

Report by the Divisional Commander, Police Scotland

Housing and Communities Committee: 03 February 2021

Subject: Police Scrutiny – Quarter 2 2020/2021 Report

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this item is to provide members of the Housing and Communities Committee with an update on Quarter 2 2020/21 performance against the Local Police Plan.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Housing and Communities Committee note the update given on progress against the Local Police Plan.

3. Background

- 3.1** As part of the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2013 new arrangements were put in place for local scrutiny and engagement. These arrangements place a requirement on Local Authorities to scrutinise local police and fire and rescue services. In West Dunbartonshire, due to some conflict issues a decision was taken to transfer this accountability from the Community Planning Partnership to the Housing and Communities Committee.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The report attached details performance against the Local Police Plan for 2020-23, covering the period April – June 2020. The content focuses on performance against the local police priorities; Violent Crime, Acquisitive Crime, Public Protection, Serious Organised Crime and Road Safety. As lockdown restrictions were eased during Quarter 2, we experienced an increase in reported incidents and crimes more consistent with pre-COVID levels. Whilst setting restrictions and recovery from the pandemic is coordinated through the Scottish Government Route map, Police Scotland continues to respond to restrictions as required but remains committed to delivering against local policing plans.
- 4.2** The report is provided for the noting and consideration by the Housing and Communities Committee.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues.

6. Financial & Procurement Implications

- 6.1** The commitments made in the local plans will be delivered within available resources.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** There may be risks associated with not taking actions to deliver on the key priority areas as detailed in the plans. These are picked up through the strategic risk register of Police Scotland.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** Any equalities impacts arising from this report, and associated Equalities Impact Assessment, will be carried out by Police Scotland.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** The performance report is presented for discussion and review. Both local plans were developed in consultation with communities and key partner agencies.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** This report details performance and local actions taken by Police Scotland in relation to the West Dunbartonshire Local Police Plan 2020 - 2023.

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Appendices: Appendix 1: Local Police plan 2020/23 Q1 update

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All