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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 November 2016 – 3rd January 2017**

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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 April 2016 to 3rd January 2017, is extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. 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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### December 2016

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	201	191	10 more	5.2%
There have been 10 more victims of violent crime. Police patrols continue to be directed into areas that have been highlighted as having a rise in violent crimes. We work closely with partnership agencies to share information and ensure all is being done to safeguard the victims of violent crime.					
2	Murder	1	2	1 fewer	-50.0%
There has been no change in this category from the previous reporting period. The one recorded murder is detected.					
3	Attempted Murder	12	15	3 fewer	-20.0%
There are currently 3 fewer attempt murders in this reporting period than the previous year. These enquiries are thoroughly investigated by CID Officers and scrutinised daily by Senior Detective Officers. The majority of these have been detected with a high amount occurring indoors with the accused knowing the victim in majority of incidents.					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	1	1 fewer	-100.0%
100% decrease in Culpable Homicide with no incidents reported this year to date.					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	79.2%	80.4%		-1.2%
The detection rate for serious assaults remains high.					
7	Serious Assault	101	112	11 fewer	-9.8%
There have been 11 less serious assaults in this reporting period. All serious assaults are investigated by CID and reviewed weekly by a Detective Inspector.					
8	Robbery detection rate	94.6%	86.1%		8.5%
There has been an 8.5% increase in the detection rate of robberies this year to date.					
9	Robbery	56	43	13 more	30.2%
<p>Of the 56 robberies reported this year, 35 have occurred within the Paisley area and 21 in the Johnstone and Renfrew area.</p> <p>Renfrewshire has a robbery strategy in place which includes an ongoing proactive approach throughout the year and includes regular visits to vulnerable premises particularly those with lone workers or those that are vulnerable due to location. The Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit carry out daily checks on nominals with known bail conditions. The Community Investigation Unit carry out weekly violent offender warning notices (VOWN) on repeat offenders.</p> <p>Extra measures to prevent robberies and crime of violence were implemented over the Festive period which entailed a number of additional Officers deployed within the town centre areas as part of our Festive Policing plan. The plan included a number of proactive visits by the Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit to commercial and license premises throughout December. Premises staff were offered safety and preventative advice.</p>					
10	Common assault detection rate	74.6%	81.8%		-7.2%

The detection rate for common assaults has lowered slightly by 7.2%. This figure also includes outstanding historic domestic abuse crimes.					
11	Common assault	1,324	1,314	10 more	0.8%
<p>There has been a slight increase this year to date, a number of assaults have taken place within private dwellings which makes prevention more difficult to address. A number of these assaults also take place against Police Officers throughout the course of their duty.</p> <p>Within KB sub division (Johnstone, Renfrew and surrounding villages) there has been a 12.9% decrease in common assault from last year.</p>					
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	7,138	6,334	804 more	12.7%
<p>This period is susceptible to a rise in disorder due to the Festive Period. The highest proportion of reports of disorder relate to complaints of public nuisance. Paisley North West was the most predominantly affected ward in Renfrewshire, accounting for approximately 20% of all reports of disorder. These figures allow us to identify 'hot spot' areas for disorder and inject directed patrols into the area to act as a deterrent.</p> <p>The KB sub division (Johnstone, Renfrew and surrounding villages) has seen a 20.8% rise in anti-social behaviour this year to date, although this figure still falls below the 5 year average.</p> <p>Work is continuously ongoing with partner agencies to target youth disorder, noise complaints and disorderly behaviour.</p>					

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Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	1,687	1,591		6.0%
We continue to uphold a zero tolerance towards domestic abuse. This increase is a positive reflection of peoples continued growing confidence in reporting incidents of a domestic nature and includes both criminal and non-criminal incidents.					
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	1,004	1,036		-3.1%
The number of crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents has fallen. Due to the robust management of perpetrators and ensuring they adhere to bail conditions set by the courts we are working to reduce repeat offences.					
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	44.2%	50.1%		-5.9%
All reported crimes/incidents of a domestic nature are fully investigated to establish sufficiency to prove a crime has occurred.					
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	76.6%	85.7%		-9.1%
Although this has reduced slightly, we continue to maintain regular visits to both victims and offenders.					
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	60	112		-46.4%
The recording mechanisms for bail offences have been altered whereby if additional crimes occur the bail offence is not raised separately.					
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	95.0%	-		-
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	72.8%	80.7%		-7.9%
The majority of recorded hate crime offences in the period considered involved a racial aggravator (75%), with crimes aggravated by sexual orientation representing the second highest proportion (16%). Reported crimes targeting other protected characteristics were comparatively infrequent, with less than ten reports of hate crimes motivated by a religious, transgender or disability aggravator. At least six hate crimes were identified as targeting on-duty police officers, although this number may be higher.					
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015 Positive	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	1,582	570		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	1,539	568		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	43	2		

23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	410	-		
<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.</p> <p>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 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	110	167		-34.1%
<p>The most predominant drug type featured in Renfrewshire in the period considered was cannabis, suspected to be involved in approximately 69% of drugs offences (either solely or in combination with other seized commodity types). This was followed by benzodiazepine seizures, which featured in approximately 18% of all drugs seizures. Class 'A' substances, diamorphine and cocaine featured in comparatively few drugs offences (each of these seized in approximately 10% of all drugs offences), while amphetamine and MDMA ('ecstasy') each accounted for approximately 3% of the total.</p> <p>We are providing a greater focus on Serious and Organised Crime and large scale operations to disrupt their activities. We continue to utilise proactive intelligence lead investigations to target the sale and supply of drugs.</p>					
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	24.9%	20.8%		4.1%
The detection rate has risen by 4.1%. We have dedicated Officers who review all housebreakings and attempts and revisit complainers offering security prevention advice.					
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	301	428	127 fewer	-29.7%
<p>In the period considered, 48% of crimes of housebreaking targeted domestic dwelling houses, while a moderate proportion involved outbuildings such as garden sheds (18% of the total). Meanwhile, 35% of crimes targeted commercial or other non-dwelling premises.</p> <p>20% of the total number of crimes of housebreaking were classed as 'attempted housebreaking' – meaning the targeted property's security was not overcome.</p> <p>Paisley North West accounted for the highest proportion of crimes of housebreaking, with 22% of crimes of this type relating to this ward.</p>					
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	82.2%	77.4%		4.8%
The detection for shoplifting has risen by 4.8%.					
29	Theft by shoplifting	646	594	52 more	8.8%
Our dedicated town centre teams continue to monitor known shoplifters and engage with security staff to ensure they do not re-offend. Throughout this period there was a group of prolific shoplifters targeting the elderly which accounted for a rise in this crime type. The Town Centre Team worked tirelessly to ensure they were brought to court for these offences.					
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	23.3%	17.9%		5.4%
The detection rate has risen by 5.4%.					
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	1,110	1,099	11 more	1.0%
We continue to engage with partnership agencies and educational facilities to educate people about the effects of these offences on both the victims and the surrounding community.					
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	846	1279		-33.9%
The number of people consuming alcohol in a public place has reduced by 33.9%. We continually engage with both licenced premises and the local council to promote responsible drinking in order to reduce anti-social behaviour. Throughout the festive period we deployed extra resources to conduct licenced premises					

checks to ensure they were complying with guidelines.					
<b>Public Protection</b>					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
33	Number of Sexual Crimes	219	185	34 more	18.4%
More than a third (37%) of sexual crimes reported since 1 <sup>st</sup> April were non-recent, meaning they occurred one year or more prior to the date of the report being made to Police Scotland. In the case of rape, this proportion rose to 50%. Our dedicated Public Protection Unit work tirelessly to ensure these investigations are conducted to the highest degree and that all evidential avenues are explored.					
34	Sexual Crimes detection rate	52.5%	63.2%		-10.7%
Sexual crimes continue to be highlighted heavily in the media, allowing for more people to come forward to the Police about past experiences. Enquiries of this nature are often complex and lengthy which in turn means they take longer to achieve a detection.					
35	Rape detection rate	53.7%	32.5%		21.2%
These investigations are conducted by the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit who strive to ensure the victim is safe and feels supported throughout the process. Senior Management scrutinise all rape investigations to ensure that all evidential opportunities are explored.					



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Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
People Killed	2	1	1 more	100.0%
People Seriously injured	39	32	7 more	21.9%
People Slightly Injured	217	206	11 more	5.3%
Children (aged<16) Killed	1	0	1 more	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	5	4	1 more	25.0%
In December the number of serious Road Traffic Casualties in the Paisley area had risen considerably (67%) from the previous year. The Divisional Roads Policing Unit have directed patrols to Paisley and surrounding areas which has since impacted the figures which now show a drop. The DRPU continue to investigate all fatal and serious road traffic incidents and these are then scrutinised by senior management.				

Road Safety & Road Crime					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016	Apr 2015 - Dec 2015	Victims	% Change
36	Dangerous driving	57	60		-5.0%
37	Speeding	507	1,075		-52.8%
38	Disqualified driving	8	18		-55.6%
39	Driving Licence	157	165		-4.8%
40	Insurance	379	389		-2.6%
41	Seat Belts	109	164		-33.5%
42	Mobile Phone	213	204		4.4%
<p>The Divisional Roads Policing Unit continue to listen to community concerns highlighted through the community council meetings and by direct contact from the public regarding certain driving offences and conduct speed checks as well as checks to influence driver behaviour in line with these concerns. The Unit work with local policing colleagues, and numerous partner agencies carrying out high profile road checks in relation to national campaigns and identified road safety concerns. They continue to support divisional resources for special events with traffic management and investigate serious and fatal road incidents.</p> <p>More Divisional Officers are being trained in speed detection by the Divisional Roads Policing Unit which will assist to address community concerns relating to speeding.</p> <p>The Unit continued to perform at an exceptional level dealing with protracted enquiries in relation to serious RTCs as well as increasing the number of detections for drink/drug driving, dangerous driving, careless driving and the road safety concerns such as construction and use and vehicle safety offences. The Unit has increased detections in relation to commercial and HGVs, checks on school buses as well as positively</p>					

impacting on a number of Serious and Organised Crime Groups via intelligence led operations.

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2016 - Dec 2016			
		Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
43	Complaints received about the Police	152		34.5	
(Context)					
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
44	Total Allegations Recorded	185	0	45	230
(Context)					

Scottish Crime Recording Standard Quarter 3 & 4 Audit 2015/16 <i>(not available at Local Authority level but detailed at Divisional and Force level for information purposes)</i>								
45	Audit 1 - Crime Related Incidents and Associated Recorded Crime Audit 2015/16 - Quarters 3/4 (October to March)	Test 1 - Incidents			Test 2 - Recorded Crime			
		Incidents Audited	No. of errors	SCRS Compliance	Crimes Audited	No. of Recording Errors	SCRS Compliance	
		K Division	149	9	94.0%	124	16	87.1%
		Force	2,360	129	94.5%	1,814	126	93.1%
Details of the methodology for Audit 1 can be found in Appendix A								

46	Audit 2 - Divisional Crime Audit 2015/16 - Quarter 4 (January to March)	Crimes Audited	No. of Recording Errors	SCRS Compliance
	K Division	224	18	92.0%
	Force	3,500	212	93.9%
Details of the methodology for Audit 2 can be found in Appendix A				

47	Audit 3 - "No Crime" Audit 2015/16 - Quarters 3/4 (October to March)	Number of "No Crimes" Audited	No. of errors	SCRS Compliance
	K Division	52	1	98.1%
	Force	973	47	95.2%
<i>Details of the methodology for Audit 3 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  $\pm 3\%$ , 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:

- **Exercise Agora Archway** - Building on the success of the Grey Space Community Tension Monitoring Group (which is unique to Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division) a bespoke exercise is under construction that will aim to look at information flow between partners and this community group in a hypothetical critical incident. Police Scotland, Renfrewshire Local Authority, the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and the Scottish Ambulance Service have been heavily involved in drawing this proposed exercise together. Engagement with academia has resulted in 3 universities (including the University of West of Scotland) becoming involved in a design and evaluation capacity, with senior academic staff describing the possibilities presented by the interaction from the exercise as extremely positive. The Scottish Multi Agency Resilience, Testing and Exercising Unit (Smarteu) are now commencing logistical planning, supported by the Civil Contingencies Service and staff from K Division. The exercise is scheduled to take place on 22/06/17. If successful this exercise is seen as a potential national program, addressing some of the recommendations contained within the Scottish Government report by the Independent Advisory Board on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion.
- **Safer Communities** – Officers from the Safer Communities team in Paisley, alongside the Trading Standards Department, have been attending numerous events and groups to raise awareness, particularly during the vulnerable months of October/November and December, of Bogus Crime. This has led to an increase in reported incidents and an increase in intelligence gathering.
- **Road Safety for Older Adults** – The Divisional Roads Policing Unit continued to attend events throughout November to promote safe driving for this vulnerable road user group. They worked in conjunction with Road Safety Scotland, Age Scotland, Alzheimers and NHS and continues to receive positive feedback.
- **BE Safe Event at UWOS Paisley** – The Divisional Roads Policing Unit ran an event on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 with regards to their Festive Safety Campaign. This was run in partnership with Renfrewshire Health and the Social Care Partnership Team to highlight the important message around drink driving.
- **Acquisitive Crime Team** – The team carried out a proactive action plan in the Renfrewshire area in relation to vehicle crime. The team identified a large number of high value vehicles stolen from domestic dwelling houses all by the same or similar MO and that these crimes had been carried out during the hours of darkness. From this, they conducted extra nightly patrol utilising local Officers, DRPU and a dog station at the end of November.
- **PSYV** – The Police Scotland Youth Volunteers now consists of 22 youths with an extensive waiting list. From the 22 youths PSYV Paisley now has one Head Youth Volunteer who was successful through interview in being awarded the highest rank a Youth Volunteer can achieve, 4 Senior Youth Volunteers and 17 youth volunteers. The PSYV's conducted a leaflet drop within Renfrewshire and delivered 1,000 leaflets highlighting safety advice with regards to theft by housebreaking. In November, they assisted in collecting food for the

Trussell Food Bank and collected 5,970kg of food which amounts to 17,057 meals for people in crisis in Renfrewshire.

- **Renfrewshire Special Constables** – Throughout the month of November, 23 SPCs contributed 473 hours and in December 24 SPCs contributed 586 hours. Alongside this, they also helped at recruitment events held throughout November and December at various locations across Renfrewshire.
- **Renfrewshire Youth Forum** – on 29<sup>th</sup> November Officers from Renfrewshire and Inverclyde attended the Renfrewshire Youth forum and presented Policing related inputs.
- **Renfrewshire Hunt** – Throughout November and December, rural Officers attended and policed weekly protests at the Renfrewshire Hunt.
- **SMARTWATER** – Throughout November and December the role out of SMARTWATER technology as a crime prevention tactic was completed in Langbank and now continues in Houston.
- **Festive Policing Campaign** – Throughout December saw additional uniform patrol across communities in Renfrewshire in an effort to highlight a greater Police presence and prevent crime.