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- 14. Gaelic** Ma tha sibh ag iarraidh an fhiosrachaidh seo ann an riochd no cànan eile, nach cuir sibh fios thugainn gus ur cuid fheumalachdan a dheasbad.

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## **1. Introduction and Purpose of Area Plan**

The Police Service of Scotland has brought together local experience and understanding and combined this with national expertise to improve the delivery of local services based on the needs of communities. This enables us to achieve our purpose of improving the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities and to ensure we Keep People Safe.

Local policing is at the heart of Police Scotland, with the Cowdenbeath area plan identifying common area priorities from various sources (see Section 4), aligned to the Local Fife Policing Plan, which will be reported regularly through the Cowdenbeath Area Committee

## 2. Foreword

### Introduction by Local Area Commander Chief Inspector Irene Ralston

As the Local Area Commander for the West Fife area, it gives me great pleasure to lead on the delivery of this Area Plan. The content of this plan outlines our commitment to address the issues of most concern to the people of Cowdenbeath and the surrounding areas, with a central theme of Keeping People Safe.

Through consultation with our community and partners, I believe we have identified what is important to the people of Cowdenbeath and have captured this within the priorities as outlined in the Plan. The objectives have been set to demonstrate the outcomes we are looking to achieve.

The changes made last year to the local policing structure have proved very beneficial as they have enabled further opportunities for local priorities, objectives and outcomes to be achieved through closer working with partners, and most importantly with the people within the local community.

As communities would expect, our work will be carried out with integrity, fairness and respect and whether it is tackling driver or antisocial behaviour you have my personal commitment that our activities will focus on delivering a service for the communities in the Cowdenbeath area and addresses the local priorities and concerns.

Chief Inspector Ralston



## **Local Community Inspector Ian Stephen**

Having recently been appointed to the role, I am keen to explore how my Community Team and I can continue to contribute to the good work already being done by police and partners to make a positive difference to the area.

I have already met with a number of local organisations and committees and have been hugely impressed by the drive and enthusiasm shown by local people willing to give up their own time for the betterment of the area in which they live.

It is my intention that the policing of this area will be done with a view to complimenting and enhancing that work.

I will also ensure we are accessible and use ongoing public consultation as part of our work taking into account the views and priorities of those that reside here as we strive collectively to enhance the quality of life in the Cowdenbeath area.

Inspector Stephen



## **Chair of the Cowdenbeath Area Committee- Councillor Willie Clarke**

As chair of the Cowdenbeath area, I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce the Cowdenbeath Area local policing plan.

The development of this plan offers an opportunity to set out clearly the nature of the issues faced locally and how they have informed priorities for policing activity over the coming year.

The Cowdenbeath Area Committee, Fife Council and our local community safety partners will continue to work closely with Police Scotland, to deliver effective community safety outcomes for the residents of Cowdenbeath, Crossgates, Hill of Beath, Lumphinnans, Lochgelly, Glencraig, Crosshill, Lochore, Ballingry, Cardenden and Cluny.

The Area Committee provides a valuable forum through which Police Scotland can engage with elected members and partners to ensure that policing continues to respond to local needs, priorities and concerns.

This local plan provides a an opportunity to demonstrate how Police Scotland has taken consideration of the public's views on what their local priorities for policing are, and how policing intends to work in an engaged and accessible way with partners and communities to plan and deliver local outcome this coming year.

I believe that by working together we can achieve our common goal of making our communities a safer and better place to live. I look forward to working closely with Police Scotland to deliver this plan.

### **3. Priorities and Objectives**

#### **Violence, Disorder and Anti Social Behaviour**

Anti social behaviour has been identified as a priority through local engagement and covers a range of crimes from street drinking, vandalism, excessive alcohol consumption leading to disruptive and aggressive behaviour that can negatively impact on our communities.

Violent crimes such as serious assault and common assault can occur in in both public and private space locations. Such crimes can cause fear and have a detrimental impact upon communities and areas of gathering such as local parks and amenities. Statistics show that the bulk of these offences occur at weekends and there is a clear link to excessive alcohol consumption and instances of violence and antisocial behaviour.

We will continue to engage with our partners within the Safer Communities Group to monitor instances of anti social behaviour, violence and disorder both in private and public space environments. We will identify the issues and deploy a range of interventions to either mitigate any risk or reduce the impact caused.

Local police officers will regularly patrol pre identified areas where there is a concentration of youths in order to deter poor behaviour and will work with the local authority and other partners to detect, deter instances of under age drinking and support education and diversion programmes that will assist early intervention opportunities.

We will continue to work with Licensing Standards Officers and regularly carry out intrusive inspections of licenced premises, particularly those premises that we suspect are not meeting licensing standards. We will continue to carry out patrols in pre identified areas around licensed premises that show levels of anti social behaviour, violence or disorder.

We will continue to utilise all available resources from Police Scotland to carry out these patrols in a close working partnership with other agencies.

We will continue to develop a prevention frame work around repeat violent offenders and those who commit offences of domestic abuse. With this focus we will ensure we engage with the victims of domestic abuse and provide advice and reassurance.

**Objective – To prevent and reduce instances of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour**

## **Road Safety and Road Crime**

Driver behaviour continues to be a community safety issue of concern within the Cowdenbeath area. We will continue to work closely with partners to positively influence driver behaviour in an effort to reduce road casualties and improve road safety for all road users.

We will continue to highlight the risks involved and associated dangers when using rural roads.

We will deploy our resources, including Roads Policing officers, to areas affected by antisocial driving and identified locations where speeding is a concern.

An intelligence led approach will be taken to reduce road casualties by targeting speeding motorists, disqualified drivers, drink and / or drug driving, those not wearing a seatbelt and individuals who use mobile telephones while driving.

We will engage with schools to promote road safety in order to focus our educational message on those road users who are vulnerable and at greater risk. We will focus on addressing the danger to children from motorists speeding or parking illegally near to schools.

We will support national campaigns and initiate local operations to promote road safety in the area.

We will also pursue those who use our roads to further their criminal activities.

**Objective – To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads**

## **Drug and Alcohol Misuse**

Drug and alcohol misuse are major contributory factors in the commission of crime and antisocial behaviour.

We are aware of your concerns regarding under-age street drinking and will proactively engage with licensed premises in all wards and carry out regular visits in order to ensure that licensees are operating within the remit of their licence. We will also visit off-sales premises and continue to work with licence holders to ensure that the availability of alcohol to young persons is minimised.

We will continue to work with the Mobile Alcohol Intervention Team (MAIT), carrying out alcohol interventions with young persons who we find frequenting known drinking locations throughout the Ward areas ensuring we help keep our young people safe. We remain committed to tackling street drinking, warnings will be issued to those under 16 and antisocial behaviour fixed penalty tickets will be issued to adult offenders for street drinking.

We continue to engage with the local community and will listen and act on any information which will assist us obtain drug search warrants. We will, in conjunction with resources from outwith the Cowdenbeath area, continue to execute search warrants in order to detect those involved in the cultivation and supply of controlled drugs.

**Objective – To reduce drug and alcohol related crime**

#### **4. How we identified our Priorities and Objectives**

The Scottish Policing Assessment sets out priorities for the Police Service of Scotland and is a key document for the Police in continuous process of ensuring the service provided to the communities of the Cowdenbeath area is of a high standard.

In addition, the priorities in this plan have been identified through further analysis of local crime trends identified in a Divisional Strategic Assessment.

We have also taken cognisance of the content of the Fife Community Safety Partnership Strategy, the Fife Community Plan and the Fife Local Policing Plan. This Plan also aligns with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Local Plan and seven Area Plans and the Local Delivery Plan of the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership, building on strong partnership linkages to deliver continuous improvement in performance.

Within this area we have a well-established community focused policing model which is underpinned by an ongoing process of engagement between the Police, local communities and through the local Community Council groups.

We have listened to your concerns at our Community Council Meetings, Community Forums and correspondence from members of the public and identified our priorities from the feedback received.

We have also taken account of the results of the recent Public Consultation Survey, consulted with local Community councils, local Elected Members through the Cowdenbeath Area Committee structure and used social media to take feedback to assist defining our priorities.

## **5. Performance Reporting**

Progress against this plan will be reported to the Cowdenbeath Local Area Committee in an agreed format on a quarterly basis. This information will be available to the public

## **6. Scrutiny and Engagement**

Fife Council has determined that the Safer Communities Committee will be the appropriate forum for reporting performance.

In addition, the Local Area Commander, Chief Inspector Ralston and the Local Community Inspector, Inspector Stephen, or their deputy, will continue to engage on a regular basis with the Local Area Committee and Community Councils reporting against the objectives within this local plan.

## **7. Equalities**

All of our work is underpinned by our commitment to equality and diversity, in our dealings with the public we serve, as well as our own staff. This commitment is underpinned by our values of Integrity, Fairness and Respect.

We recognise that effective and fair policing is about reflecting the needs and expectations of individuals and local communities. Survey results show that different communities have differing expectations and contrasting experiences of the service provided by the police. Our aim is to ensure that our service to all is fair and consistent, keeping those who are most vulnerable safe and enhancing their quality of life.

## **8. Local Contact Details**

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This group e-mail address is provided for you to discuss non-urgent local crime or antisocial behaviour problems. This should not be used to report a crime or incident.

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