in 2020/21. Detection rates remain strong sitting higher than the equivalent period last year and higher than Divisional and national averages.

We still receive reports of valuable items which have been stolen from secure or insecure vehicles however it is pleasing to see these crimes reducing in frequency. In addition we receive reports of vehicles having been stolen by true key by associates or family members of the vehicle owner.

Throughout this quarter we have seen a trend towards vehicles, vehicle parts and keys being stolen by more organised crime groups travelling into Perth and Kinross to commit crime series. As such we have been successful in cross referring these crimes with housebreakings to dwellings and commercial premises.

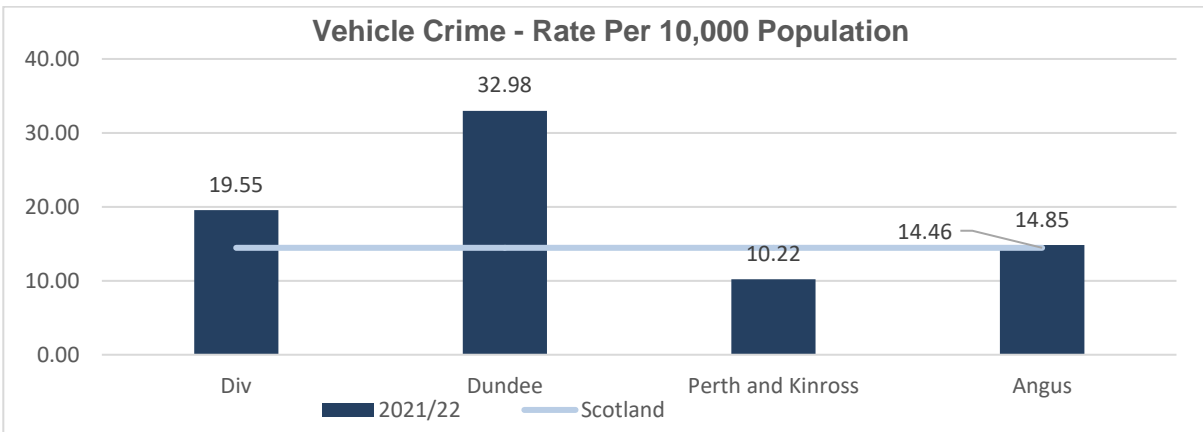
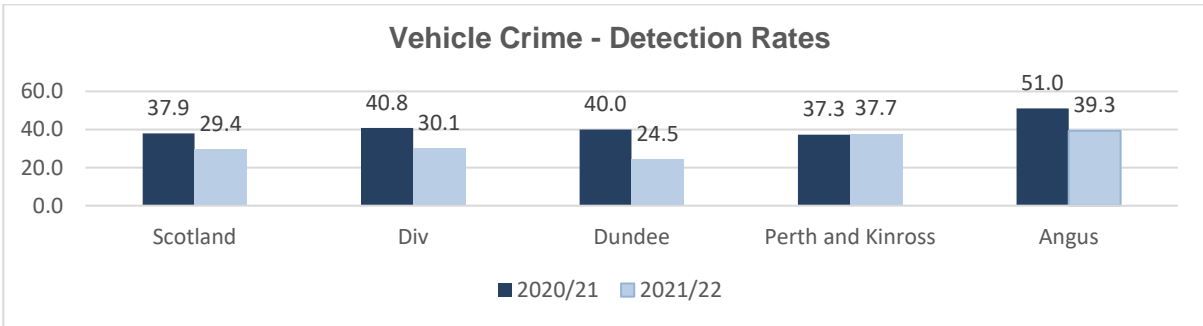
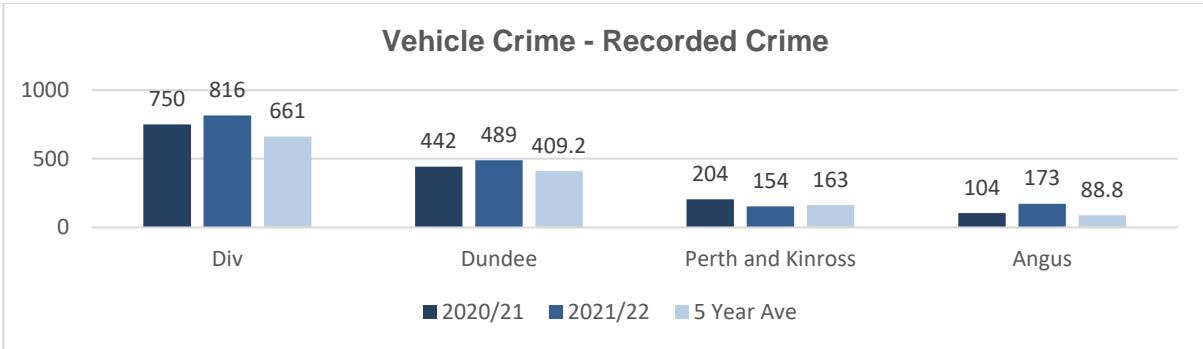
Results

In October a 21 year old male from Dundee was reported for a crime series which included the theft of a quad bike from a farm in North Perthshire.



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In this quarter 4 young males from Dundee were arrested and reported for housebreakings to two motor retailers in Perth and South Perthshire and the subsequent theft or keys, vehicle parts and a high value motor vehicle.





**Road Safety  
and Road  
Crime**

Collaborate to  
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**Operating Context**

Operation CEDAR

The principles of Operation CEDAR will be applied in the following ways across Tayside, linked to priority areas of focus:

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Challenge | Build effective partnership working and methods to develop new and innovative ways to improve road safety. Improve information sharing and analysis to support an evidence-led approach |
| Educate   | Deliver and evaluate educational initiatives to driver and road user behaviour, making effective use of media opportunities to highlight CEDAR and the work of the forum                |
| Detect    | Provide an intelligence-led and multi-agency approach to enforcement, supported by analytical products, to make the best use of available resources                                     |
| Reduce    | Ensure all road safety education, engineering and enforcement activity is focused on having the maximum positive impact on reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured   |

The implementation of Operation CEDAR across Tayside and delivery of our Action Plan provides an opportunity to contribute to a consistent approach across the north of Scotland. It will refocus our efforts to further improve safety on Tayside's roads and promote active travel.

All Persons Killed, Seriously Injured and Children Killed, Seriously Injured

Tragically, Perth & Kinross has experienced one fatality during this reporting period.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021, a 55 year old male lorry driver was tragically killed when he lost control of his vehicle on the M90 near to Perth.

At the end of quarter 2, Perth and Kinross has seen 52 serious collisions, a 27% increase compared to the same period last year. It is assessed that the reduction

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in Covid-19 restrictions and a return to increased vehicles on the road will again be a contributory factor.

Road Safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing Unit in Perth and Kinross. Focused patrol work will be complemented by the use of available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking resulting from local Tasking & Coordinating processes to tackle criminality.

Local Policing and Roads Policing Officers have been able to target driving behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on a wide range of driving behaviours including dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving to name but a few.

Based on strategic assessment a number of priority locations have been identified within the area which were subject to focussed operation activity.

At the end of this quarter, Road Policing Officers have stopped a total of 18,489 motorists which is an increase of 2223 from last year.

During the period under review Road Policing officers took part in a number of National Campaigns;

**October 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>                      Getting ready for winter campaign**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>                      Commercial vehicle campaign**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>                      BRAKE road safety week**

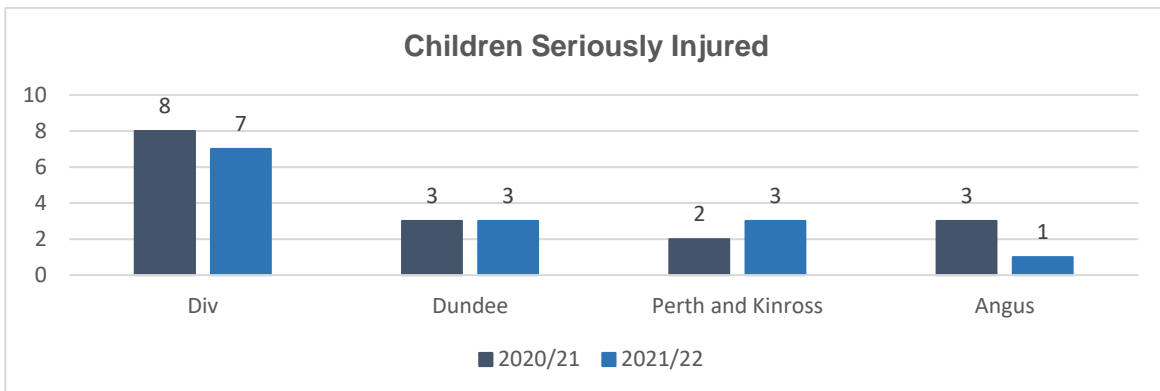
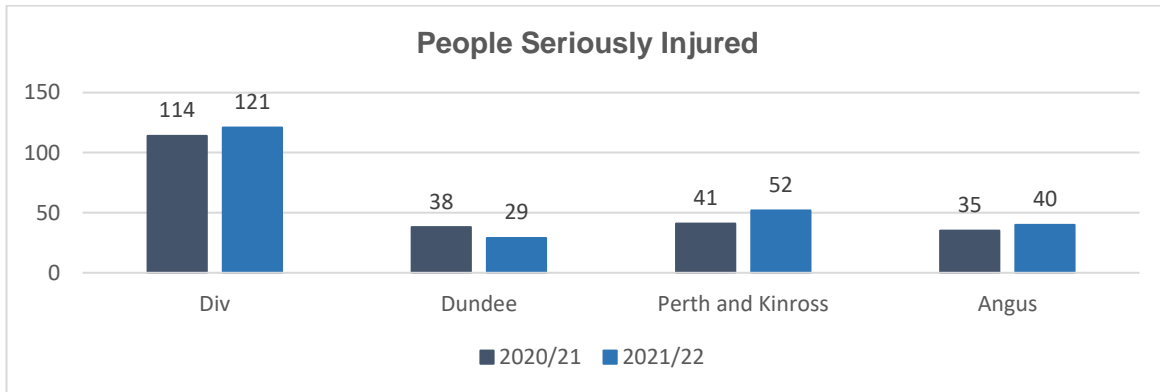
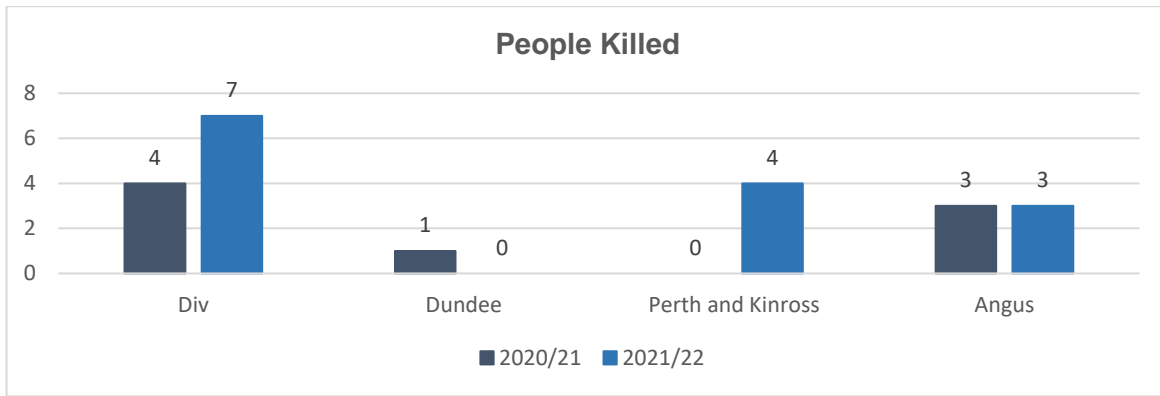
**December 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>                      Festive Drink/Drug drive campaign**

Looking in to the coming quarter's lighter days, active travel, increased motorcycles and staycations have all been identified as emerging threats and risks.

Safe drive Stay Alive remains under review and a number of different options are being explored to ensure we successfully target the correct audience with suitable content. It is essential to influence driver behaviour pre driving not only short term but also long term.

The New driver Scheme (NDS) will be implemented within Tayside Division in 2022. The NDS is a hard-hitting presentations to raise awareness of road safety issues.

These joint presentations, delivered by Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue service, will provide a solid reminder of the individual responsibilities that the driver has, both for themselves and for other road users.



### Speeding

During the period under review, speeding offences in Perth and Kinross have again significantly increased. This is attributable partly to more focused operational activity on not only the priority routes but also focused patrols on routes which are deemed to have speeding issues and have been identified through a number of community based engagements.

The Safety Camera Unit (SCU) have utilised a number of flexible deployment sites following localised complaints.

The detection of offenders falls in to the daily remit of Road Policing Officers. A number of cross border joint speeding initiatives have been executed with a significant number of offenders detected.

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Close working relationships continue with neighbouring Divisions, all of which demonstrated excellent cross border understanding with a number of high profile detections being made.

Partnership working with the SCU continues with a number of priority routes being targeted, increasing visibility is essential to improve driver and road user behaviour.

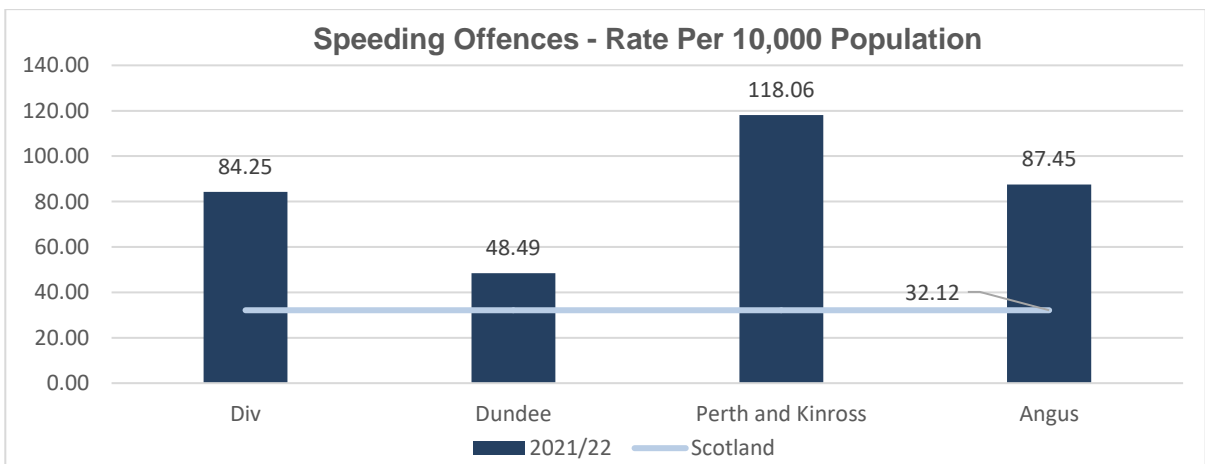
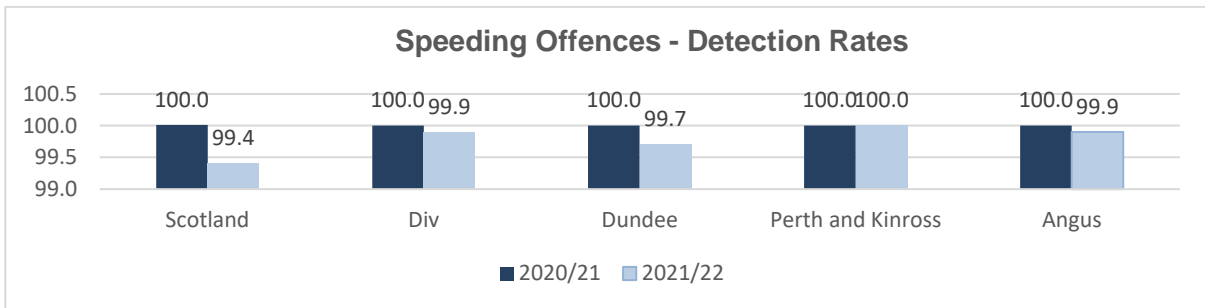
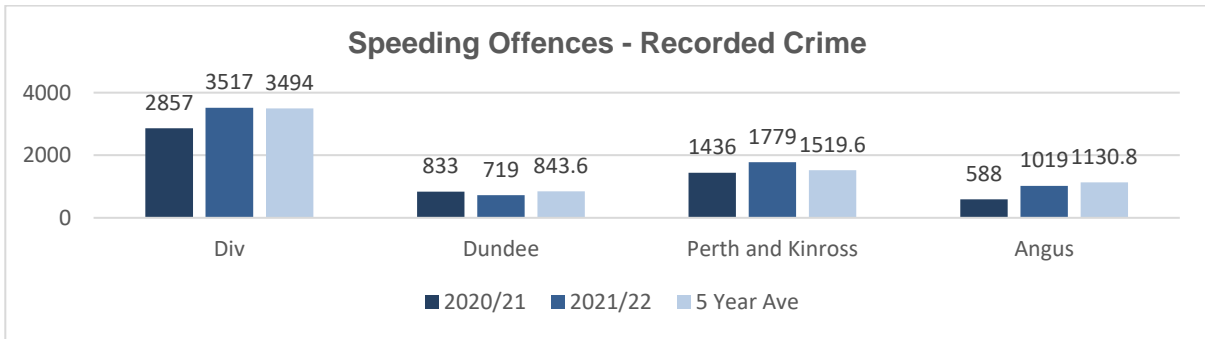
In Perth & Kinross LPA notable speeds recorded for the period under review ere;

107 mph exceed 70mph limit

103 mph exceed 70mph limit

93 mph exceed 60 mph limit

56mph exceed 30 mph limit



Drink/Drug Driving

Positively, during the period under review, Drink, Drug offences in Perth and Kinross decreased by 24% compared to the same period of last year. Similar decreases were seen across the Division.

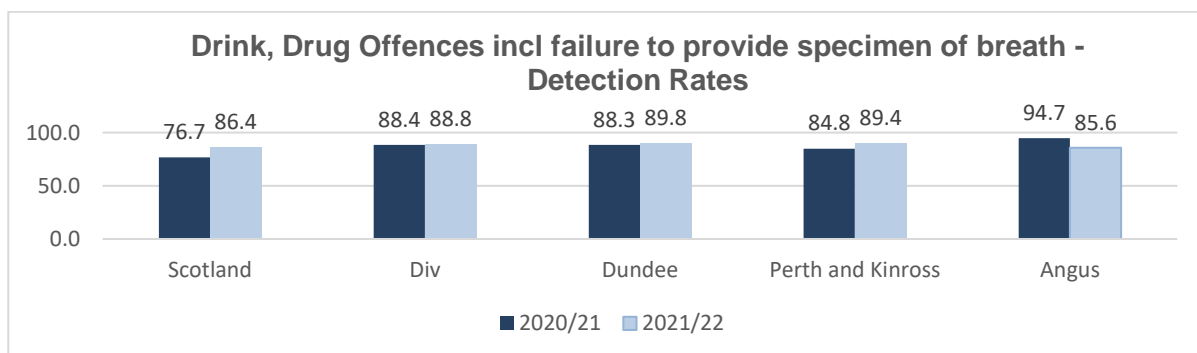
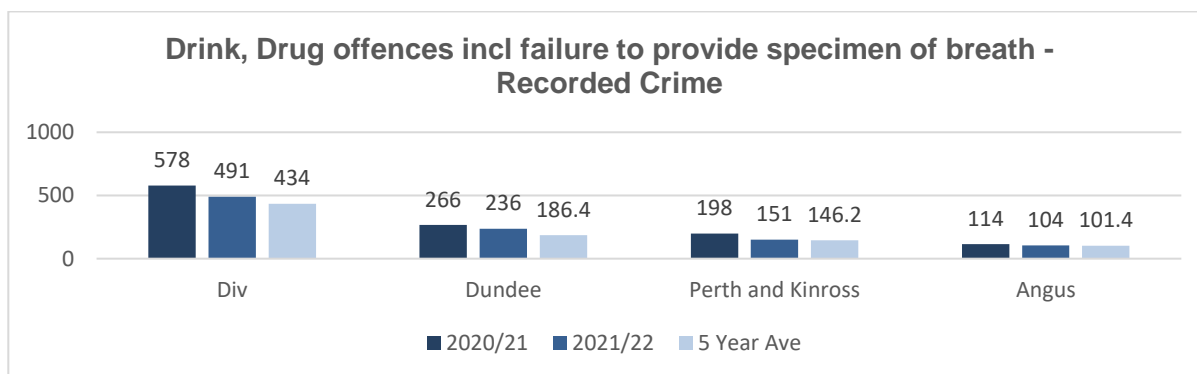
Road Policing officers within Tayside Division have carried out 1866 breath tests year to date and conducted 234 drug wipes, 117 which have proved to be positive with all offenders being reported to the procurator Fiscal for consideration.

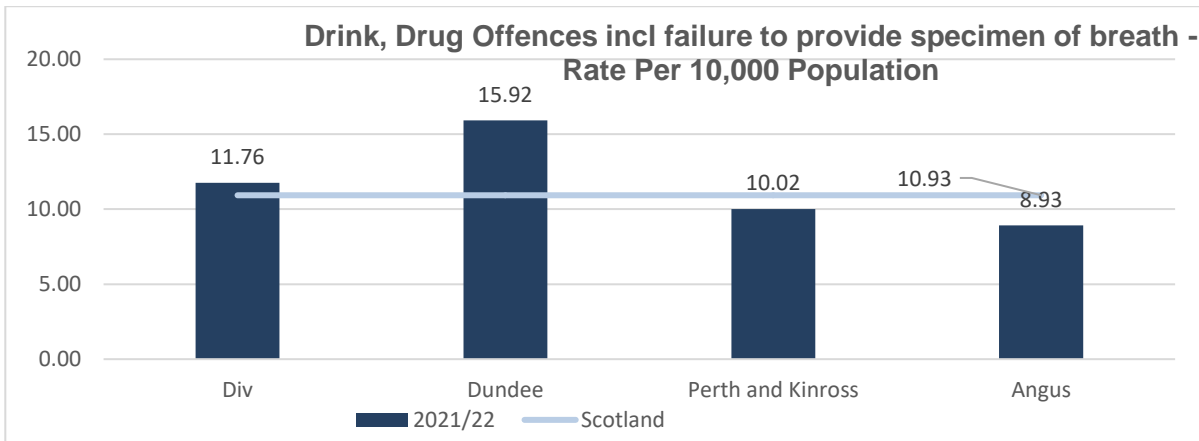
Between 1<sup>st</sup> December and December 30<sup>th</sup> 2021, Police Scotland held the Festive Drink & Drug Drive Campaign which saw dedicated officers from both the Road Policing Unit and divisional officers specifically target road users who drive whilst under the influence.

Focus was not only targeting offenders driving immediately after consuming alcohol or drugs, but also focusing on offender's drive the morning after being under the influence.

Effective use of the media to raise awareness and to actively the encourage changes in driving attitudes and behaviour. A number of media appeals were released throughout the duration of the Campaign.

As is evident from the figures the drug wipe testing kit featured heavily in the media and was prevalent throughout the duration of this campaign, it will continue to be an exceptionally effective tool in the continual fight against impaired driving.





Careless Driving

This quarter saw a 2.5% increase in Careless Driving offences within Perth and Kinross, when compared to the same period last year.

Again, it is considered reasonable to assume that the reduction in Covid-19 restrictions and a return to increased vehicles on the road will again be a correlating factor for the increase.

Part of the key to reducing Careless driving figures focus on Influence driver and road user behaviour.

By focusing on the 'Fatal 5' (careless driving, drink/drug driving, seatbelts, mobile phones and speeding) and working with partners, Tayside Division road Policing Unit make appropriate use of existing and new legislation to carry out enforcement, education activates and influence the provision of engineering solutions (3 E's). This will be enhanced with specific initiatives prioritising vulnerable road users and those at greatest risk.

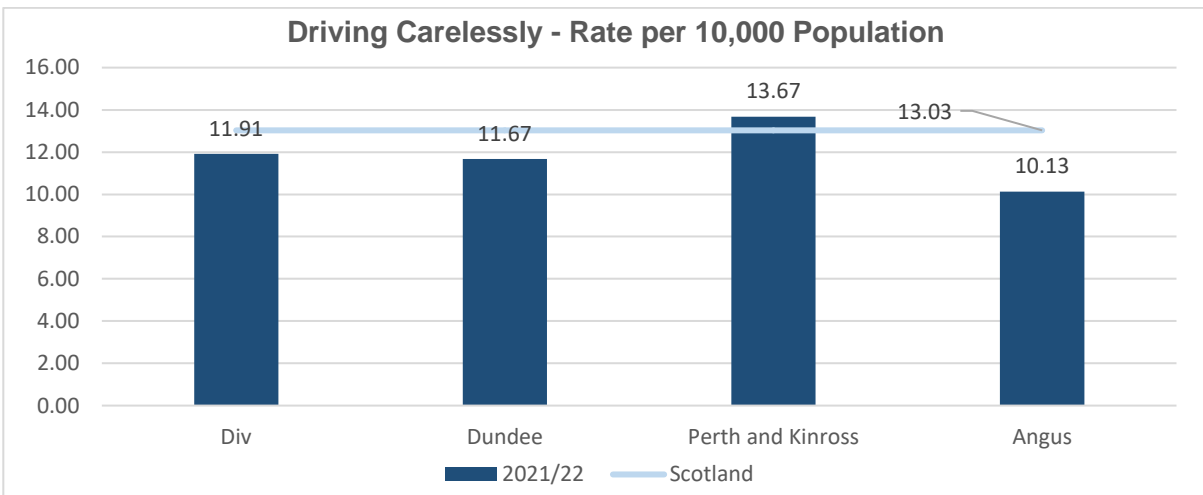
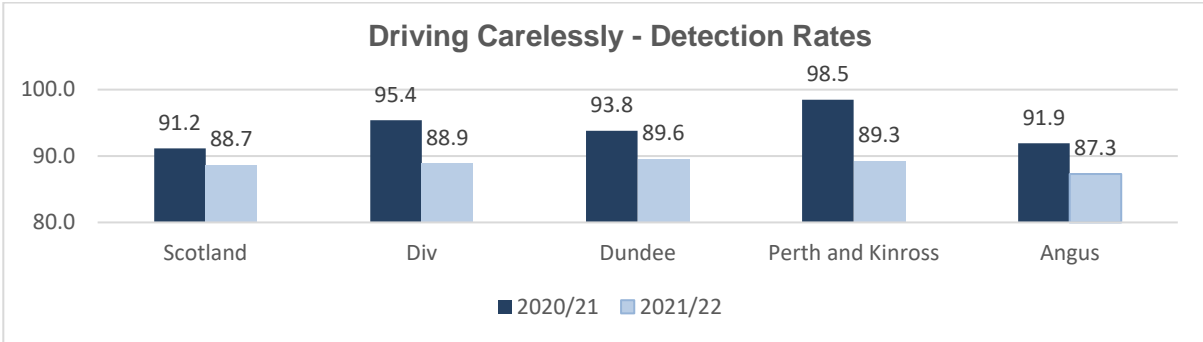
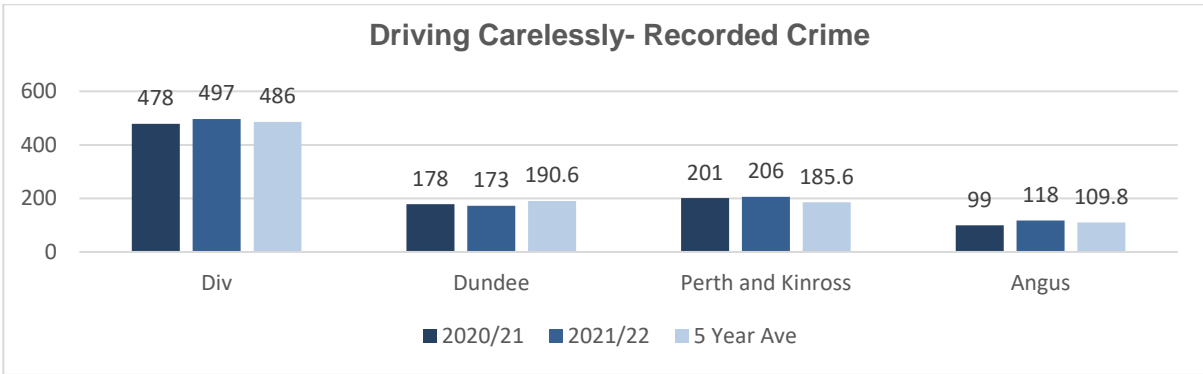
Tayside Division Road Policing teams will continue to focus on the key KSI (Killed / Seriously Injured) routes as part of the high visibility daily patrols.

These are; D Division – A9, A93, A923, A85, A92 and M90/A90

Many of the aforementioned priority routes running through Perth and Kinross.

This is reinforced with Route Strategy Days based on the previous collision data for the month and involve multiple units carrying out high visibility patrolling of the same route. Where these routes traverse multiple Divisions we utilise cross border joint operations.

As is with all our operations, they are supported by partner agencies and road operating companies which maximises potential.







**Public Protection**

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners

This activity will link in with and support the Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 strategic priorities:

- Giving every child the best start in life
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

*This also supports the delivery of Police Scotland's strategic outcome:*

- *Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service*

### **Operating Context**

Recorded incidents of sexual crime have continued to incrementally increase against five year averages driven by the increase in cyber enabled crimes, often directed against children. We are seeing increases in reports of historical abuse, both child abuse and within a domestic setting and we work with partners to improve the confidence of victims in coming forward.

This quarter saw the 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls. Police Scotland supported the initiative participating in a number of events and carrying out an intensification period focusing on enforcement against domestic perpetrators, in order to show our continued commitment to the campaign.

Gender based violence is an ongoing threat in our local communities and remains a priority. It was pleasing to see work with licensed premises and partners has reversed a concerning trend seen in quarter 2 towards sexual offending in public spaces, particularly within pubs and clubs. We continue to work towards the formal establishment of safe spaces in our towns.

During this quarter Police Scotland launched the highly successful "Don't be that guy" campaign, which asked men to introspect on their own behaviour.

Much of response policing demand continues to be dominated by missing persons and concern for person calls, and this quarter has been no different. We continue to look for opportunities with Public Protection and Criminal Justice partners to reduce the demand on policing and identify better outcome for the most vulnerable in society who often turn to the Police for help.

#### Domestic Abuse

The crime rates represented in the table below are crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018. Twelve crimes have been recorded in this quarter, three more than quarter 2. Given there a number of common law crimes which can be committed and have a domestic abuse aggravator these figures should be viewed in context, however increasing used of the statutory legislation is welcomed.

Detection rates have significantly risen since quarter 2.

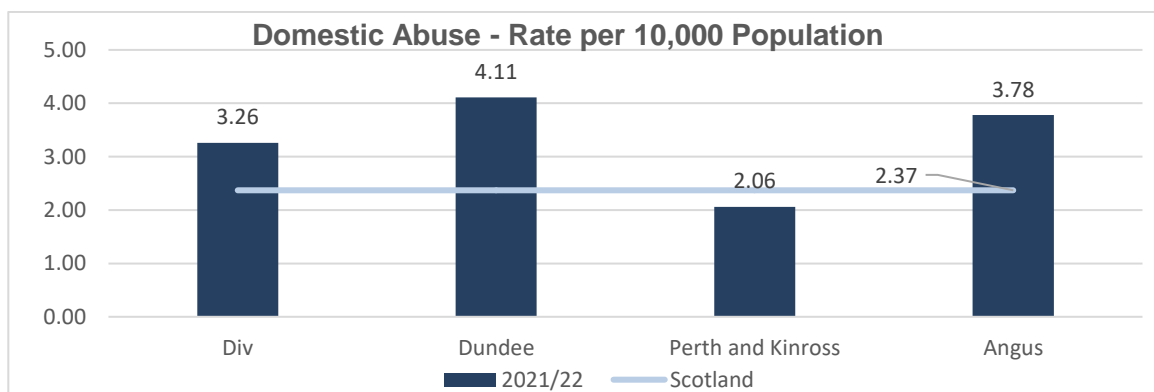
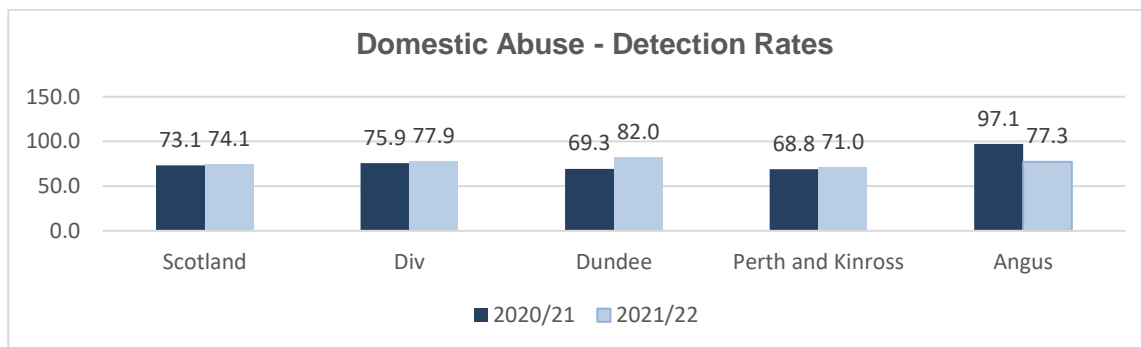
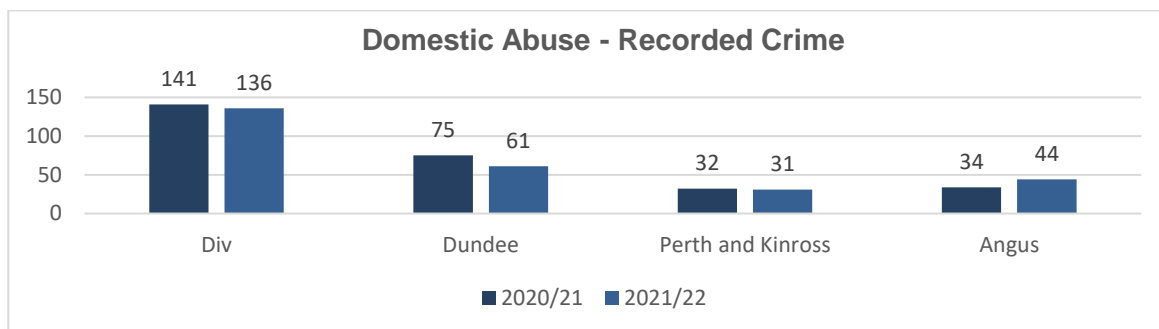
Of all domestic incidents reported to Police, about 40% result in a recorded crime. This figure has remained stable and is roughly aligned with Divisional figures. We saw a very small increase (less than 1%) in the total number of domestic incidents reported to the Police in comparison with quarter 2, however we work with partners to increase victim confidence in coming forward to the Police, so increases of this nature can be viewed positively.

The majority of offenders continue to be men with alcohol or substance use a common factor.

### Results

In October a 22 year old man was arrested at a house in Scone having assaulted his partner with a weapon. His actions caused significant risk to a new born baby within the house.

In October a 27 year old man was arrested for presenting a weapon at his pregnant partner. Following his arrest, significant coercive control was identified over a number of months for which the perpetrator was reported.



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### Hate Crime

During this quarter there have been twelve recorded crimes, two more than quarter 2. Detection rates have fallen slightly but undetected crime numbers remain low and a number of enquiries are ongoing.

There has been little change in the regular mode of perpetration, the most common of which continues to be abusive communications directed against non UK nationals or persons deemed to be non-UK nationals due to their physical appearance. Police officers continue to be repeat victims and alcohol is a regular feature in this type of crime.

Processes remain in place across the Division to monitor and review all Hate crimes and incidents to ensure these are being identified and recorded appropriately.

A daily review is carried out of Hate crimes/incidents to assist with identifying emerging trends and to allow appropriate interventions to take place. Relevant partnership working allows for victims and communities to be signposted to support agencies and for reassurance messages and hate material to be shared.

The primary aims of this partnership activity is to increase hate awareness amongst groups and communities, the re-training of existing local Third Party Reporting Centres (TPRCs) continues as does identifying new premises and maintaining current Keep Safe premises within Tayside.

A Preventions officer continues to attend a Police Scotland-wide Hate Crime Improvement Group Meeting online. This meeting was started as a result of the HMICS Hate Crime Review which commenced in 2020 and in 2021 HMICS provided a list of 15 recommendations for improvement. Inputs from attendees from all divisions on how each legacy area deals with Hate Crime have been fed back into the Strategic Group. Further recommendations from the Strategic Group will be published in due course.

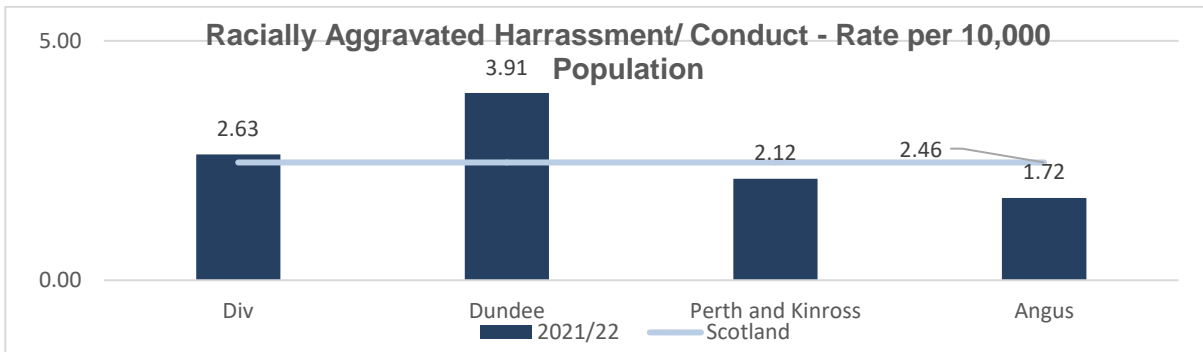
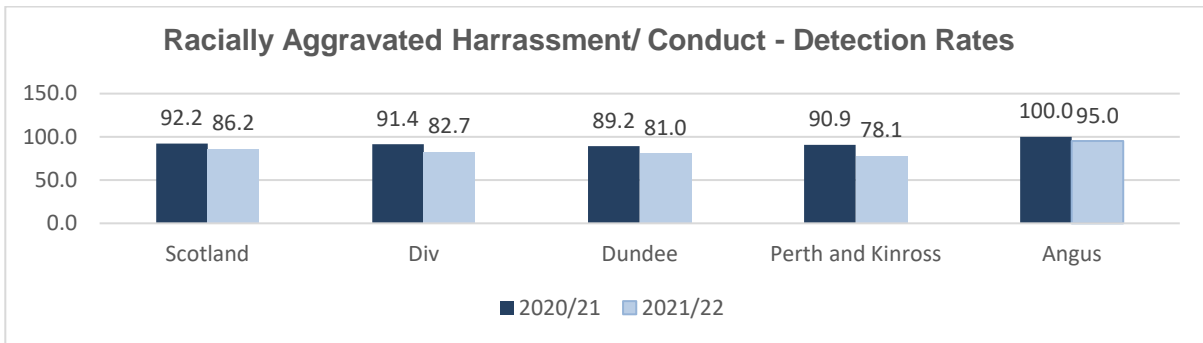
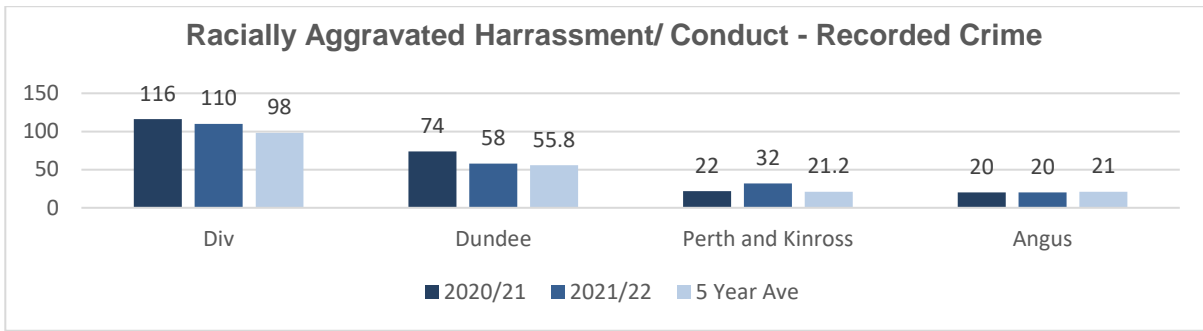
National Hate Crime awareness continues to be driven locally using electronic material with little face to face promotion. Material has been shared with different communities and local Third Party Reporting Centres.

All Keep Safe premises in Tayside continue to be supported with regular contact provided by the Police.

The next Hate Crime Awareness Week will be in March 2022.

### Results

In October a 37 year old female was arrested in Perth for assaulting and shouting homophobic remarks towards a Police Officer.



Sexual Crime

Recorded sexual crime has fallen by 14% in comparison to the equivalent period in 2020/21, however overall recorded crime rates remain higher across the year to date than 2020/21 and is above the five year average. Detection rates remain slightly down on 2020/21.

Around 40% of victims of sexual crime are children under the age of 16 with females representing 85% of that total. Child victims remain lower in cases of rape and higher in cyber enabled offences, particularly the sharing of images online. We continue to see regular reports of Sextortion cases, where sexual information or images are used to extort further sexual favours and/or material gain from the victim. The perpetrators for this type of crime are almost exclusively believed to come from overseas, however this mode of perpetration can be used by ex-partners.

It is pleasing to see a significant reduction in the number of crimes occurring in public spaces. A trend was identified in quarter 2 of unwanted sexual assaults in licensed premises however only one similar crime has been reported this quarter, in early October. Work continues into the establishment of safe spaces however I am encouraged by the joint work with licensed premises to reverse this trend.

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This reporting period has seen twenty recorded rapes, a reduction of four from quarter 2. This figure however remains above the five year average.

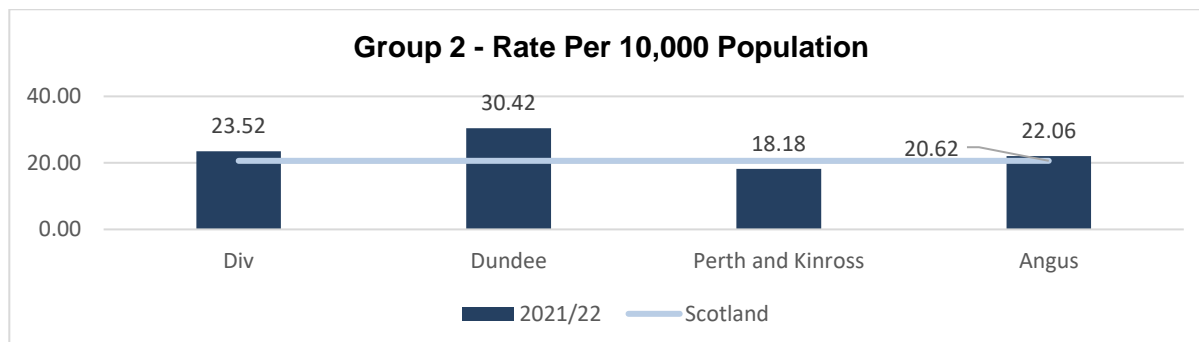
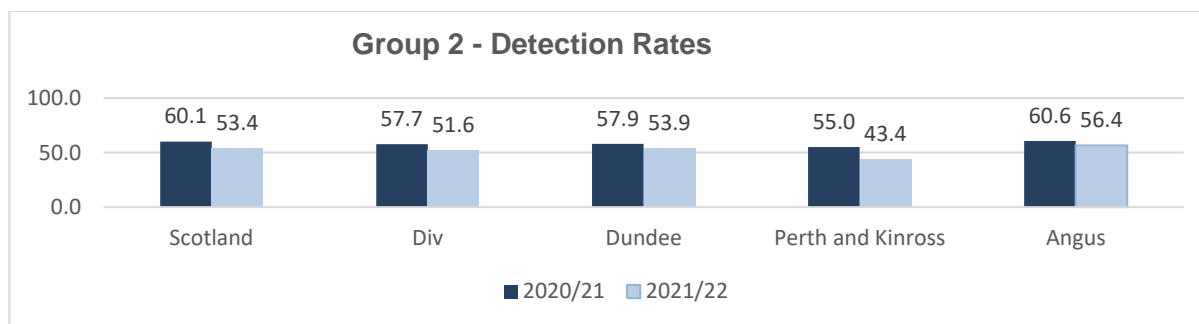
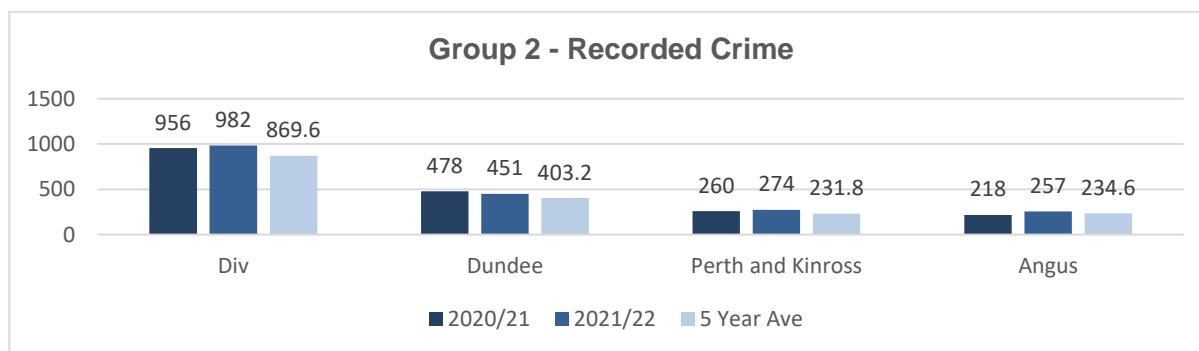
When examining recorded rapes in more detail, it can be seen that in this quarter 82% of the recorded crimes took place more than one year before the recording period, and 70% of the recorded crime involved four victims who had reported multiple historic offences.

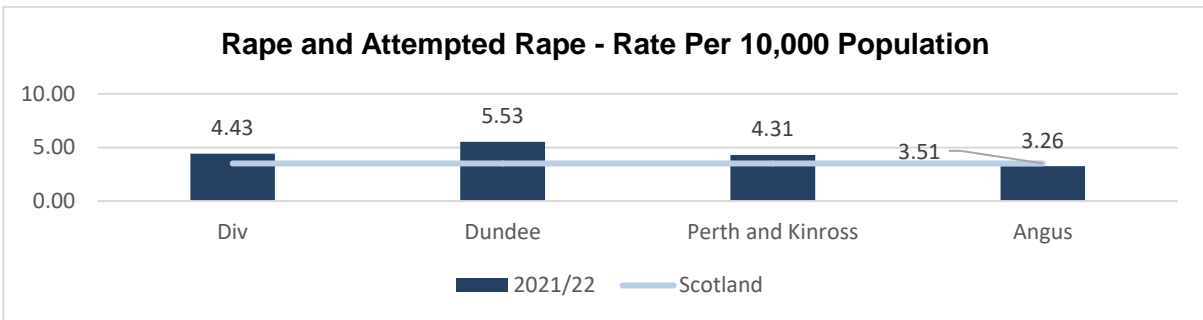
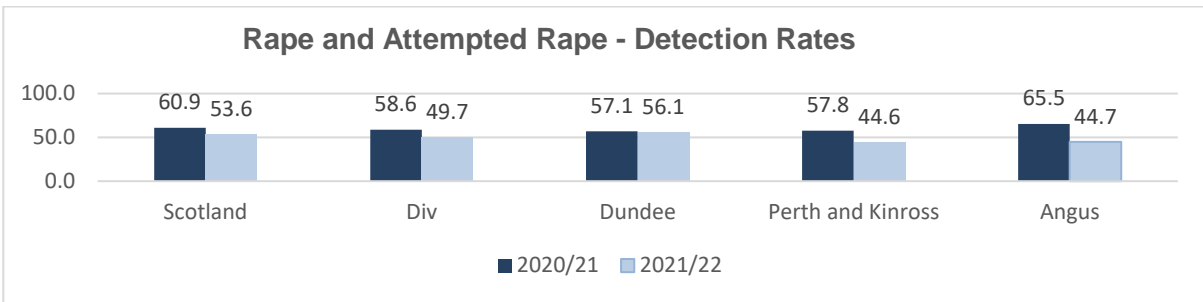
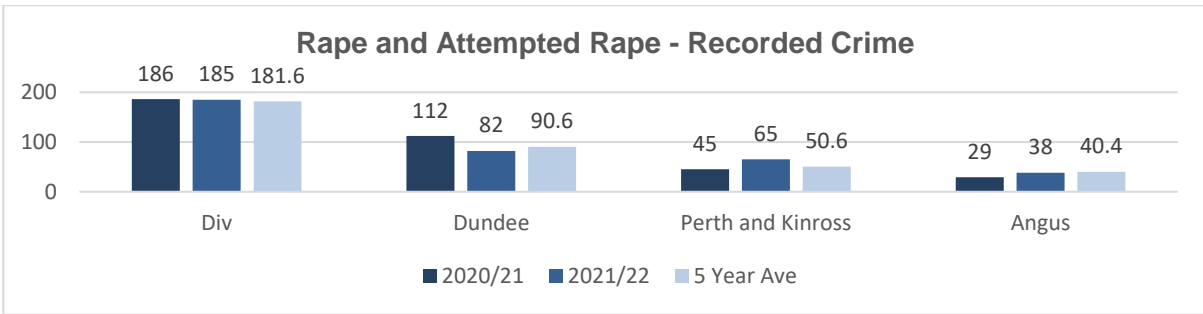
Whilst detection rates remain slightly below desired levels we have made some notable arrests in connection with historic investigations and given around 56% of recorded crime is cyber enabled, many of our investigations await examination of electronic devices.

**Results**

In December a 24 year old man was arrested following the rape of a female in Blairgowrie on Christmas Day.

Following an extensive enquiry during this quarter, a 32 year old man was arrested in January 2022 for multiple historical sexual offences, including a number of rapes against three victims.







**Serious  
Organised  
Crime**

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

This activity will link in with and support the Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2017-2027 strategic priorities:

- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations
- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy

*This also supports the delivery of Police Scotland's strategic outcome:*

- *Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police*

### Operating Context

Our Community Investigation Unit, supported by partners, remain focused on identifying and disrupting persons from North East and North West England who have a presence in Perth and Kinross for the purpose of drug dealing. Such focus led to enforcement action in December against a number of persons located at 5 addresses.

The supply of drugs into HMP Perth continues using a variety of new and innovative methods. This quarter saw a proactive operation with SPS and other agencies designed to disrupt drone activity in the area of HMP Perth.

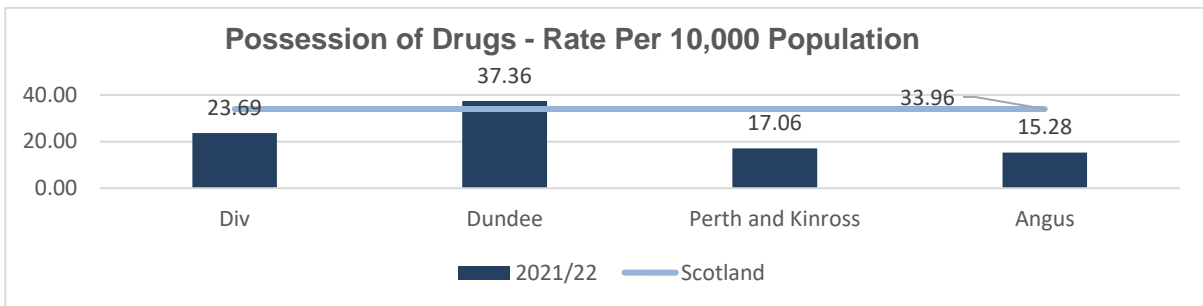
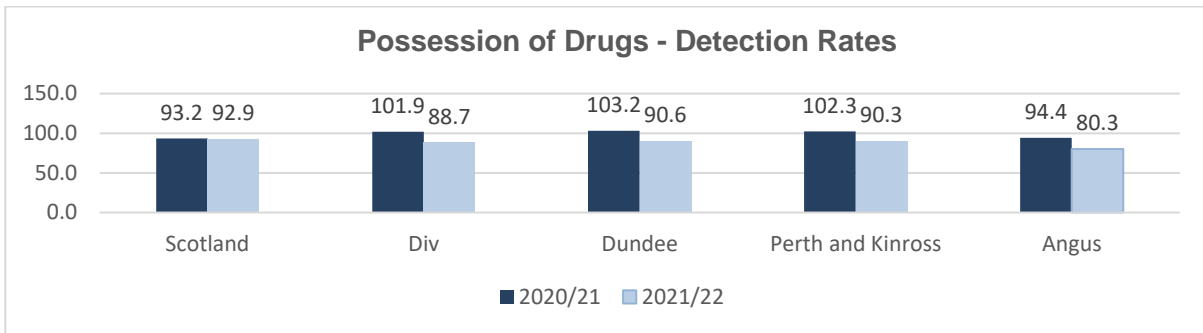
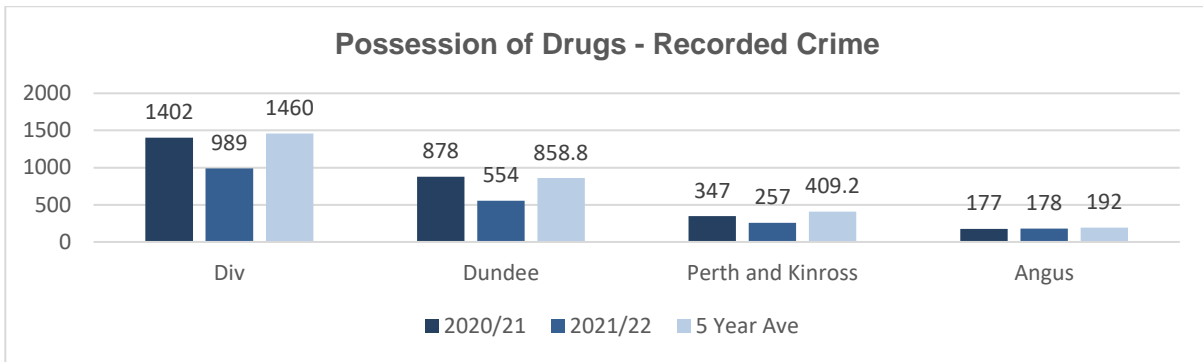
We remain reliant on our colleagues within Roads Policing, who continue to provide notable success in and around Perth targeting vehicles carrying drugs throughout the local roads network, preventing wider distribution across Scotland.

#### Possession of Drugs

Activity in this quarter has dropped in comparison to the five year average and this was impacted further by changes to COVID restrictions brought about by the Omicron variant which compromised plans for proactivity around the festive period. Officers however continue to generate results from the use of stop/search powers.

#### Results

In December following the receipt of intelligence, a Roads Policing Unit stopped a vehicle on the A90 between and Perth and Dundee. The male driver of the vehicle, who was unfit to drive through drugs, was found in possession of Heroin and Benzodiazepines with a value in excess of £100,000.



Supply of Drugs

Supply cases remain higher than the corresponding period last year and above the five year average.

With the ongoing presence of drugs in the community we continue to prioritise the distribution of Cocaine and its impact on violence within communities, the presence of street benzodiazepines which impact the behaviours of vulnerable substance users often involved in criminality and we will pursue any person who wishes to supply drugs to children.

We continue to work with HMP on disrupting the flow of drugs into prisons.

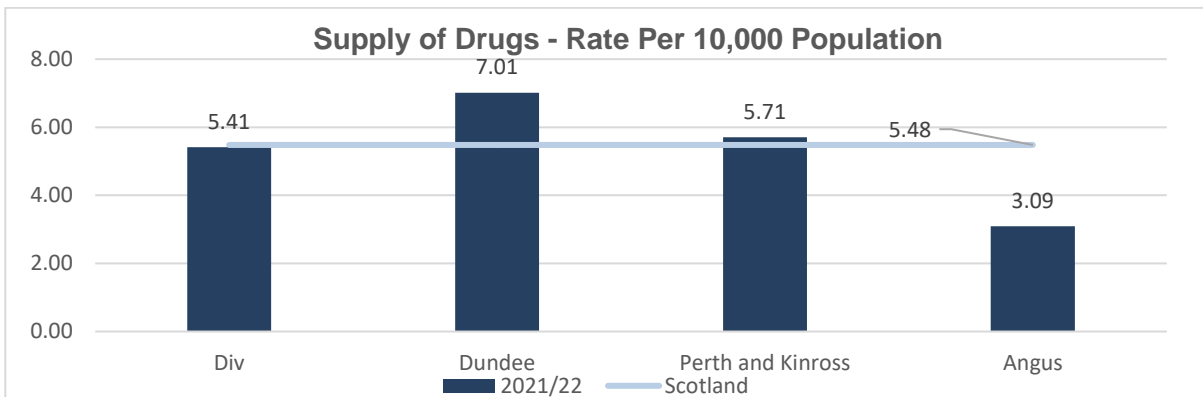
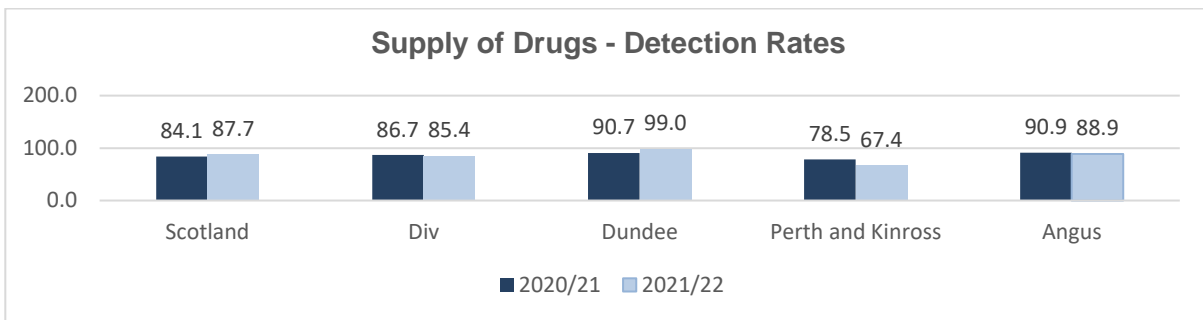
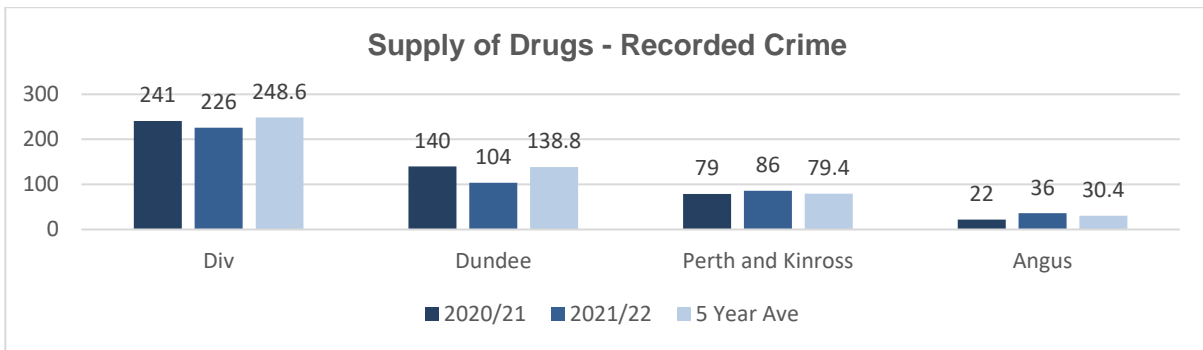
Results

In December, Police executed 5 drugs search warrants in Perth leading to the arrested of four men between 16 and 24 for offences in connection with the supply of drugs. A further two men and one female were also charged with drug related offences. Officers recovered Cannabis, Cocaine, Heroin and Diazepam with a total value of over £12,000.

In December officers and staff at HMP Perth recovered a suspicious package which when opened contained Cocaine with a potential value of over £32,000. This is a



typical example of the excellent joint work between local community officers and HMP staff.



Proceeds of Crime

Civil Cash Seizures: £1,647.73

Expedited Civil Recoveries: no cases

Assets for restraint: £47,850



**Counter  
Terrorism and  
Domestic  
Extremism**

Prevent, Pursue,  
Protect and  
Prepare through  
collaborative  
preparedness

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CONTEST is the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. It was first developed by the Home Office in early 2003. The aim of the strategy is "to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence." CONTEST is split into four work streams that are known within the counter terrorism community as the 'four P's': *Prevent, Pursue, Protect, and Prepare*.

- **Pursue:** the investigation and disruption of terrorist attacks.
- **Prevent:** work to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism or extremism.
- **Protect:** improving our protective security to stop a terrorist attack.
- **Prepare:** working to minimise the impact of an attack and to recover from it as quickly as possible.

### **Operating Context**

At present the national threat level is currently at SUBSTANTIAL.

Due to restrictions over the previous quarter, contact has been maintained predominately with businesses and partners by electronic briefings and online meetings.

Divisional officers continue to support partners and organisations in various CONTEST related matters including advice on security and protection of premises and the mitigation of physical and cyber-attacks.

A number of Community Officers are also trained to be local CONTEST officers providing a capacity to promote delivery of the strategy throughout communities as part of daily business.



### Wildlife Crime

Reduce harm caused to certain birds, animals and plants including their habitats, both on land and sea

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- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

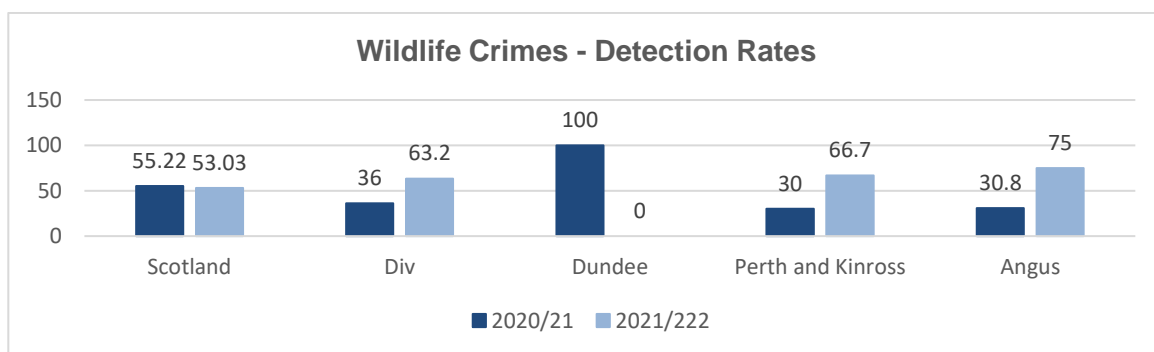
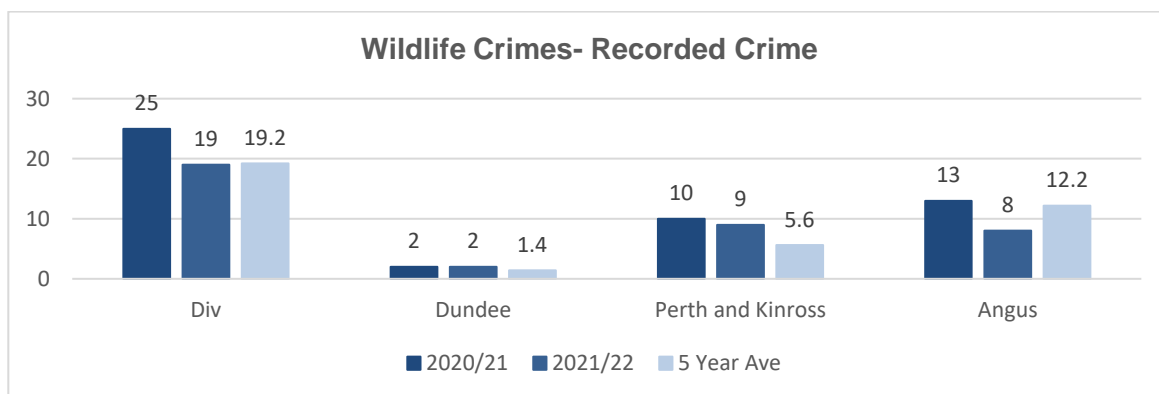
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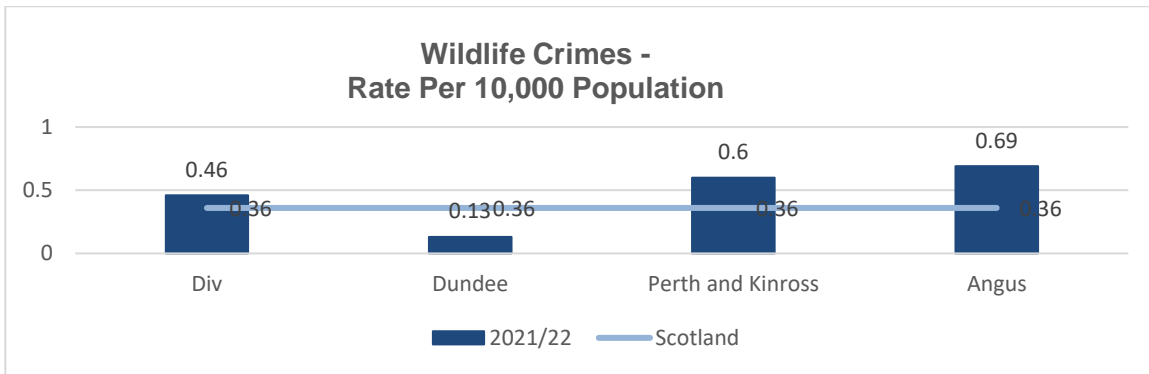
- *The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery*

### Operating Context

Only one wildlife related crime was recorded this quarter and crime rates remain similar to the corresponding period last year.

Wildlife officers were engaged in checks of various fresh water pearl mussel sites across Perth and Kinross during this quarter as part of Operation Wingspan and it was pleasing to see this operation win a UK Wildlife award as Policing Operation of the Year.





## Other Key Activity

### Events

The Divisional Licensing Team have processed a total of 518 applications within this quarter.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, the team processed 192 occasional licence applications for licensed premises within Perth and Kinross.

In general, licensed premises across the area have positively observed the COVID restrictions placed on them and have worked closely with the LSO from the local authority and the licensing team.

During this quarter there were 67 recorded incidents at or within the immediate area of licensed premises within Perth and Kinross. Although there has been 67 recorded incidents, there is no evidence to suggest that there risk associated to one particular premises and the vast majority of incidents have been assessed as having been dealt with appropriately by the licence holders and staff.

The Divisional Licensing Team along with the local Policing teams across Perth and Kinross have carried out 140 inspections at licensed premises.

On 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the Divisional Licensing Team delivered by-stander training to members of the trade and P&K Licensing Forum. This training was well received and it is hoped the training can be delivered to more members of the trade and stakeholders when the easing of Coronavirus allows.

### Other Key Activity

Activities in quarter 3 were affected by the need to be continually reactive to changes in guidance around the COVID pandemic. Following the demand brought about by the re-opening of licensed premises and the reactivation of events policing at the start of the quarter the lead up to Christmas coincided with the emergence of Omicron variants and created additional challenges to policing. Service delivery during this period was challenged by the highest absence rates since the pandemic began however as we emerged into quarter 4 these absence rates had begun to stabilise.

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Between 31<sup>st</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> November a number of local officers were deployed to the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow. Local Divisions were supported by national departments and probationers from the Police College to ensure business as usual and our officers returned having been involved in the safe policing of a significant international event.

October and November saw the activation of Operation Moonbeam, to provide a preventative response to seasonal increases in anti-social behaviour and other criminality around Halloween and bonfire night. Joint working took place with SFRS, the local authority, Trading Standards and retailers to prevent the widespread distribution of fireworks, engagement took place with communities via local media and co-ordinated patrols took place between the relevant agencies on the weekend of bonfire night. Given this coincided with COP26, it was notable that no significant incidents of disorder or criminality took place across Perth and Kinross.

Between 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November local resilience arrangements were stood up in response to Storm Arwen, which resulted in damage to property and power shortages to a number of houses and businesses across Perthshire. Local partnerships reacted swiftly to identify and protect vulnerable communities and learning will be taken from this event to ensure an even better response to future weather related events.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> November the Chief Constable formally opened Police Scotland's new office, in Crieff, co-located with partners from Perth and Kinross Council. The successful completion of the Crieff Estate will enable future plans to transform our estate across Perth and Kinross to ensure it reflects our commitment to partnership and can attract, retain and empower our people as well as supporting the use of technology to improve operational effectiveness.

## Complaints about the Police

Members of the public need to have confidence that should they wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about the quality of policing service provided or the actions of an individual, their concerns will be listened to and appropriate action taken.

Frontline Resolution (FLR) will be attempted for allegations which are non-serious, non-criminal and non-complex in nature. This involves resolution by explanation, apology or assurance. Where this cannot be achieved, a full enquiry in accordance with statutory guidance will be undertaken.

Should complainers remain dissatisfied with the handling of a complaint upon its completion, they may contact the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) to request an independent Complaint Handling Review.

## Complaints Received

Table: Complaints received for Tayside Division (Apr-Dec) <sup>1</sup>

| Category                       | LYTD | YTD | % change from LYTD |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|--------------------|
| Complaints Received - TOTAL    | 417  | 412 | -1.2%              |
| Allegations Received - TOTAL   | 673  | 632 | -6.1%              |
| Off Duty Allegations           | 4    | 1   | -75.0%             |
| On Duty Allegations            | 578  | 422 | -27.0%             |
| Quality of Service Allegations | 91   | 209 | 129.7%             |

<sup>1</sup> Data is correct as at 31/12/2021.

Complaints in Tayside have decreased by 1.2% YTD compared to the LYTD. This is driven by increases in Angus of 36.9% and Perth & Kinross of 1.8%. However, a decrease was identified within Dundee City of 17.0%

Allegations in Tayside have also decreased by 6.1%. This is determined by an increase in Angus of 39.2%. However, a decrease was identified within Perth & Kinross of 13.6% and within Dundee City of 13.6%

Please note that the data above covers all complaints and allegations against Tayside Division. Therefore, this does not include resources from Specialist Divisions which provide services within the area (e.g. Contact, Command and Control).

## Appendix

Rate 1 per 10,000 figures are based on the following population data:

|                                     | 2016/17                                                         | 2017/18          | 2018/19          | 2019/20          | 2020/21          | 2021/22          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                     | <b>Mid-year Population Estimate (Total Persons)<sup>2</sup></b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Reporting Period<sup>3</sup></b> | 2014                                                            | 2015             | 2016             | 2017             | 2018             | 2019             |
| <b>FORCE / SCOTLAND</b>             | <b>5 347 600</b>                                                | <b>5 373 000</b> | <b>5 404 700</b> | <b>5 424 800</b> | <b>5 438 100</b> | <b>5 463 300</b> |
| Tayside                             | 413 800                                                         | 415 040          | 415 470          | 416 090          | 416 080          | 417 470          |
| Angus                               | 116 740                                                         | 116 900          | 116 520          | 116 280          | 116 040          | 116 200          |
| Dundee City                         | 148 130                                                         | 148 210          | 148 270          | 148 710          | 148 750          | 149 320          |
| Perth & Kinross                     | 148 930                                                         | 149 930          | 150 680          | 151 100          | 151 290          | 151 950          |

2 - Mid-year population data based on extracts from National Records for Scotland (<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>), as at April 2016.

3 - Due to when population data are published it is necessary to use earlier mid-year estimates in some calculations. As soon as more current population data are available, the above table will be updated.





**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**HOUSING & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

**23 March 2022**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

**Report by Head of Cultural and Community Services (Report No. 22/62)**

This report provides an update on the work of the Community Planning Partnership since the previous report on 24 January. The CPP has been focussing on reviewing the draft Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP); preparing to action work in the two chosen localities; reviewing the Annual Performance Report (APR); and contributing to the climate change agenda.

**1. LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

1.1 The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board was presented with an update on the revised Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) at their meeting on 18 February. The LOIP is our shared statutory plan for tackling inequalities in Perth and Kinross and the CPP Board have agreed that it will form the basis of the Partnership's contribution to the Perth and Kinross Offer. The CPP Board had previously agreed to revise and update the LOIP in light of the impact of COVID and lockdown. The new LOIP will focus on partnership action to improve outcomes against five strategic priorities:

- Poverty (including child poverty, fuel poverty and food poverty)
- Physical and mental wellbeing
- Digital participation
- Skills, learning and development
- Employability

1.2 The CPP Board agreed additional work is required to finalise the LOIP, particularly around the development of SMART actions that will support the delivery of the necessary change in our communities. In order to provide a focus on recovery from COVID, the LOIP will initially have a 12 month focus and be extended and updated across the year. A final draft of the LOIP will be presented to CPP Board for approval in June and thereafter to Council.

**2. LOCALITY WORKING**

2.1 CPP Board has previously agreed to introduce some new ways of working in identified localities in Perth and Kinross. The localities that have been chosen are South Crieff and Coupar Angus, as two communities who experience inequalities linked to the new LOIP priorities, but where there has not previously been a specific focus on collective local action to address these issues.

2.2 Initial locality workshops took place in Coupar Angus on 29 November 2021 and virtually via Microsoft Teams for South Crieff on 21 January 2022. The actions identified for each locality have been included in the draft LOIP. There are a number of similarities between the two localities and emerging issues can be summarised as:

- Poverty and access to training / employment
- Mental and physical wellbeing
- Sustainable use of community assets and buildings
- Access to essential support services
- Community cohesion.

2.3 A follow up meeting of key officers and partners is being organised for late March or early April and locally developed actions will be delivered by working groups in each locality thereafter. The CPP Board will monitor progress with regular updates and performance recorded and reported through the Annual Performance Report for 2022/23.

### **3. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

3.1 The CPP is required to produce an Annual Performance Report (APR), outlining the work that was undertaken between October 2020 and September 2021. This APR will be different to previous ones in that, as well as providing an update on performance against the initial LOIP objectives agreed in 2017, it will also reflect on the impact of the second national COVID lockdown and the work of the CPP to revise and update the LOIP over the last reporting period. The finalised APR will be presented at the Board meeting in April and thereafter to full Council.

### **4. CLIMATE CHANGE**

4.1 At the CPP Board meeting in December 2021, members agreed that priority areas for collaboration on the climate change agenda would be tackled by a Climate Change Working Group, which will be the main CPP forum for collective action around climate change. At the 18 February Board meeting, members established a working group which will focus on ensuring the LOIP reflects the impact of climate change on inequalities, for example around food and fuel poverty or employability. The terms of reference will be agreed and the first meeting of the Working Group will take place prior to the next CPP Board meeting in April.

### **5. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 It recommended Committee notes ongoing work by the CPP Board to:-

- i. prepare the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report
- ii. take forward action locality-based work in Coupar Angus and South Crieff
- iii. respond to the climate emergency.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION, AND COMMUNICATION

| <b>Strategic Implications</b>                       | <b>Yes / None</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement           | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Corporate Plan                                      | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Resource Implications</b>                        |                   |
| Financial                                           | <b>None</b>       |
| Workforce                                           | <b>None</b>       |
| Asset Management (land, property, IST)              | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>Assessments</b>                                  |                   |
| Equality Impact Assessment                          | <b>None</b>       |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment                  | <b>None</b>       |
| Sustainability (community, economic, environmental) | <b>None</b>       |
| Legal and Governance                                | <b>None</b>       |
| Risk                                                | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                 |                   |
| Internal                                            | <b>None</b>       |
| External                                            | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>Communication</b>                                |                   |
| Communications Plan                                 | <b>None</b>       |

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

1.1 The Improvement Actions identified in the report may impact all of the strategic objectives but are likely to be most relevant to:

- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable economy
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### 2. Resource Implications

#### Financial

2.1 Not applicable.

#### Workforce

2.2 Not applicable.

#### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

2.3 Not applicable.

### **3. Assessments**

#### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Proposals that have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) are assessed as **not relevant** for EqIA.

#### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 Proposals have been considered under the Act, and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

#### Sustainability

- 3.3 Not applicable.

#### Legal and Governance

- 3.4 Not applicable.

#### Risk

- 3.5 Not applicable.

### **4. Consultation**

#### Internal

- 4.1 Staff in Communities have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

#### External

- 4.2 Not applicable.

### **5. Communication**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 No additional documents have been relied on in preparing the report, other than those committee reports already referenced within the main body of the report.

## **3. APPENDICES**

- 3.1 No Appendices attached



**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**HOUSING & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

**23 March 2022**

**GYPHY/TRAVELLER SITE TRANSFER**

**Report by Depute Director (Communities) (Report No. 22/63)**

This report seeks committee approval to transfer Double Dykes, one of the two Council owned Gypsy/Traveller sites, from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), subject to Scottish Government Ministerial consent.

It also informs committee that ongoing engagement with the residents at the Council’s second site at Bobbin Mill, will continue in order to establish their views and support on proposals to transfer their site to the HRA.

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Scottish Housing Regulator has responsibility for the regulation of the landlord, homelessness and factoring functions of local authorities. Protecting the interests of tenants and other service users has been a consistent guiding principle for regulation and inspection in Scotland. This responsibility extends to Gypsy/Travellers living in Council run sites.
- 1.2 The focus on the interests of tenants and other service users, including Gypsy/Travellers on sites owned and/or managed by social landlords, was formalised by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010. The Act set out the clear statutory objective of the Scottish Housing Regulator to; safeguard and promote the interests of current and future tenants of social landlords, as well as people who are or may become homeless, and people who use housing services.
- 1.3 The Scottish Social Housing Charter, which came into effect on 1 April 2012, reinforced the statutory duties introduced through the 2010 Act. This notably, set a specific outcome for those local authorities and social landlords with responsibility for managing sites for Gypsy/Travellers to ensure that “sites are well maintained and managed.”
- 1.4 The Scottish Government also published ‘Improving Gypsy/Traveller Sites – Guidance on minimum standards, and site tenants’ core rights and responsibilities’ in 2015. This sets out minimum site standards for Gypsy/ Traveller sites provided by local authorities and registered social landlords.
- 1.5 A follow-up report was published in May 2018, reviewing the progress of social landlords in meeting the standards set out in the 2015 publication. This was based on local authorities providing a self-assessment of each site. In addition to this self-assessment, we have also asked, through our Stock Condition Survey, for an independent assessment of our compliance. Both

sites have been assessed as fully meeting or indeed exceeding each of the standards.

- 1.6 Alongside improvements with site standards, there has been an increased effort from local and central governments to improve the lives of the Gypsy/Traveller communities. A Ministerial Working Group was set up in 2018 to address the inequalities experienced by Gypsy/Traveller communities in housing, education, health, employment and any cross-cutting issues, such as community cohesion.
- 1.7 A joint action plan 'Improving the lives of Gypsy/Travellers: 2019-2021' by the Scottish Government and Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) was published in October 2019, with commitments to:
  - provide more and better accommodation.
  - improve access to public services.
  - improve incomes in and out of work.
  - tackle racism and discrimination.
  - improve Gypsy/Traveller representation at national and local level.
- 1.8 This has been used to enhance and develop the Council's existing Gypsy/ Traveller Strategy, which will be reviewed during 2022 in partnership with the Gypsy/Traveller community.

## **2. DOUBLE DYKES SITE**

- 2.1 The Council owns and manages Double Dykes which is located on the north-western boundary of the City of Perth and lies between the periphery of an industrial site and the River Almond. Double Dykes was established as an official site in June 1982, providing hard standings and amenity facilities. The site was used by Gypsy/Travellers for many generations and residents who previously used this land became the first tenants of the official site.
- 2.2 In 2008, the site was upgraded using grant funding from the Scottish Government to provide 20 chalets. Each chalet has 3 bedrooms, a separate dining room, gas central heating, and each pitch has its own touring caravan space. There is a large amenity space at the rear of the site, which allows for children's play activities and there is also a community facility where the children can attend nursery or schooling, and both children and adults can receive health care and support from a variety of agencies.
- 2.3 Residents on the site have an Occupancy Agreement with Perth & Kinross Council and pay a weekly rental for their pitch of £101.86 The residents are also required to pay Council Tax.
- 2.4 Double Dykes is held on the General Fund, and the Housing Service is responsible for the management of the site. This includes allocation of the chalets, tenancy management, rent collection and managing rent arrears, and repairs and maintenance of the chalets on site. A housing officer is responsible for the day-to-day management of the site.



- 2.5 During 2007 to 2011, £569,000 of investment (net of Scottish Government Grant) was spent on improving Double Dykes to ensure it continued to meet the minimum site standards. This investment was funded through prudential borrowing on the General Fund and there is still approximately £153,000 of outstanding debt on the site.
- 2.6 The 'Improving the lives of Gypsy/Travellers: 2019-2021' joint action plan, as outlined in section 1.7, committed a £2 million investment on public sector Gypsy/Traveller sites. Perth and Kinross were allocated funding of £124,858 - the 6th highest allocation of the 19 landlords who have Gypsy/Traveller sites. The funding enabled projects to be identified by the residents, for Double Dykes these included the replacement of the existing portacabin and the installation of a modular building - the "Happy Cabin" and a garden area. The Happy Cabin enables residents to come together, provides a unified space for visitors and increased access to service provision for the residents.
- 2.7 Alongside the above improvements, the site was also included in the Local Housing Condition Stock Survey. As well as assessing the condition of the chalets, the surveyors were asked to confirm our ongoing compliance with the Scottish Government's minimum site standards, together with identifying what further works would be required to bring the chalets up to meet the new Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH) targets for energy efficiency.
- 2.8 The outcome of the survey will inform ongoing and future capital improvements. The survey results will be shared with residents and a partnership approach will be taken to progress any future developments.
- 2.9 Under current arrangements, residents at Double Dykes lease their homes under an occupancy agreement, which does not offer the same level of protection or security of tenure that a secure tenancy agreement provides. A Scottish Secure Tenancy Agreement also provides the following benefits and rights:
- to assign their tenancy to a household member
  - for their tenancy to be succeeded
  - to repair
  - to exchange their home
- 2.10 In addition, each year when it comes to budget setting, the General Fund faces many competing priorities from across all areas of the Council and can be subject to reductions in funding. Unlike the General Fund, the HRA is not subject to the same level of reductions and in the main is self-financing, as it is funded through the rents that tenants pay.
- 2.11 Because the account for the sites is separate from the wider HRA account, residents do not benefit from the wider pooling of rents and the ability, therefore, to deliver longer term planned improvements such as planned maintenance and capital improvements.

2.12 The rent levels and rent structure at Double Dykes is not fully aligned with HRA tenants.

### **3. PROPOSALS**

3.1 Through the provisions of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 and the introduction of the Scottish Social Housing charter, it has been made clear that the provision and management of Gypsy/Traveller site is a housing function. There are several challenges with the existing arrangements as detailed above and it is therefore proposed that the site at Double Dykes is transferred from the General Fund to the HRA.

3.2 If approval to transfer the site to the HRA is agreed, any future works and capital spend can be made through the HRA Capital or Planned Maintenance programmes.

3.3 There will be no change to the structure or type of services provided to residents. There will be an enhancement to the services provided, in terms of a planned maintenance programme for the chalets and the site, and an opportunity for residents to access the same level of support and assistance that is on offer to HRA tenants. In addition, a review of the rent structure would be undertaken to ensure alignment with other HRA tenants.

3.4 The transfer of the site to the HRA will be subject to Scottish Ministers consent and this will be sought following approval of the transfer at Committee.

3.5 Ongoing consultation and engagement will continue with the residents at the Council's second site at Bobbin Mill, in order to seek their views and support on the proposals to transfer their site to the HRA.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the residents of Double Dykes which involved:

- individual letters to all residents at the outset providing contact information if there were any specific queries or concerns
- meetings with residents, visits to the site and telephone discussions
- the development of a Question-and-Answer Guide around the transfer and the impact on the existing arrangements
- a detailed letter explaining the rationale for the transfer.
- Independent advice and support from MECOPP and support from the Ethnic Minority Law Centre.
- a dedicated officer for residents to approach if they required further information or advice.

4.2 Feedback received on the proposal has been positive. They are supportive of the approach and can see the benefits in terms of both short and long term for financial planning and investment.

4.3 Wider tenant consultation and engagement, in accordance with our tenant agreed Framework has taken place. There were no issues or concerns in relation to the proposal.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 As noted in section 2.5, there is currently outstanding debt of £153,000 on the site. It is proposed to transfer this debt from the General Fund to the HRA as part of the overall transfer.

5.2 The loan charges associated with this debt will be met by the income paid by the current residents of the site. There would be no negative financial implications on current HRA tenants as a result of this transfer.

5.3 Once the site is transferred, all future costs associated with the delivery of services, repairs and capital expenditure will be contained within HRA budgets.

5.4 As per section 1.7, the Scottish Government and COSLA have made a clear commitment to ensuring that the lives of Gypsy/Travellers are improved in Scotland. On 4 June 2021, the Scottish Government announced additional funding of £20 million to 2025/26. The funding is intended for both significant renovation and improvements of standards on existing sites and the building of new sites.

5.5 Based on the findings of the Local Housing Condition Stock Survey, and through full consultation and engagement with the residents, a funding bid could be made to support any capital improvements works identified for the site. The Scottish Government have given assurances that funding bids will be considered at a future date due to the funding being spread over a 5-year period. Transferring the site to the HRA could provide a stronger case for a funding application to be approved.

## **6. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 This report outlines the benefits for residents at Double Dykes around the transfer to the HRA. These benefits not only include an enhancement to their rights as tenants but also access to a more secure financial platform to allow us to deliver the Scottish Government's vision in relation to Improving the Lives of Gypsy Travellers.

6.2 Having a long-term financial planning approach to continuing to improve sites in partnership with our tenants will also allow us to have true and meaningful engagement and a consistent approach across the Council's housing stock.

6.3 It is recommended that Committee: -

- (i) approves, subject to the necessary Scottish Ministerial consent, that the Double Dykes site be transferred from the General Fund to the to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).
- (ii) notes the ongoing dialogue and support as outlined in Section 3.5 for residents at Bobbin Mill and that a future report be submitted to Committee

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| Legal and Governance                                | <b>None</b>       |
| Risk                                                | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                 |                   |
| Internal                                            | <b>None</b>       |
| External                                            | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>Communication</b>                                |                   |
| Communications Plan                                 | <b>None</b>       |

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

1.1 The Single Outcome Agreement for Perth and Kinross has five outcomes which provide a clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level, and shape the allocation of resources. The following are relevant to this report: -

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible, and informed citizens
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable economy
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy, and active lives
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

#### Corporate Plan

1.2 As above.

### 2. Resource Implications

#### Financial

2.1 Costs associated with the delivery of services, repairs and capital spends are contained within existing HRA budgets.

### **3. Assessments**

#### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) and no major change required.

#### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.4 However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report. This is because the Committee are requested to note the contents of the report only and the Committee are not being requested to approve, adopt, or agree to an action or to set the framework for future decisions.

#### Sustainability

- 3.5 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. Under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 the Council also has a duty relating to climate change and, in exercising its functions must act: -
- in the way best calculated to delivery of the Act's emissions reduction targets
  - in the way best calculated to deliver any statutory adaptation programmes
  - in a way that it considers most sustainable.
- 3.6 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

#### Legal and Governance

- 3.7 Head of Legal and Governance was consulted on this report.

#### Risk

- 3.8 None arising from this report.

#### **4. Consultation**

##### Internal

- 4.1 The Chief Executive, all Executive Directors/Directors and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

##### External

- 4.2 All current residents at Double Dykes have been consulted on this proposal.
- 4.3 The Tenant Committee Report Panel was consulted on this report. They commented that it is good to see the proposal to transfer the Gypsy/Traveller sites to the Housing Revenue Account. The Housing Service already manages the sites so it would bring services together such as repairs and maintenance.

#### **5. Communication**

- 5.1 None.

#### **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 None.

#### **3. APPENDICES**

- 3.1 None

