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Kirkcaldy

Area Plan 2016-17

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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 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 Kirkcaldy 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 Kirkcaldy Area Committee.

2. Foreword

Introduction by Local Area Commander Chief Inspector Steven Hamilton

As the Local Area Commander for Kirkcaldy I am delighted to introduce the new Area Policing Plan. I am committed to developing a policing response that is in line with the needs and aspirations of local people. In that respect this document seeks to demonstrate our commitment to a local approach founded on partnership working, participation and meaningful engagement.

Our local policing structure continues to place a focus on dedicated and identified Ward Officers led by the Area Community Inspector. This structure works well and allows a continuity of approach across the various partnerships with whom we collaborate on a regular basis.

The forthcoming year will present us with many challenges and opportunities to tackle issues that impact on the Kirkcaldy community and in the words of Sir Robert Peel I believe “The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it.”

Our focus is Keeping People Safe and the best way to keep people safe is to prevent crime from occurring. This document, and the priorities within, reflects our commitment to our organisational purpose – *To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland*. The objectives have been set to demonstrate the outcomes we are looking to achieve. As such, crime prevention is at the heart of what we do and is a key role of all police officers and members of police staff. However, we must recognise that crime prevention is a broad and complex concept. Policing (deterrence and enforcement activity) will only ever be one part of a successful prevention approach.

Health, education, housing, employability and a host of other public and third sector services will be even more important than policing in achieving successful outcomes. The responsibility for crime prevention needs to be shared across agencies with, of course, Police Scotland being an active and enthusiastic partner in a coordinated approach and we have a key role in identifying and communicating crime problems to other stakeholder agencies and the community, participating in the development of comprehensive responses and assisting in the implementation of overarching crime prevention strategies.

I am confident that, working with the continued support of communities, partners and elected representatives, that we will be in a position to provide a service that meets those challenges and aspirations.

Chief Inspector Hamilton



Local Community Inspector Graeme Neill

Starting my career in Kirkcaldy nearly 30 years ago and returning now as the local Community Inspector, it gives me great pleasure to be the lead on the delivery of the new local area plan for the coming year.

The Kirkcaldy Area Plan has been produced following consultation with our elected members, attending Community Engagement Meetings, Neighbourhood Development Groups and by analysing our own and partners data to identify where best to target our valuable resources.

Through this consultation it is clear to me that in order to deliver sustainable solutions to community concerns a collaborative approach with all our partners and available agencies is fundamental to create a safer community within Kirkcaldy.

I look forward to the year ahead knowing that working with the members of our community, partners and others we can continue to build upon the good work of previous years. Together I am certain we can continue to make Kirkcaldy, and its neighbouring villages, a safe and prosperous environment to visit, work and live.

Inspector Neill



Chair of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee – Councillor Neil Crooks

On behalf of Kirkcaldy area committee I fully endorse the policing plan for our area and particularly welcome the emphasis on partnership working. The police are part of a community of individuals and organisations working to make Kirkcaldy area as safe and welcoming as possible. Identified patch based officer relationships will grow and prosper, encouraging public support and engagement for the benefit of all of us.

3. Priorities and Objectives

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Antisocial behaviour covers a wide range of crimes and offences including noise nuisance, hate crime, street drinking, vandalism and illegal use of motorcycles.

Many of these crimes occur mainly, but not exclusively, at the weekend and there is a clear correlation between excessive alcohol consumption and reported instances of antisocial behaviour, violence and disorder.

We will continue to work with the local authority and other partners such as Clued Up, the Mobile Alcohol Intervention Team, street pastors and the divisional Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit to detect and deter instances of under age and public drinking. We fully support and engage with youth diversion programmes, we have a number of initiatives running, some in partnership with the YMCA and local licenced premises, to maximise early intervention opportunities.

We will maintain our night time and weekend policing plan. Working closely with Licencing Standards Officers and Community Wardens we will visit licenced premises and patrol in our towns and villages to target and robustly deal with those who engage in alcohol related violence.

Operation Fireblade is a seasonal initiative run with assistance from our partners and members of the community to tackle the illegal use of motorcycles and quads. This will be enhanced and deployed again during the coming year, gathering intelligence and removing motorcycles from our streets.

We will not tolerate, and we will robustly investigate, all incidents of domestic violence and hate crime in our area. All such incidents will be treated as a priority ensuring that there is always appropriate support provided to victims and families within our community.

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

Road Safety and Road Crime

Local people and our elected members consistently express concerns they have in relation to poor driver behaviour and vehicles being driven at excessive speeds throughout our community.

Road safety is a key priority for us and we work closely with the local authority to positively influence driver behaviour in an effort to reduce road casualties. We strive to improve road user behaviour in our community through appropriate selection and effective use of enforcement, education and encouragement options.

We will focus our educational message on those road users who are vulnerable and at greater risk. To meet this we will maintain Operation Parksafes working with Fife Council's Road Safety Co-ordinator to address dangerous parking around our schools.

We will continue to use an intelligence led approach to address the need for a reduction in road casualties by ensuring speeding, impaired, uninsured and disqualified drivers are targeted and prosecuted.

We will disrupt those utilising the road network within Fife to carry out criminal acts and offences and deploy our resources to areas affected by anti-social driving. Operation Fireblade will target the illegal use of motorcycles removing unregistered and uninsured bikes from our streets.

To achieve longer term solutions to tackling driver behaviour we will facilitate and promote engagement with local communities in order to deliver a strong road safety message. We will work in partnership to improve road safety through the provision of information, awareness, social media and educational initiatives.

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

Misuse of Drugs

The misuse of illegal drugs is directly correlated to the instances of crime and has a detrimental effect on individuals, families and those living in areas blighted by drug abuse.

Officers in Kirkcaldy will continue to deter, detect and apprehend those who supply illegal drugs within our community and utilise the Proceeds of Crime Act to deprive criminals of their cash and assets.

Officers have formed effective relationships with our partners including the Cottage Centre in Kirkcaldy. The Centre provides support to disadvantaged families, suffering from the effects of social deprivation, including substance misuse, domestic violence and other complex issues. Officers deliver safety talks to the children, breaking down barriers and providing a positive influence to steer vulnerable children away from drug misuse. This work has also been enhanced at similar meetings at the YMCA and other groups in the community.

Enforcement is a key priority for us. We will target drug dealers through intelligence led policing methods using information directly from members of the public. We will provide reassurance by conducting foot patrols in areas highlighted as places where drug abuse is prevalent and utilise our stop and search powers.

Objective – To reduce the misuse of drugs and the crimes associated to addiction

4. How we identified our Priorities and Objectives

The Scottish Policing Assessment sets out the priorities for the Police Service of Scotland and is a key document for the Police in the process of ensuring we continue to provide a quality policing service. In addition, the priorities in this plan have been identified through further analysis of local crime trends identified in our 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.

In our area we are very proud of our well-established community focused policing model which is underpinned by an ongoing commitment to engagement between the Police and local communities. In formulating the priorities for our Area Plan we have remained true to that commitment, consulting widely to ensure the concerns of local people are paramount.

In order to develop a broad view we have consulted with our Community Councils, Local Councillors, schools and campus communities, community groups, service users and local people as part of our everyday work within the community.

We have made use of traditional forms of media as well as social media to provide a platform for engagement. This is a process that allows us to define our priorities and, as an ongoing process, allows us to respond to new and emerging issues and to re-direct our resources accordingly.

5. Performance Reporting

Progress against this Plan will be reported to the Kirkcaldy Area Committee on a regular basis. This information will be available to the public.

6. Scrutiny and Engagement

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

In addition, the Local Area Commander, Chief Inspector Hamilton and the Local Community Inspector Graeme Neill will continue to engage on a regular basis with the Kirkcaldy Area Committee reporting against the objectives set within this Local Area Plan. This local scrutiny is an essential part of delivering our plan in that it allows us to engage in ongoing review of our performance and priorities to build on and improve our service delivery.

7. Equalities

Everything we do is underpinned by our commitment to equality and diversity. This is reflected both in our approach to policing our local community and internally with our colleagues and partners. This commitment is built upon 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 we provide a service that is fair, consistent and to a high standard, keeping the most vulnerable safe and enhancing the quality of life for everyone who lives, works or visits Kirkcaldy and the surrounding villages.

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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