

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 16 March 2021	15:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting,

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Bill Brown: Councillor Mags MacLaren: Councillor Jane Strang:
Councillor Marie McGurk (Convener): Councillor John McNaughtan (Depute Convener):

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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Items of business

- 1 Police Scotland Scrutiny Board Report** **3 - 4**
Report by Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland.
- 2 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service - Renfrewshire
Performance Report/Scorecard**
Report by Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.
- 3 Spotlight on Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)/TAKE-5** **5 - 6**
Presentation by Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.
- 4 Spotlight on Spring Season Thematic Action Plan**
Presentation by Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.
- 5 Local Issues**
Verbal Report by Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.



Keeping People Safe in Renfrewshire

Our Purpose:- To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

Violence & Antisocial Behaviour



YTD (April to December 2020) there were 207 Group 1 Crimes of Violence – a decrease of 11.2% on the previous year, equating to 26 fewer victims. 55% of Group 1 crimes occurred in private spaces.

Since 1 April 2020, 1,957 crimes have been identified via police proactivity – up 20.6% on the previous year.

Overall downward trend in both serious & minor violence.

1,230 common assaults have been recorded, compared to 1,410 in the previous year (-12.8%). 204 assaults targeted emergency workers (five more than the previous year), with 93% targeting police officers. The Royal Alexandra Hospital continues to be a significant repeat location for assaults on police and other emergency workers.

87 serious assaults were recorded (28 fewer), with a detection rate of 74.7%, compared to 75.7% in the previous year. Meanwhile, one fewer robbery was recorded (n=51), while the robbery detection rate increased by 3.6 percentage points to 86.3%. 41% of serious assaults, and 63% of robberies, occurred in private dwellings.

Acquisitive Crime



Crimes of theft by shoplifting fell by 40.6%, to a total of 432. The detection rate is 69.6%, close to the previous year's position (71.1%).



There were 258 housebreakings (including attempts) – 17 fewer than in the previous year, with the decrease exclusively relating to HBs targeting commercial premises.

A total of 2,155 acquisitive crimes have been recorded year-to-date – a decrease of 13.4% on the previous year. This continues to largely be driven by the fall in reported common theft and theft by shoplifting. The detection rate for acquisitive crime is 36.2%, 2.3 percentage points below the previous year's position. A drop in the detection rate for fraud appears to be the main cause of the overall decrease in detection rate, this being associated with the growth of cyber-enabled crimes and the additional complexities of investigating and detecting such crimes.



15 bogus crimes have been reported, five more than the previous year, with the majority targeting elderly members of the community. Crimes typically involved victims being over-charged for roofing and gardening work, which suspects thereafter failed to undertake.

Public Protection



303 sexual offences were recorded – 17 fewer than the previous year's volume. 75% of these crimes occurred in private dwellings. While the volume of reported sexual crimes occurring in private space increased by nearly 15% on the previous year, crimes taking place in public locations fell by 40%.

38% of reported sexual offences in the current year were non-recent in nature (reported more than one year since the date the crime occurred). The number of reported non-recent sexual offences fell by three percent on the previous year; meanwhile, recent offences fell by eight percent.

45% of victims were aged under 16 years at the time of the offence, with indications of an increase in the number of targeting younger victims compared to the previous year. However, 59% of the crimes targeting young people were non-recent in nature.

The detection rate for sexual crime increased by 1.4 percentage points on the previous year's position, to 62.4%



There have been 309 missing person incidents in Renfrewshire. 78% of incidents involved people aged under 19 years, and a third of all incidents originated from Young Persons Units. Repeat missing persons continue to be an issue, with the top five individuals accounting for 15% of all missing persons incidents.

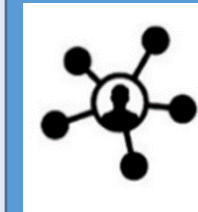
1,794 domestic abuse incidents have been reported to the police, a decrease of 9.9% on the previous year. 1,094 crimes and offences were raised as a result of reported incidents, representing a decrease of 10.1% on the previous year – with a conversion rate of all domestic incidents into crime incidents of 43.4% (compared to 44.7% in the previous year). Meanwhile, the detection rate for domestic crimes and offences increased from 63.6% in the previous year, to 69.7% in the current period.

Public Confidence

There were 143 complaints about police during the reporting period. This equates to 36.8 complaints per 10,000 police incidents.

Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan (2020 – 2021) Reporting Period – 1 Apr '20 – 31 Dec '20

Major Crime & Terrorism



Targeting serious and organised crime continues to be a priority for the division. One serious organised crime group (SOCG) which primarily impact on Renfrewshire is currently being managed by the Division. The SOCG is predominantly involved in drug supply. Drug supply charges have increased by 9.5% on the previous year, to a total of 115.



There continue to be indications of an increasing trend in relation to cybercrime compared to the previous year, with general telecommunications offences increasing by over a third on the previous year, cyber-enabled fraud more than doubling in volume on the previous year, and online sexual offences increasing by approximately 30%.

Road Safety & Road Crime



YTD, one road fatality occurred within Renfrewshire – no change on the previous year's position. There were 28 serious road injuries (17 fewer than the previous year), including five children being seriously injured, and 49 slight injuries (58 fewer than the previous year).

2,709 offences relating to motor vehicles have been recorded year to date – a decrease of 3.6% on the previous year. However, notable increases continue to be observed in relation to drink/drug, insurance and licensing offences.



Our Renfrewshire is **fair**: addressing the inequalities that limit life chances
 Our Renfrewshire is **well**: supporting the wellness and resilience of our citizens and communities

Body Worn Video

Armed officers will be equipped with Body Worn Video (BWV) ahead of the COP26 climate change summit to be held in Glasgow later this year.

The initial roll-out will be followed by a national programme to provide all officers and staff in appropriate roles with Body Worn Video.

Chief Constable Iain Livingstone has told the Scottish Police Authority he supported an accelerated roll-out of BWV to all appropriate officers and staff across Police Scotland as quickly as funding allowed.

The initial roll-out of BWV to armed officers will provide a valuable basis and learning for the broader national plan.

Are You Listening

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) is a term used to describe when children and young people are manipulated or coerced into committing crimes. The most common type of crimes they are becoming involved in is activity known as 'County Lines'.

Funded by Leicestershire and Rutland's Violence Reduction Network, a new film entitled 'Are you listening' aims to raise awareness of the issue of CCE, some of the signs that could indicate a child is in danger and where help and support can be found.

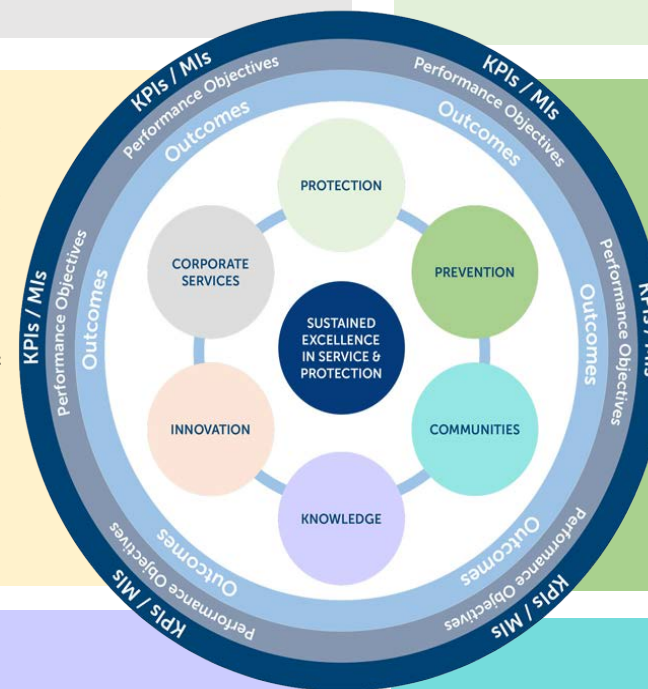
The film focuses on four stories, which although fictional, are typical of the types of criminality children do become involved in.

This has been shared throughout 'K' division and has now been made available to campus officers who will disseminate to schools and care establishments.

Conventional Response Unit (CRU)

The Conventional Response Unit (CRU) has been stood up to support local policing during this particularly challenging phase of the national effort to tackle coronavirus. The Chief Constable has been very clear that Police Scotland must maximise our visible presence in our communities and on our roads to help people, offer reassurance and to act as a deterrent to those considering breaching restrictions.

A launch took place week commencing 11th January 2020 comprising of a small initial deployment. Officers assisted divisions by attending calls, locus protection, high visibility patrols, assisting Roads Policing and various other duties.



Take Five for Fraud

Cases of criminals exploiting unsuspecting people and persuading them to part with money or personal information are continuing to rise. Scottish Government figures show that in 2019-20, fraud increased by 23% including many committed online, as fraudsters use the internet more and more to target victims.

Throughout the campaign, officers, staff members of the public and business will be encouraged to Take Five – and following this straightforward and impartial advice:

- **Stop** - Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- **Challenge** - Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **Protect** - Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Police Scotland.

Mentoring Program

Police Scotland has launched new mentoring programme.

The programme pairs mentors and mentees to share their knowledge, skills and experience with others. This one-to-one support will assist in professional and personal development and is open to all SPA/police staff, officers and special constables regardless of rank, role or location.

Partnerships are matched with the skills and experience that the mentee has expressed an interest in developing, with those that the mentor has to offer.

Off the Bench

Officers in K are currently working with St Mirren FC in the innovative Off the Bench Diversion from prosecution programme, which is intended to contribute to reduced re-offending rates. Programme cohorts are due to commence in April 2021, January 2022 and August 2022.

The 16-week programme, which has been approved by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Office (COPFS), is aimed at those aged between 18 and 24 years who are involved in anti-social behaviour or have committed offences of a minor nature – not necessarily related to football. The programme will focus on education, physical health, and mental health as a prevention from anti-social behaviour/re-offending and will be delivered by the Police, Community Trusts and key external partners.

Our Renfrewshire is **thriving**: maximising economic growth that is inclusive and stable
 Our Renfrewshire is **safe**: protecting vulnerable people, and working together to manage the risk of harm
 Have your say! - Your View Counts - <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/>

TAKE 5 ^{Item 3}



to reduce the number of FALSE FIRE ALARMS

**98% of all automated fire alarm calls are
unwanted fire alarm call incidents.
YOU CAN PREVENT THIS.**



Scottish Business
Resilience Centre
Creating a secure Scotland for business to flourish in



Testing - Could the fire alarm system be accidentally set off?

- Contact the fire alarm call centre and ensure the system is offline.
- Record in the fire alarm log book that the system is offline before testing.
- Ensure all system faults are reported to the maintenance officer immediately.



Aerosols - Is there a smoke detector nearby which could be accidentally set off?

- Use Aerosols such as deodorant, hairspray and cleaning products sparingly.
- Keep area well ventilated.
- Is there an aerosol substitute available?



Knowledge - Have you completed your fire awareness training?

- Know your fire alarm and evacuation procedure.
- Know where your fire alarm panel is located and who is responsible to operate it.
- Know if your system detects smoke, fire or heat.



Equipment - Are you testing, moving items or working near fire alarm detectors?

- Consider local isolation of area for maintenance and contractor work.
- Consider local isolation of area for cleaning processes involving steam or fumes.
- Avoid accidental contact with break glass call points.



5 - 5 seconds, 5 minutes it doesn't matter?

- Think about your actions, could they activate the fire alarm system?
- Think about false alarm consequences on production, customers and staff.
- Each false alarm call puts your community at risk.
- Each false alarm costs the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and RC £2900.

Our Values

We are **fair**, we treat each other and everyone we deal with respectfully and work hard to build trust in Renfrewshire Council.

We are **helpful**, we care about getting things right and are always approachable.

We are great **collaborators**; we work as one team and with people who care about this place.

We value **learning** to help us innovate, improve and deliver better services.



