

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

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 14 January 2020	15:00	Corporate Meeting Room 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

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Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor John Hood: Councillor Kenny MacLaren: Councillor Jane Strang:
Councillor Marie McGurk (Convener): Councillor John McNaughtan (Depute Convener):

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Items of business

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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| | Report by Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service. | |
| 6 | Local Issues | |
| | Verbal Report by Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service. | |



To: Police and Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee

On: 14 January 2020

Report by: Director of Communities, Housing and Planning Services

Heading: Consultation on HM Inspectorate of Constabulary In Scotland (HMICS) Scrutiny Plan 2020-21

1. Summary

- 1.1 Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Scotland (HMICS) is in the process of developing their annual Scrutiny Plan to deliver a planned inspection programme for 2020–21.
 - 1.2 In a change to the consultation process, this year HMICS will utilise an online survey so that anyone with an interest in policing in Scotland can make a contribution. As part of this process, HMICS sought the views of key stakeholders on any topical, high risk or emerging areas in Policing that could be included within the 2020-21 plan.
 - 1.3 The on-line survey can be accessed at:
https://response.questback.com/scottishgovernment/hmics_scrutiny_plan_2020-21
 - 1.4 The aim of the online survey is to provide HMICS with a thorough insight into the key issues that members of the public, key stakeholders and staff members of Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority feel strongly about.
 - 1.5 HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, Gillian Imery wrote to partners including the Renfrewshire Council Chief Executive on 15 November 2019 requesting input into the HMICS Scrutiny Plan 2020-21.
 - 1.6 The final date for submissions to the letter is 17 January 2020. A draft response from the Council is attached as Appendix 1 to this report for the approval of members.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee:
- (i) notes the consultation on the HMICS annual scrutiny plan; and
 - (ii) approves the Council's consultation response as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.
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3. Background

- 3.1 Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, (HMICS) has a statutory role to report on the state, effectiveness and efficiency of both Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority. HMICS first issued a consultation on their forward workplan 2014 – 2017 in November 2013. Since then, each HMICS Annual Scrutiny Plan has included an appropriate focus on the issues that are relevant and have been highlighted by the Council.
- 3.2 In accordance with their statutory obligation to keep this plan under review, HMICS are currently refreshing it to take account of necessary changes to scrutiny activities. The last updated HMICS Scrutiny Plan 2019-20, was issued in October 2019.
- 3.3 In previous years, HMICS highlighted some of the areas they wished to focus on, however this year, as was the case last year, they did not provide a draft report or anything that they would focus on during the 2020–2021 year.
- 3.4 From a Renfrewshire perspective, local relationships with Police Scotland and with the Scottish Police Authority are excellent and the areas highlighted in the Renfrewshire response will strengthen this relationship.
- 3.5 The response attached for approval, welcomes the development of the HMICS Scrutiny Plan for 2020-21 and highlights some areas that Renfrewshire Council feel would benefit from scrutiny by HMICS.
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Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** - None
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
- 3. **Community/Council Planning** –
 - *Our Renfrewshire is safe* - By focusing on key areas of policing, Renfrewshire should be a safer place to live, work and visit
- 4. **Legal** - None

5. **Property/Assets** - None
 6. **Information Technology** - None
 7. **Equality & Human Rights**
 - (a) 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.
 12. **COSLA Policy Position** – Not Applicable
 13. **Climate Risk** – Not Applicable
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List of Background Papers

None

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**Renfrewshire Council's response to the
Consultation on HMICS Scrutiny Plan 2020-2021**

I am responding to your letter of 15 November 2019 seeking comments on the proposed HMICS scrutiny plan for 2020-21. Renfrewshire Council welcomes the opportunity to contribute to this process.

From a Renfrewshire perspective, local relationships with Police Scotland and with the Scottish Police Authority continue to be excellent and productive. In particular, I would highlight the close working relationship developed with K Division through the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub.

Following the successful trial of the Contact Assessment Model (CAM) in 2 divisions (Lanarkshire & Dumfries and Galloway), it is proposed to roll out the Assessment Model to K Division in early 2020. Whilst we are fully supportive and this sounds like an excellent proposal to reduce vulnerabilities, it may be prudent for HMICS to scrutinise the outcomes of the projects to date or in implementation.

Renfrewshire Council has raised this previously, however, we would welcome a focus on the work undertaken nationally by Police Scotland to assist the Gypsy/Travellers community. This would ensure that partners are doing everything appropriate to assist this community and there is a consistent approach to responding to the issues faced by this community being taken across Scotland.

Human Trafficking is a concern and key priority for the Renfrewshire Community Protection (Prevent) Group. In common with a number of other local authorities across Scotland there has been an increase in the numbers of foreign nationals turning up within Renfrewshire and claiming to have been trafficked – some of whom are suggesting links with organised criminality. Like Gypsy Travellers above, it would be useful to review the Police response to this on a national basis to understand the picture and multi-agency response at a local level.

Another area of broad strategic importance with a multi-agency dimension relates to the ongoing review of Prevent guidance being taken forward in the UK and an examination of the changing role of Police Scotland in driving this process as the guidance is updated may be of benefit.

Finally, Renfrewshire Council is the data controller for 49 public space CCTV cameras across Renfrewshire. They are high definition, state of the art and include technology including "Brief Cam" that can filter images very quickly given a suitable parameter e.g. red car etc. From discussions through the Community Safety Network, there is currently a review of CCTV across Scotland currently being undertaken by COSLA and it would be beneficial for HMICS to scrutinise the use of CCTV by Police Scotland to assess effectiveness and best practice.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you in developing your Scrutiny Plan for 2020 - 21. However, should you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.



To: Police and Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee

On: 14 January 2020

Report by: Director of Communities, Housing and Planning Services

Heading: Publication of the Strategic Police Priorities

1. Summary

- 1.1 On 15 July 2019, the Scottish Government published a consultation on the draft Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland with the consultation closing on 4 October 2019. A draft response was approved at this Sub Committee on 20 August 2019 and submitted to the Scottish Government for consideration.
 - 1.2 The consultation exercise received a total of 59 responses, 29 from individuals and 30 responses from organisations. Scottish Government Officials also attended a number of stakeholder meetings across Scotland.
 - 1.3 The Scottish Government has now published its revised Strategic Police Priorities based on the consultation responses and broadly in line with those it consulted on. A copy of the Strategic Police Priorities document is available at <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839604195>
 - 1.4 As noted previously, it is intended that the new priorities will remain in place for a period of 6 years, however, they will be reviewed at the mid-point of 3 years.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee:
 - (i) notes the publication of the Strategic Police Priorities; and

- (ii) notes that the priorities will remain in place for 6 years with a review after 3 years.
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3. Background

3.1 The proposed Strategic Police Priorities for the period have now been agreed as follows:

- **Crime and Security** – prioritises prevention, investigation, equality and human rights to support positive criminal justice outcomes, respond to current and emerging threats and maintain public order.
- **Confidence** – continues to inspire public trust by being ethical, open and transparent, evidencing performance against outcomes, and building on a positive reputation at a local, national and international level.
- **Partnerships** – works proactively with partners to maintain safe communities and support improved outcomes for individuals, increasing resilience and addressing vulnerability.
- **Sustainability** – adapts to present and plans for future social and economic circumstances, considering the environmental impact of policing and its operations.
- **People** – values, supports, engages and empowers a diverse workforce to lead and deliver high quality services.
- **Evidence** – uses evidence to develop services and addresses current and emerging demands, ensuring that the right capacity and skills are in place to deliver high performing and innovative services.

3.2 Renfrewshire Council is generally supportive of the new priorities and will work with Police Scotland as part of the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership to implement them across the Division.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - None
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
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 - 11. **Privacy Impact** - None.
 - 12. **COSLA Policy Position** – Not Applicable
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List of Background Papers

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Keeping People Safe in Renfrewshire

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

Violence & Antisocial Behaviour



FYTD (April to November 2019) there were 224 Group 1 Crimes of Violence; up 16.7% on the previous year. The 5 year average for Group 1 crimes is 182.

Since 1 April 2019, **1,477 crimes have been identified via police proactivity, up 7.5% on the previous year.**

Overall upward trend in both serious & minor violence.

There were 69 more common assaults (+7% to 1053 – higher than the 5 year average of 1002) and 285 fewer disorder complaints (-7.0%). 182 common assaults targeted emergency workers, 72% of these were police officers. This is an increase of 25% on the previous year.



The detection rate for robberies is down to 81.6%, and serious assaults have also decreased to a rate of 76% when compared to the previous year.

Acquisitive Crime



Shoplifting decreased by 25 crimes to a total of 645. This is a result of a 28% decrease in crime in Renfrew.



252 housebreakings (inc attempts) - up by 5.8%, with 14 more crimes. Dwelling houses account for 52% of HBs.

YTD is showing an increase of 2.4% in the volume of recorded crimes of dishonesty. A decline in these crimes was offset by an increase in the volume of crimes of common theft, housebreaking and fraud. Fraud experienced a 45% increase to 254 crimes, over half of were recorded in Renfrew.



There have been 10 reported bogus crimes, down from 13 in the previous year. Seven of the victims were over the age of 70 years, including two who suffered from ill-health. Common tactics included requests for money in advance for building work which was never completed, or charging excessively for incomplete/poor work. Six crimes involved bogus workmen purporting to be builders and gardeners.

Public Protection



Recorded sexual crime has seen a decrease of -14.2% when compared to the previous year, with 45 fewer victims.

38% of reported sexual offences in the current year are non-recent in nature, down from 41% the previous year. Sexual crimes with a domestic element increased by 42% on the previous year.

Victims aged 11 - 15 years at the time of the offence constituted the highest proportion of sexual crimes (31%), with 60% of these reports being non-recent and 17% being cyber-enabled.

The detection rate of sexual crime YTD is 60.2% - down slightly from 63.7% in the previous year.



There were 283 reported missing person incidents, of which 39.22% involved looked after and accommodated children (LAAC). As such Children's Units were the top five locations for persons to be reported missing from within Renfrewshire. Persons aged 10-19 years were involved in 74.91% of all reported missing person incidents.

1,579 domestic abuse incidents have been reported to the police, an increase of 8.1% on the previous year. Meanwhile, 891 crimes and offences were raised as a result of reported incidents, representing an increase of 3.7% on the previous year.

Renfrewshire

Local Policing Plan (2017 – 2020)

Reporting Period – 1 April '19 – 31 Nov '19

Major Crime & Terrorism



Targeting serious organised crime continues to be a priority for the division. YTD there were 83 detections for drug supply offences, which is a slight increase on the previous year.

YTD there have been 18 confirmed drugs deaths and 24 suspected drug related deaths, still awaiting toxicology results. The majority of deaths involved poly-drug use, with etizolam featuring most frequently followed by cocaine and methadone.



260 crimes have been designated as 'cyber-crimes' via application of the relevant cyber-crime marker, in 2019/20. Reported offences included online credit and debit card fraud and menacing and offensive communication offences using various social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook.

Road Safety & Road Crime



YTD, there has been one road fatality occurring within Renfrewshire; two fewer than last year. Serious and slight road injuries also decreased by -12.9% (four fewer victims), and -52.7% (77 fewer victims) respectively.



Speeding and seat belt offences have increased compared to the same period last year (up by 22.9% and 62% respectively). Meanwhile dangerous driving, disqualified driving, driving licence, insurance and mobile phone offences have all decreased (down 25.7%, 9%, 30%, 11.6% and 1.6% respectively).

Our Renfrewshire is fair: addressing the inequalities that limit life chances

Support the MO, Save a Bro! Movember 2019!

Movember is responsible for the sprouting of millions of moustaches across the world. In between poking fun at our colleagues' efforts at growing a moustache, it is a fantastic way to raise awareness and vital funds for the fight against prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and physical inactivity. The Movember Foundation has a men's health strategy which considers four key focus areas:

- **Prostate cancer** – The most commonly diagnosed cancer in men within the UK
- **Testicular cancer** – The most common cancer in men aged 25-49
- **Poor mental health** – On average 13 men a day take their life by suicide in the UK
- **Physical activity** – 41% of men in the UK do not exercise enough

The Movember campaign isn't just for men however, and also includes the MOVE programme - a physical activity programme aimed at getting our staff and officers fitter. It's an alternative for Mo Bros who don't want to grow a moustache and also allows Mo Sistas the opportunity to make the commitment to Movember. This programme has no boundaries, the plan is to get people more active and the targets and goals are set by each individual person or group.

Festive Safety Plan implemented in assistance from analysts identified 3 main shopping areas Johnstone Town, Renfrew Town and Braehead all as historically having increased acquisitive crime on 4 week run up to Christmas. Plan in place to provide public reassurance to these areas at peak time's especially public licensees and shop keepers, increase hi-vis footprint of Police and therefore prevent and detect crime.

Report received that a male had been observed drunk with what appeared to be a rifle sticking out of a bag in his possession. Local officers actioned to attend. The male was located nearby extremely intoxicated, he was found to be in possession of an air rifle and a small lock knife. Male was arrested and conveyed to Greenock Police Office. Charged with Section 19 Firearms Act – possession of a loaded air weapon.

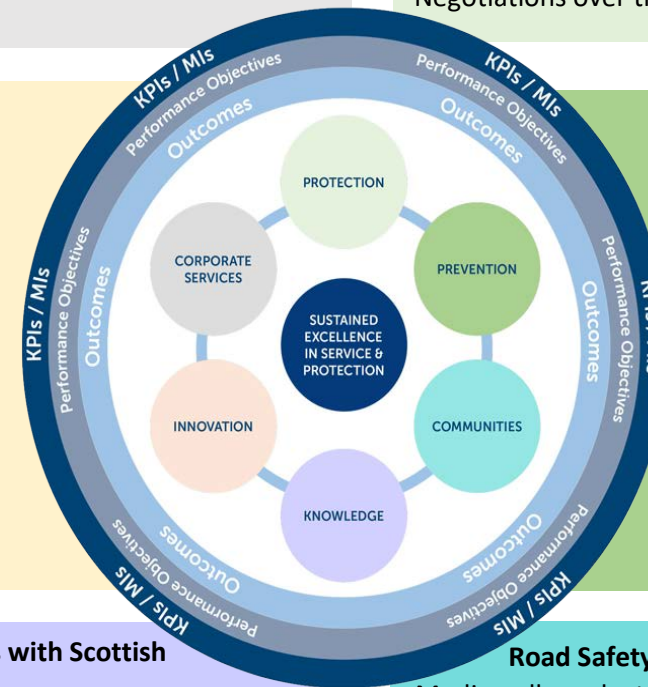
A male from the Glasgow area, attended the top level of the Piazza car park in possession of a length of rope with the intention of causing himself harm. Numerous police resources deployed, SAS, SFRS, and negotiators were in attendance. Stewards from the Piazza initially attempted to communicate with male until the arrival of officers. Negotiations over the course of an hour resulted in the male climbing down to safety.

Mobile Devices (PDA's)

From 22nd November 2019 nearly 230 officers will be trained in the new devices. Benefit of mobile working is the amount of time saved by officers completing routine paperwork, this will enable more time spent in the community rather than at the station, enabling increased visibility, engagement and accessibility to the public. Direct remote access to relevant information enables officers to provide a more efficient/effective service to the public at point of contact.

Backup buddy

Backup Buddy is an app that has been specially developed for officers and staff in recognition of the risk to mental health that is associated with police work. The app has been designed to provide useful information in the most accessible yet private way. It aims to remove stigma, provide support and highlight the range of support that is available to officers and staff.



In reaction to the suspected terror incident at INTU Manchester Shopping Centre, K Div. CT Champions and other specially trained officers in the Division's Retail Crime Unit immediately deployed Project Servator within INTU Braehead Shopping Centre, Renfrew. Project Servator is a policing tactic that aims to disrupt a range of criminal activity, including terrorism. This was met with great support by the centre management at INTU and provided a level of reassurance to members of the public shopping in this area of Renfrewshire.

K Division Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer delivered a Counter Terrorism Awareness presentation to Renfrewshire Council Events team and officers from K Div. Community Safety and Ops Planning, ahead of the Winter Events Campaign. Providing advice and guidance in relation to identifying and responding to suspicious behaviour, and dealing with suspect packages.

Police Scotland asked for the views on how the national police force engages with Scottish Football supporters, and the wider public, about football policing.

This follows a recommendation made in the Independent Review of Football Policing in Scotland report - commissioned by Police Scotland last year. All the feedback we receive will be analysed and will contribute directly to our new engagement strategy. This will ensure football supporters and communities are involved in the way we police football in future.

New legislation around drug driving testing

On Monday 21 October 2019 there was a major change in legislation, with the introduction of roadside drug driving tests. The new regulations specify 17 drugs, some illegal, some medicinal, each with a specified limit. Illegal drugs have limits set very close to zero. A driver who exceeds those limits, regardless of their fitness to drive, commits an offence.

Road Safety - Speed checks conducted throughout October and November at priority locations. Social Media poll conducted on 18th November on Facebook with 256 people contributing opinion, set of 10 priority locations raised and distributed to CP and RP Officers for further pro-active work.

Financial Harm Clinic - Event at Braehead 20th Nov 2019

Police officers teamed up with RBS staff, in order to support and provide advice to shoppers in order to prevent doorstep, financial and bogus crime.

Your Home, Your Street, Our Community Survey – Intervention phase of the programme were the Police respond to the concerns identified from members of the public. The Community Safety Partnership will be carrying out a range of interventions to make Renfrewshire a Safer and more attractive place to live and work

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