



## Item 4

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**To:** Housing & Community Safety Policy Board  
Renfrewshire Council

**On:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**Report by:** Chief Superintendent Jim Downie, Police Scotland, 'K' Division

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**Heading:** Police and Fire Reform: Local Scrutiny and Engagement  
Renfrewshire Local Policing Area  
Performance Results 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

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### 1. Summary

- 1.1 The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 sets out that the main purpose of policing is to improve the safety and well-being of persons, localities and communities in Scotland. It ensures an enhanced focus on local delivery of policing with a designated local commander for each local authority area accountable for local service provision.
- 1.2 Each local commander is required to prepare a local policing plan that meets the needs of the local area and is approved by the local authority. In response to this the local authority has a statutory power to monitor the delivery of police services and to provide feedback to the local commander.

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### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The data within this report, which relates to the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, is extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015. The data is a year to date comparison with the previous year. It includes both recorded and detected crime data and covers all priority areas as set out in the local police plan. Members are asked to scrutinise policing performance for the period outlined and provide feedback where appropriate.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The local commander is required to provide reports at an agreed timescale for scrutiny by elected members. Formal scrutiny of the Renfrewshire Police Plan falls under the governance of the Renfrewshire Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee under the auspices of the Housing and Community Safety Committee (HACS) which meets five times per year. The information is contained at Appendix 1.

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### **Implications of the Report**

1. **Financial - none**
2. **HR & Organisational Development - none**
3. **Community Planning – none**
4. **Legal - none**
5. **Property/Assets - none**
6. **Information Technology -**
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety - none**
9. **Procurement - none**
10. **Risk - none**
11. **Privacy Impact - none**

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<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	66	66	same number	0.0%
Crimes of violence remain at the same number. We utilise analytical tools to identify areas known for violence and disorder and ensure officers are aware of these areas and that officers are conducting high visibility patrols within these areas. Paisley West End was identified as one of the hotspot areas and over the last month we have deployed officers in plain clothes and uniform within this area in order to tackle violent crime.					
2	Murder	1	1	same number	0.0%
There has been one murder committed in Renfrewshire, this was committed within a dwelling house and has been detected.					
3	Attempted Murder	5	4	1 more	25.0%
There has been one more attempted murder committed in Renfrewshire, 4 of the 5 offences were committed indoors.					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	80.7%	92.9%		-12.2%
Over 80% of serious assaults committed are detected.					
7	Serious Assault	31	28	3 more	10.7%
There have been 3 more victims of serious assault. We continue to carry out patrols in hotspot areas known for violence however 19 of the 31 offences were committed indoors making them more difficult to prevent.					
8	Robbery detection rate	90.5%	64.3%		26.2%
The Robbery detection rate is high at 90.5% we ensure that robust and through enquiries are carried out on each incident. There are a number of ongoing enquiries which are still live and may result in further detections in the future.					
9	Robbery	21	14	7 more	50.0%
There have been 7 more robberies committed within Renfrewshire. We regularly issue public safety messages and conduct surveys of vulnerable premises offering them advice on how to target harden their premises and reduce risk to staff and property.					
10	Common assault detection rate	78.5%	77.9%		0.6%
The detection rate for common assault crimes remains high at 78.5%					
11	Common assault	451	403	48 more	11.9%
There have been 48 more common assaults committed within the Renfrewshire area this year, many of these have occurred within educational establishments causing an increase. Our community officers ensure that they visit these establishments to provide preventative advice to staff and pupils.					
12	Stop and searches conducted				-
Police Scotland is undergoing a test phase on a new stop and search database which went online on 1 June 2015. Validation and testing of the data is still ongoing and data collected for the period 1-30 June 2015 will appear in the August scrutiny board reports.					

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13	Number of complaints regarding disorder	2,102	2,570	468 fewer	-18.2%
There have been 468 fewer complaints of disorder. We ensure that during peak times for disorder all areas known to us are visited in order to drive down anti-social behaviours. We also work closely with the local authority and Community Wardens					

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<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour (continued)</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
14	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	554	568		-2.5%
There has been a reduction of 2.5% in the number of domestic incidents reported to the police. We have a dedicated domestic abuse unit who work with perpetrators in order to reduce re-offending and protect victims					
15	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	362	438		-17.4%
The number of crimes committed within domestic abuse incidents has reduced by 17.4%. Domestic abuse has been a high priority for Police Scotland for a number of years and in Renfrewshire we have conducted a number of high profile campaigns ensuring that victims know they have the full support of the police and have the confidence to report incidents early to prevent escalation.					
16	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	48.4%	52.5%		-4.1%
The percentage of domestic incidents which result in a crime being recorded has reduced by 4.1%					
17	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	83.1%	77.4%		5.7%
The detection rate for domestic abuse incidents has increased by 5.7%.					
18	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	50	47		6.4%
The total detections for domestic bail offences have increased by 6.4%. Officers carry out intervention visits to known offenders to ensure they are adhering to there bail conditions set.					
19	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	98.3%	-		-
Initial bail checks are prioritised to ensure perpetrators are complying with the conditions imposed and to ensure victim safety.					
20	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	66.1%	73.3%		-7.2%
Local campaigns to raise the awareness of hate crime have been undertaken. In particular, 'I am Me' has significantly raised awareness throughout the Renfrewshire area.					

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<b>Additional Identified Local Priorities</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
21	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	55	59		-6.8%
Drug supply remains a local priority and is intelligence led. We continue our focus on ensuring that persons supplying drugs are prevented from doing so.					
22	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	22.4%	25.9%		-3.5%
A dedicated housebreaking team has been set up to deal with this intrusive crime and ensure victims are provided with the best possible service and offenders are detected.					
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	170	135	35 more	25.9%
We utilise all means available, including social media, in order to raise awareness of these offences ensuring that householders protect their homes and don't give offenders any opportunities.					
24	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	78.0%	78.9%		-0.9%
The detection rate for theft by shoplifting offences remains high at 78%.					
25	Theft by shoplifting	186	246	60 fewer	-24.4%
There have been 60 fewer theft by shoplifting offences committed within Renfrewshire. Our dedicated town centre officers continue to work in partnership with local businesses building up a good knowledge of regular offenders and ensuring visibility within town centres to deter offenders.					
26	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	16.4%	16.7%		-0.3%
The detection rate for vandalism and malicious mischief offences is 16.4%					
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	329	378	49 fewer	-13.0%
There have been 49 fewer victims of vandalism and malicious mischief.					
28	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	531	628		-15.4%
The number of persons consuming alcohol in a designated place has reduced by 15.4%, proactive high visibility patrols and plain clothes teams operating in known hotspot areas can be attributed to this reduction.					

<b>Public Protection</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
29	Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency	66	60	6 more	10.0%
There have been 6 more victims of crimes of indecency. Our Public Protection Unit have recently run a number of high profile media campaigns encouraging victims of sexual abuse to speak to the police. There has also been a number of media campaigns aimed at parents and young persons warning of the dangers of sending images over social media, due to this we expect the number of these types of crimes reported to us to increase over the coming months.					
30	Group 2 crimes detection rate	81.8%	75.0%		6.8%
The detection rate for group 2 crimes is 81.8%.					
31	Rape detection rate	38.5%	63.6%		-25.1%
The detection rate for rape is currently 38.5%, the majority of these enquiries are complex therefore take time to conduct enquiries and often rely on forensic opportunities. Once enquiries on many of these offences are complete the detection rate should increase.					

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<b>Road Traffic Casualty Statistics</b>				
	Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
People Killed	0	0	None	-
People Seriously injured	11	12	1 fewer	-8.3%
People Slightly Injured	65	68	3 fewer	-4.4%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	None	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	2	2	same number	0.0%
Keeping People Safe on the roads is a priority for Police Scotland, we have seen a reduction in the number of people injured on our roads. Our Roads Policing Inspector within the division is the lead in Scotland for education of young drivers in order to prevent deaths and injury on our roads. We recently held a Road Safety Event at Asda, Linwood in which many different agencies attended in order to offer advice and raise awareness of road safety. This received positive feedback and is something which we hope to have on a regular basis.				

<b>Road Safety &amp; Road Crime</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015	Apr 2014 - Jun 2014	Victims	% Change
32	Dangerous driving	21	15		40.0 %
33	Speeding	360	900		- 60.0 %
34	Disqualified driving	4	8		- 50.0 %
35	Driving Licence	69	63		9.5%
36	Insurance	112	135		- 17.0 %
37	Seat Belts	60	185		- 67.6 %
38	Mobile Phone	72	257		- 72.0 %
There has been a significant reduction in many of the above road traffic offences, our Divisional Road Policing Dept educate and raise awareness amongst drivers of these offences and the consequences along with the improvement of technology as standard within vehicles this can be attributed to the reductions.					

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<b>Public Confidence</b>					
		Apr 2015 - Jun 2015			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
39	Complaints received about the Police	42		31.9	
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
40	Total Allegations Recorded	46	0	7	53