

TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD

12 November 2001

Report by the Chief Constable No. PB 44/2001

SUBJECT: HMIC REPORT – ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2000-2001

Abstract: HMIC Annual Report was recently published and this included the Annual Performance Review of Tayside Police

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Board note the terms of the attached report.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 HMIC Annual Report was recently published and this included a performance review of all Scottish Forces.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 The Annual performance review examines a whole range of topics and the following are seen as the main issues addressed in the findings:

Paragraph 3 Human Resources -

- At 300.1 police officers per 100,000 force area population, Tayside's police per population rate closely reflects that for Scotland as a whole.

Paragraph 3.6 Absence -

- While absences of sick leave per officer are clearly falling, as yet they remain higher than the Scottish average. To a greater extent this is also true of working days lost per police officer. - The Force was concerned about the performance in this area and has undergone a Best Vale Review of sickness absence. This report produced several recommendations, which are being actioned.

Paragraph 4.1(a) Complaint Cases against the Force -

- The number of complaint cases received during the year 2000/01 has increased by more than half (+51.6%) on the previous four year average. - This increase in the number of recorded complaints against the police reflects fully the changes in the recording procedures implemented following the HMIC Thematic Inspection 'Fair

Cop'. Until then many minor complaints were dealt with to the satisfaction of and the complete agreement of the complainer. These matters were recorded locally, but not centrally for statistical purposes. All such matters are now recorded as complaints against the police.

Paragraph 4.3 Quality of Service Survey -

- During quality of service surveys more than nine in ten respondents (92.4%) expressed some level of satisfaction with their initial contact with Tayside Police. However slightly fewer - eight out of ten - respondents expressed satisfaction with the overall way in which their was then dealt with. This is a fairly common trend and may in part be due to a disappointing final outcome e.g. an unsolved case, rather than a direct criticism of police handling of the case.

Paragraph 5 Crime -

- The total number of crimes recorded in Tayside was reduced by 8.2% and there was a one-percentage point increase in detection rate to 42%. Housebreaking is down just over a quarter on the previous four year average (actual number –13% year on year), theft by opening lockfast places is down –28%(-10% year on year) and other theft has fallen by a fifth (-13% year on year). Detection rates have also risen to their highest level in the last five years. There has been an increase in motor vehicle theft up 11.3%. The incidence of violent crimes has decreased and the detection rate for robbery and sexual assault are at their highest point in five years.

Paragraph 7 Community Safety -

- Despite only a small year on year increase in the number of racist incidents, the rate of incidence per 1.000 population in Tayside is one of the highest in Scotland.

Paragraph 8 Road Policing -

- In 2000/01 a total of 395 persons were killed or seriously injured on Tayside roads. This represents an overall year on year increase of just over 1%, but over the longer term i.e. over the four year average the number of fatalities/serious injuries has declined by –14.5%.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The are no financial implications.

5. ACTION REQUIRED

5.1 The Board is asked to note the contents of this report

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.