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

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**Heading: Police and Fire Reform: Local Scrutiny and Engagement  
Renfrewshire Local Policing Area  
Performance Results 1st July 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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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 1st July 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, is extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as of 2nd October 2016. 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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## LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Renfrewshire

### August 2016

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2016 - Aug 2016	Apr 2015 - Aug 2015	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	108	102	6 more	5.9%
There have been 6 more victims of violent crime than the same period last year. We take an analytical approach to tackling violence and place extra resources where available in hot spot areas that have been identified as problematic. We also work alongside a range of partner agencies such as social work, housing and education to help identify offenders and support victims.					
2	Murder	1	2	1 fewer	-50.0%
There has been 1 less murder and this crime has been detected. Investigations into murder are carried out by the Force Major Investigation Team and accompanied by a Community Impact Assessment to ensure risks within the local area are identified.					
3	Attempted Murder	5	8	3 fewer	-37.5%
There have been 3 fewer attempted murders. Investigations of this nature are analysed daily by Senior Detective Officers.					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	1	1 fewer	-100.0%
There has been 1 less culpable homicide.					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
(Context)					
6	Serious Assault detection rate	74.2%	73.1%		1.1%
The detection rate for serious assault remains high at 74.2%. Enquiries for serious assaults are reviewed by Senior Detective officers and carried out by CID officers.					
7	Serious Assault	62	52	10 more	19.2%
There has been 10 more serious assaults. Many of these offences are committed within dwelling houses making it difficult to prevent. We work closely with partner agencies, such as the Noise Enforcement Team who assist with breaking up noisy parties before they turn violent. We also ensure that Officers are deployed in certain areas as a preventive measure were possible. These enquiries are scrutinised daily by Senior Detectives and the investigation is carried out by CID officer.					
8	Robbery detection rate	117.9%	85.7%		32.2%
The detection rate for robberies has risen significantly to 117.9% due to historic investigations. We have dedicated units that solely investigate these crimes allowing for more efficient enquiries to be carried out.					
9	Robbery	28	28	same number	0.0%
We use an analytic and intelligence lead approach to tackling robberies and ensure we have enough resources deployed in target areas. We work to prevent these crimes occurring by creating a higher Police presence and ensure we make regular visits to known offenders.					
10	Common assault detection rate	72.0%	80.8%		-8.8%
The detection rate for common assault remains high at 72%.					
11	Common assault	850	783	67 more	8.6%
We find that a lot of assaults happen with alcohol being a contributing factor and so ensure we work closely with licensed premises and regularly check they are not using irresponsible drink promotions. We deploy Officers out on foot into the town centre on weekend nights to highlight a Police presence and as a preventative measure. These crimes often happen sporadically in different areas which makes it hard to					



Police. Each undetected common assault is reviewed by Senior Management to ensure all possible enquiries are carried out.					
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	4,264	3,672	592 more	16.1%
The partnership hub scrutinise all disorder complaints and work alongside Housing, Social Work and Education Authorities to identify trends and gather information to identify repeat offenders. We also work closely with school and education facilities to highlight the impact of disorder and anti-social behaviour.					

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### August 2016

<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour (continued)</b>					
		Apr 2016 - Aug 2016	Apr 2015 - Aug 2015	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	1,005	918		9.5%
The number of incidents reported to Police has risen by 9.5%. This is a positive reflection on the public's level of confidence in reporting domestic incidents. Domestic abuse remains a high priority for Police Scotland.					
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	634	600		5.7%
The total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents has risen by 5.7%.					
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	45.2%	50.2%		-5.0%
The percentage of Domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded has dropped by 5%. These investigations are monitored by Senior officers of at least Inspector rank. We work closely with outside agencies such as ASIST and Social Work to ensure that victims and their families are given appropriate support and advice throughout the process.					
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	73.7%	86.5%		-12.8%
The detection rate for crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents remains high at 73.7%. Detection can often be difficult with offences occurring between partners within dwelling properties which results in a lack of corroborative evidence. These enquiries are scrutinised daily by senior management and investigations are continued as 'live' until all enquiries are complete. Extensive historical or complex enquiries are conducted or overseen by the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit.					
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	31	76		-59.2%
Domestic bail conditions are set by the court and we ensure these conditions are being adhered to by completing regular offender checks and warnings. We also ensure we visit the victim initially to ensure they fully understand the conditions set by the court.					
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	93.4%	-		-
93.4% of initial domestic abuse bail checks were carried out within 24 hours. These checks are overseen by the on call Inspector to ensure compliance and victim support.					
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	72.5%	83.2%		-10.7%
<b>Violence, Disorder &amp; Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches</b>					
		Apr 2016 - Aug 2016	Apr 2016 - Aug 2016 Positive	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	1,105	387		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	1,066	385		

22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	39	2		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	280	-		
<p>An enhanced version of the National Stop &amp; Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions. Management Information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via <a href="http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication">http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication</a></p>					

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2016 - Aug 2016	Apr 2015 - Aug 2015	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	66	92		-28.3%
<p>These offences are generally Policed through intelligence based packages that are conducted by the Proactive Crime Team or the Anti-Violence Reduction Unit. Intelligence is regularly gathered through the attendance of Community Council meetings and other public events.</p>					
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	23.9%	20.8%		3.1%
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	184	265	81 fewer	-30.6%
<p>We have 81 fewer theft by housebreakings compared with the same period last year. We have a dedicated unit that works solely in completing enquiries for acquisitive crime types. This allows for a more thorough investigation.</p>					
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	83.0%	76.0%		7.0%
<p>The detection rate for theft by shoplifting has risen by 7.0% and remains high at 83%.</p>					
29	Theft by shoplifting	388	317	71 more	22.4%
<p>There have been 71 more theft by shoplifting offences recorded in this period compared with last year. We have dedicated Town Centre Team's that work to build positive relationships with retail staff and security personnel so that offenders can be detected more efficiently. Our Town Centre Team's ensure they keep up-to-date with current trends and hot spots within the retail sector and are aware of repeat offenders.</p>					
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	21.4%	19.5%		1.9%
<p>The detection rate for vandalism and malicious mischief as risen by 1.9%.</p>					
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	702	585	117 more	20.0%
<p>There are 117 more instances of vandalism and malicious mischief than last year. We work closely with schools and have dedicated liaison officers that educate children and young people about the effects of vandalism and malicious mischief on both victims and their community. Alongside this, the dedicated Town Centre Officers work proactively to identify and self-generate crimes that may have previously gone unreported.</p>					
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	601	879		-31.6%
<p>The number of people consuming alcohol in a public place has reduced by 31.6%. We work in partnership</p>					

with licencing and the local council to ensure licenced premises promote responsible drinking with the view of reducing anti-social behaviour. We concentrate patrols to public places during peak holidays and summer time and utilise cycle patrols to create a visible Police presence.					
<b>Public Protection</b>					
		Apr 2016 - Aug 2016	Apr 2015 - Aug 2015	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	116	101	15 more	14.9%
There have been 15 more victims of sexual crime. This could be representative of the increase in victim confidence to report these crimes, which has been positively highlighted in the media. These enquiries are pursued by the Public Protection Unit who work closely with the victim to ensure they are supported throughout the whole process.					
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	65.5%	75.3%		-9.8%
Investigations of this nature can be protracted and very complex which can reflect poorly on detection rates. These enquiries are protracted and of a very sensitive nature.					
35	Rape detection rate	45.5%	57.9%		-12.4%
We have a dedicated Divisional Rape Investigation Unit who progress these enquiries and ensure the victim is supported throughout the investigation. These investigations are managed daily by Senior Investigating Officers to ensure all lines of enquiry are progressed.					

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<b>Road Traffic Casualty Statistics</b>				
	Apr 2016 - Aug 2016	Apr 2015 - Aug 2015	Victims	% Change
People Killed	2	0	2 more	-
People Seriously injured	24	19	5 more	26.3%
People Slightly Injured	119	122	3 fewer	-2.5%
Our Divisional Roads Policing Unit continuously engage with local councils regarding traffic management where problem roads are identified in order to implement safer journeys for the public. Fatal and serious Road Traffic incidents are thoroughly investigated by our Divisional Roads Policing Unit and scrutinised by Senior Management. Further to this, they conduct Road Safety Awareness campaigns in order to promote safe driving.				
Children (aged<16) Killed	1	0	1 more	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	3	2	1 more	50.0%
There was 1 fatal road traffic crash involving a child under 16. Our Divisional Roads Policing Department have engaged extensively with the Council in relation to enhancing the road markings and signage on the road to improve road safety.				

<b>Road Safety &amp; Road Crime</b>				
	Apr 2016 - Aug 2016	Apr 2015 - Aug 2015	Victims	% Change
36	Dangerous driving	31	40	-22.5%
37	Speeding	310	575	-46.1%
38	Disqualified driving	4	11	-63.6%
39	Driving Licence	82	101	-18.8%
40	Insurance	194	208	-6.7%
41	Seat Belts	71	121	-41.3%
42	Mobile Phone	129	121	6.6%
The Divisional Road Policing Unit continue to carry out high visibility, proactive patrols on priority routes as identified through analytical data and perform speed checks in areas following complaints from the community. They utilise different media outlets to promote road safety and highlight driver behavioural issues. They continue to support divisional officers for special events with traffic management and vehicle checks.				

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<b>Public Confidence</b>					
		Apr 2016 - Aug 2016			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
43	Complaints received about the Police	75		29.2	
(Context)					
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
44	Total Allegations Recorded	75	0	23	98
(Context)					

<b>Scottish Crime Recording Standard</b> <b>Quarter 3 Audit 2015/16</b> <i>(not available at Local Authority level but detailed at Divisional and Force level for information purposes)</i>				
45	Audit 2 - Divisional Crime Audit 2015/16 - Quarter 3 (October to December)	Crimes Audited	No. of Recording Errors	SCRS Compliance
	K Division	227	19	91.63%
	Force	3,446	246	92.86%
<i>Audit 1 (Crime Related Incidents and Associated Recorded Crime Audit) and Audit 3 ("No Crime" Audit) are conducted on a bi-annual basis and therefore were not audited during Q3.</i>  <i>Details of the methodology for Audit 2 can be found in Appendix A</i>				

## **APPENDIX "A" - AUDIT METHODOLOGY**

### **Audit 1 - Crime Related Incidents and Associated Recorded Crime**

The audit sample was selected from Command and Control incidents over a specific four day period with initial call types CR-60 to CR-79 within the Crime category, and incidents with initial call types AB-57 Communications, AB-58 Hate Crime, PW-40 Domestic Incident and PW-76 Child Protection. The incident sample selected for audit ensured, working to a 95% confidence level with a confidence interval of +/-3%, that the sample audited was statistically representative of all incidents of this type recorded during the four day audit period. A formula was applied to the total number of incidents per Command Area and apportioned out between Divisions in that Command Area in order to obtain sample sizes. These were subject to a minimum of 150 and a maximum of 300 per Division.

Compliance in each of the two Tests is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

The audit tested:

#### Test 1 – Crime Related Incidents

- That incidents initially inferring a crime or apparent criminal activity and closed as a non-crime contained a satisfactory narrative to eliminate any inference of criminality and fully justify a non-crime disposal.
- That each incident clearly indicated a crime or non-crime as a disposal on the incident text.
- Where an incident was closed as a crime, the corresponding crime record was traced.

#### Test 2 – Recorded Crime

- The correct application of SCRS on recorded crimes in respect of the Scottish Government Counting Rules and the correct classification of crimes. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime over or under-recorded, or incorrectly classified was counted as having failed the audit.

### **Audit 2 - Recording of Specific Crime Types (Divisional Crime Audit)**

To ensure that a number of different areas of crime recording are represented by Audit 2, samples were obtained from the following categories:

- Assault (Common Assault only)
- Group 1 Crime (Crimes of violence)
- Group 2 Crime (Sexual offences)
- Group 3 Crime (Crimes of dishonesty)
- Group 4 Crime (Damage to property)
- Other Crimes from Groups 5, 6 and 7

While not as statistically representative of all records within the audit period as Audit 1, the sample sizes in Audit 2 were weighted to take into account higher volumes of crime being recorded in some Divisions subject to a minimum of 100 records and a maximum of 300 records.

The audit tested the correct application of SCRS on recorded crimes in respect of the Scottish Government Counting Rules and the correct classification of crimes. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime over or under-recorded, or incorrectly classified was counted as having failed the audit.

Compliance in this audit is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

### **Audit 3 - Crime Records Reclassified to "No Crime"**

The third principle of SCRS states "once recorded, a crime will remain recorded unless there is credible evidence to disprove that a crime had occurred".

The audit tested the correct application of this principle in respect of recorded crime which was reclassified to "No Crime" following Police enquiry into the reported circumstances. In terms of compliance with SCRS each individual crime reclassified incorrectly was counted as having failed the audit.

The sample sizes in Audit 3 were weighted to take into account the higher number of records reclassified to "No Crime" in some Divisions subject to a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100.

Compliance in this audit is achieved with a result of **95%** or above.

In order to allow Divisions a reasonable period of time to ensure that records are complete and compliant with SCRS, audits are generally undertaken once a period of three months from the date of the incident/crime has elapsed. Any record incomplete at the time of audit will be audited based on the information available at the time.

## **APPENDIX 'B' – LOCAL INITIATIVES**

We continue to positively promote partnership working within all possible areas of Policing. We engage with and support other agencies in promoting safer practises whether it be educating young people on lifestyle choices or educating drivers on road safety.

Some local initiatives we have been involved in recently include:

- **19/07/2016 Good Egg Child Safety Event, Paisley** – Divisional Road Policing Department along with local Officers attended this event to promote correct child car seats and restraints which was organised with partners.
- **30/07/2016 Truckfest at Ingliston Country Club, Bishopton** – DRPU worked to develop an awareness to operators/ hauliers around their responsibilities of driving hours, vehicle road worthiness and emerging concerns specifically counter terrorism and illegal immigration.
- **University Liaison, Paisley** – two local Police officers have been attending the University of the West of Scotland on a regular basis. Students are encouraged to attend weekly to discuss matters ranging from anti-social behaviour, alcohol abuse, sexual assaults, race/hate crime, cybercrime etc. Staff at the University have also received Police training in relation to 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting and the University is now recognised as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting centre for students.
- **Paisley Town Centre Police team** – Paisley town centre has a dedicated Police team with a main focus on Shoplifters and Anti-social behaviour ensuring the town centre is a safe a place to visit and work. The team consists of 6 full time Community Police officers providing 7 day coverage. The team have an excellent working relationship with all the retailers in the town centre and utilise the radio link system to keep each other informed of known persons operating in the town.
- **VRU, Paisley** – The Violence Reduction Unit have been undertaking road blocks and proactive enquiries which have been returning great results in terms of motoring offences, licence premises checks, bail checks and warrants.
- **Safer and Greener** - A multi-agency tasking group led by the police was recently introduced in Renfrewshire to develop the principles set out in the Building Safer Communities National Strategy of reducing victims of crime and unintentional harm through multi-agency interventions in key communities to help them build capacity to resolve issues affecting their areas.
- **Rural Watch** – An ongoing partnership initiative with Elderslie Estates, Lycetts, Scottish Land and Estates, Scottish Countryside Alliance, Forestry Commission and NFU to share information and prevention messages on social media across Rural Renfrewshire. All members of RW also have access to signage, 'Who's Watching Who' which is used and displayed on farm drives, building and woodland. Part of this commitment is four dedicated Police Rural Officers who cover the rural network of Renfrewshire and are specially trained in Wildlife issues and Firearms enquiries.
- **Rural Access Day** – Rural Access Awareness Day was held at Boden Boo, Erskine on 18/08/2016 with partners from the Fire Service, Forestry Commission, Renfrewshire Council Wardens and Access Officer and Police Scotland local community officers deployed on bikes. Issued highlighted included wild fires, ASB, off road bikes, dog behaviour and access issues.
- **07/07/2016**– KB sub division ran an operation with the following results: 140 vehicles stopped, 16 detected crimes/ offences, 7 conditional offer tickets, 5 vehicle prohibitions issued and 2 SID logs.
- **PSYV, Paisley** – Paisley currently runs with 23 youth volunteers and still has an extensive waiting list. The youth volunteers have accumulated 509 hours volunteering between July – September. Some of the volunteering events attended include food collection for the Trussell Food bank whereby 5,970kg of food was collected for people in crisis in

Renfrewshire. Bag packing at Asda raised £701.00 with a donation given to cancer charity. In August PSYV Paisley came runners up in the PSYV National Competition out of a total of 17 groups.

- **Special Constables, K Division** – There are 28 special constables in K division. In July 20 Special constables worked a total of 464 hours and in August 16 Special constables worked 447 hours in total. They have volunteered at numerous events such as the Paisley 10K and fun run and recruitment events at University West of Scotland, Paisley and ASDA, Linwood.