

REPORT TO COMMUNITIES' SERVICES COMMITTEE – 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

POLICE SCOTLAND - PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND OPERATIONAL UPDATE

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 To advise members of how the police service is performing against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Police Plan approved at the meeting of the Communities Committee.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

2.1 Discuss the attached performance monitoring information relating to the Aberdeenshire component of the North East Division of Police Scotland.

2.2 Request the Divisional Commander to continue to report to Committee quarterly on performance measures against service objectives.

2 Decision Making Route

2.1 The performance monitoring report will provide a regular opportunity for elected members to maintain scrutiny of significant police activities, in order to achieve good outcomes for the residents of Aberdeenshire. This report has not already been considered by this or any other committee.

3 Discussion

3.1 In terms of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, it is worth noting the respective powers and duties that are relevant to the Committee's consideration of police matters.

The Chief Constable is responsible for:

- policing of Scotland and must account to the Scottish Police Authority
- ensuring adequate arrangements are in place for the policing of each local authority area
- designating a constable as Divisional Commander after consultation with the local authority

The Divisional Commander is responsible for:

- involving the local authority in setting of priorities and objectives for policing of its area
- providing to the local authority information it may reasonably require
- preparing and submitting a local police plan to their local authority for approval and, if approved, publishing the local police plan

- preparing and submitting replacement plan to the local authority for approval following a review (local police plans must be reviewed at least once every 3 years)

The local authority may:

- monitor and provide feedback to the Divisional Commander on policing of its area
- specify policing measures it wishes the Divisional Commander to include in a local policing plan

3.2 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

4.1 This report helps deliver on Our People (Education, Health & Wellbeing) and Our Environment (Infrastructure and Resilient Communities).

Pillar	Priority
Our People	Education Health & Wellbeing
Our Environment	Infrastructure Resilient Communities

Underpinning the Priorities are a number of key principles. They are: right people, right places, right time; responsible finances; climate and sustainability; Community Planning Partnership Local Outcome Improvement Plans; human rights and public protection; tackling poverty and inequalities; digital infrastructure and economy.

4.2 This report helps deliver on each of the LOIP Priorities.

4.3 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is (are) agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial			x
Staffing			x
Equalities and Fairer Duty Scotland			x
Children and Young People's			x

Rights and Wellbeing			
Climate Change and Sustainability			x
Health and Wellbeing			x
Town Centre First			x

- 4.4 The Integrated Impact Assessment tool is an internal tool for Aberdeenshire Council officers to use to support with decisions being made by the Council. It has been designed on Sharepoint and can only be accessed by individuals with Council email addresses. Police Scotland, as an external partner, have their own Impact Assessing process and have utilised that when writing this report.
- 4.5 The Committee is monitoring the performance of Police Scotland as required under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. It links to the Corporate Risk of Working with Other Organisations.

5 Scheme of Governance

- 5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Committee is able to consider/comment on this item in terms of Section D.1.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to matters concerning Police Scotland.

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Appendix 1 – Aberdeenshire Police Performance Report (Apr 22 – March 23)