

## Angus Council Police and Fire & Rescue Sub Committee

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Angus Local Policing Area

Tayside Division

**SUBJECT: POLICE AND FIRE REFORM:  
LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT**

**OPERATIONAL REPORT PART 1**

November 2013

Report No: 638/13

**Abstract:**

This report provides members with background operational information to the performance information submitted separately to provide context.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 It is recommended that members note and question the operational report.

**2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide context to the information separately provided in relation to performance and to elaborate on some of the work which has taken place within the Angus Local Policing Area.

**3 COMMAND STRUCTURE**

**3.1 Amendments to the command structure in Angus**

3.1.1 As stated previously, the enhanced Command Structure for the Angus Command Area is now firmly in place with no changes to personnel over the reporting period.

**3.2 Enhancement of the Community Officer Profile**

3.2.1 As previously reported, structural changes to the deployment and enhancement of the Community Policing Structure has now been agreed and will be implemented in November 2013. The structure remains based on the multi-member ward profile for Angus with community officers allocated to each ward, supervised by designated community sergeants and supported by an Angus Flexible Unit comprising of 12 officers.

## **4 PERFORMANCE**

### **4.1 Protecting People – Keeping People Safe**

**4.1.1** Members will be aware of the commitment of Police Scotland to reduce violent crime on an ongoing basis. This also involves the detection of crimes when they occur. This activity is clearly reflected in the Performance Management structure reported to the committee separately. In the context of the national picture, although Angus is regarded as a very safe place, crimes of violence are rare but they do happen. The attention of the Committee is drawn to certain indicators relative to the period 1 April 2013 to 28 October 2013.

Serious assaults recorded – 15 with a detection rate of 93.3%

Robberies – 3 recorded which were fully detected

Common Assault – 709 crimes recorded with a detection rate of 80.7%

Angus Police officers continue to take action to prevent violence in all its forms which will remain a top priority in the coming months. The Angus Area Commander has implemented a violence reduction action plan which is supported by continually updated analytical product. Several innovative ideas and suggestions have been captured from both Angus officers and other Divisions of Police Scotland and are incorporated within the action plan.

The prevention of domestic abuse and in particular domestic assault is a very high priority across Angus. However, members will note that compared to 2012/13, approximately 100 extra crimes involved assault on the person have been recorded. It is the opinion of the Area Commander that this increase is significantly due to the attention now being paid to robust dealing, recording and investigation of these crimes.

### **4.1.2 Licensed premises**

In conjunction the Angus Council Licensing Enforcement Officer, Angus Police have increased substantially the number of premises visited especially at weekends and during the night-time economy. This has been very well received by the license holder community and patrons alike. A number of premises throughout Angus have been advised of minor issues discovered during this increased activity and local sergeants are working with license holders to assist with improvements where required.

Four licensed premises and catering premises are now regarded as monitored premises by Police Scotland with specific attention being paid to ensure these premises are being operated within the respective licences.

### **4.1.3 Stop and Search**

As previously reported, Police Scotland routinely deploy this tactic and evidence shows its effectiveness in preventing disorder and violence especially during the weekend night-time economy. The ethos remains the same – tasking officers to be in the right place at the right time to prevent violence and disorder. On average since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, over 100 stop search incidents occur every week in Angus with a positive recovery rate currently of 23.5%. No complaints against the police have been recorded in respect of this activity. Recoveries include controlled drugs, stolen property and alcohol.

#### 4.1.4 Anti-social behaviour

As previously reported, the close working relationship between Police Scotland and Angus Council continue in respect of anti social behaviour. The co-located team are in the process of moving from current location at Forfar Sheriff Court to alternative premises.

#### 4.2 Road Safety and Road Crime

##### 4.2.1 Enforcement Action

Police in Angus remain committed to improving road safety and reducing road based crime. In line with this priority, the attention of the committee is drawn to the performance data that between 1 April and 28 October 2013, Angus Police Officers detected 1600 drivers for speeding offences, 394 drivers for seat belt offences, 153 cases of driving without insurance and seized 91 vehicles which had been driven illegally. In terms of antisocial behaviour on the roads network, 97 drivers have been issued warnings in terms of their behaviour with a further 28 vehicles seized.

Angus Police are the forefront of tackling road crime and antisocial behaviour in all its forms and have received very favourable comments regarding their intelligence led approach and the results which are being achieved.

At a previous meeting of the committee, members enquired as to whether a breakdown of speed detections based on multimember wards could be provided. This work, although initially believed to be straightforward, has taken slightly longer to produce, the detail of which is as follows: -

##### **For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013: -**

All Speeding Offences in Angus	2795 (100%)
Safety Camera Detected offences	1624 (58%)
Police issued Tickets (All Tickets)	1171 (42%)
Police Issue Non-built up roads	890
Police issue built up roads (urban)	281
Kirriemuir and Dean	21
Brechin and Edzell	6
Forfar and District	59
Monifieth and Sidlaw	24
Carnoustie and District	4
Arbroath West and Lunan	62
Arbroath East and Letham	21
Montrose and District	84

### **4.3 Serious and Organised Crime**

#### **4.3.1 Operation Shrug, Arbroath**

This is an Arbroath based operation which targets the activities of an identified serious and organised crime group which is involved in the distribution of controlled drugs. Since the previous meeting of the committee, the operation has moved into an enforcement phase which involved the consecutive execution of drug search warrants at a number of Arbroath and Dundee addresses. A very significant amount of Heroin was recovered and 3 key individuals arrested, who are currently on remand awaiting trial. Work to dismantle the group and prevent the vacuum being filled continues.

#### **4.3.2 Tayside Intensive Support Service**

As previously reported to the committee, the Angus area commander has committed resources to support a multi-agency project, based in Arbroath which will target persistent offenders. The project is lead by Angus Council CJSW and will be officially be launched on 4 th November 2013.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

### **6. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no staffing issues as a result of this report.

### **7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

7.1 This report does not have any impact on the environment.

### **8. SUMMARY**

8.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant operational matters and gives context to the performance of the local policing area.

### **9. COMPLIANCE**

Is the proposal;

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| (a) Human Rights Act 1998 compliant? | YES |
| (b) Equality & Diversity compliant?  | YES |