

Local Police Plan 2017 - 20

community empowerment, inclusion and collaborative working

partnership

Working together to achieve the best with the people of East Dunbartonshire

shared outcomes

prevention and accountability



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Our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of the people and communities of

East Dunbartonshire

1 Introduction

1.1 Foreword

Policing in East Dunbartonshire is underpinned by this Local Policing Plan which is formed in accordance with the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. To ensure our work is focused on the needs of communities, 'Your View Counts' consultation surveys are incorporated into the plan to ensure relevant priorities are identified from both a national and local perspective. East Dunbartonshire has a history of strong partnership working and policing continues to contribute to that for the benefit of our people and our communities. The plan aims to support the Police Scotland 10-year strategy for policing which recognises that policing is not simply about responding to crimes, but is also about working with people and communities to prevent crime, reduce harm and improve safety and wellbeing.

1.2 East Dunbartonshire

East Dunbartonshire has a population of more than 104,500 people over 77 square miles. It is recognised as one of the best areas to live in Scotland based on people's health, life expectancy, employment and educational performance. Economic activity and employment rates are high and the level of crime is significantly below the Scottish average. Despite this, inequalities exist across the authority and there are pockets of deprivation where the quality of life falls well below the national average.

This Local Policing Plan supports the East Dunbartonshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan which has six themes which aim to achieve the best with the people of East Dunbartonshire. These themes are:

- Economic Growth and Recovery
- Employment and Skills
- Children and Young People's Wellbeing
- Safer and Stronger Communities
- Adult Health and Wellbeing
- Older Adults, Vulnerable Citizens and Carers

1.3 Policing in East Dunbartonshire

Policing aims to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities within East Dunbartonshire. The Local Area Commander is a Chief Inspector and policing is structured to efficiently and effectively respond to calls from the public through the Local Policing Teams, tackle longer terms issues through the Local Problem Solving Teams and enable access to specialist resources such as the Criminal Investigation Department and Road Policing.

A wide range of partnership working arrangements exist within East Dunbartonshire to improve safety and wellbeing and this plan outlines how we will use these to support our objectives.



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2 Policing Objectives

2.1 Local Policing Objectives

The top 5 local priorities within East Dunbartonshire identified through our ‘Your View Counts’ consultation are:

- Homes Being Broken Into
- Antisocial Behaviour and Disorder
- Violent Crime
- Vehicles Being Stolen or Broken Into
- Drug Dealing / Misuse

2.2 National Policing Objectives

The top 5 national priorities identified by our ‘Your View Counts’ responses are:

- Counter Terrorism / National Security
- Violent Crime
- Serious Organised Crime
- Drug Dealing / Drug Misuse
- Child Abuse including Child Sexual Exploitation

This Local Policing Plan outlines how the local policing objectives will be delivered.

3 Delivery of Local Policing Objectives

3.1 Homes being broken into

Crimes such as housebreaking have a significant impact on communities and leave victims feeling unsafe and vulnerable. East Dunbartonshire has seen a downward trend in the commission rate of houses being broken into however we cannot be complacent and must continue to work with communities and partners to address housebreaking and related acquisitive crimes.

We will use **Public Engagement** to promote home safety, **Police Scotland Youth Volunteers** to personally promote this message and our **Co-Production** arrangements to provide a partnership approach regarding second hand dealers.

To tackle homes being broken into we will:

Raise awareness of crime prevention strategies, to protect homes and property against theft;

Work with licensing partners to ensure second-hand dealers are operating within the terms of their licence, limiting outlets for stolen goods;

Focus on getting homeowners to adopt extra security measures to protect their goods, both in their homes and also their sheds and garages;

Focus on developing intelligence in relation to offenders and locations, undertaking proactive patrols to deter and detect offenders; and

Support dedicated operations to target known offenders, to help achieve high detection rates and prevent them from re-offending;

Delivers on East Dunbartonshire's Local Outcome of

- **Safer and Stronger Communities**

3.2 Antisocial Behaviour and Disorder

At low levels antisocial behaviour can be a nuisance but persistent and continual acts of disorder, vandalism and assaults can quickly become life altering and can have a sustained and lasting effect on victims, leaving them feeling vulnerable and isolated. Police Scotland and East Dunbartonshire Council will work together to tackle antisocial behaviour through Co-Production.

We will use **Co-Production** arrangements to prevent antisocial behaviour, utilise **Young Person Engagement within Schools** to reduce the instances of it and provide further reassurance through our **Public Engagement**.

To tackle antisocial behaviour we will:

Deploy high visibility patrols in priority areas to impact on violence and antisocial behaviour;

Identify and analyse repeat callers reporting antisocial behaviour and we will instigate appropriate measures to address underlying issues;

Work with local retailers to reduce public space alcohol consumption;

Local Problem Solving Teams will continue to work with young people to help them understand the negative impact antisocial behaviour can have on communities; and

Maximise the use of disposals such as fixed penalty notices for low-level antisocial behaviour such as street drinking, to reduce alcohol related disorder in an effective and efficient manner.

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- **Safer and Stronger Communities**

3.3 Violent Crime

3.3.1 Public Space Violence

Violence, like antisocial behaviour and disorder, has a detrimental impact on the quality of life in communities. Acts of violence which occur in public spaces can increase the fear of crime and contribute to the impression that these localities are not safe places to live.

We will use **Young Person Engagement within Schools** to help reduce instances of violence, provide further reassurance through our **Public Engagement** and also address areas of most need through our **PLACE Locality Plans**.

To tackle violence we will:

Utilise a partnership approach to increase community awareness, particularly in schools, of the gravity of weapon carrying to prevent further serious violence;

Work in conjunction with partner agencies to enhance information sharing regarding complaints made to non-police agencies about problematic households / locations for violence and domestic abuse; and

Continue to identify and target repeatedly violent offenders.

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- **Safer and Stronger Communities**

3.3.2 Domestic Violence

Violence includes domestic abuse which often happens behind closed doors. We are fully committed to continuing to challenge and confront domestic abuse within communities.

To tackle domestic abuse we will:

Work with partners, through **MARAC** (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) to identify victims and provide advice and support;

Work with specialist departments to identify repeat victims of abuse;

Encourage third-party reporting of domestic abuse;

Focus on repeat offenders and promote The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland which provides a means of sharing information about a partner's abusive past with a potential victim;

Educate and inform the public about non-physical forms of domestic abuse, to encourage early reporting of these incidents, to prevent escalation to violent crime; and

Carry out proactive work targeting repeat domestic abuse victims and offenders, to provide support and prevent re-offending.

Delivers on East Dunbartonshire's Local Outcomes of

- **Children and Young People's Wellbeing**
- **Safer and Stronger Communities**
- **Adult Health and Wellbeing**

3.3.3 Alcohol and Drug Fuelled Violence

The abuse of alcohol and drugs undoubtedly has a significant impact on violence levels and our most recent analysis indicates that alcohol was a factor in around one third of crimes reported to police.

We will use **Young Person Engagement within Schools** to reduce instances of alcohol and drug fueled violence, provide further reassurance through our **Public Engagement** and engage licensed premises through our **Co-Production** arrangements.

To tackle alcohol and drug related violence we will:

Continue to carry out proactive licensing enforcement with partners to reduce public drunkenness and related disorderly / violent behaviour;

Work with alcohol retailers / supermarkets to ensure compliance with licensing conditions and to address illegal alcohol sales and over-provision; and

Develop ways of increasing intelligence about alcohol related violence to help identify the most problematic areas.

Delivers on East Dunbartonshire's Local Outcomes of

- **Children and Young People's Wellbeing**
- **Safer and Stronger Communities**

3.4 Vehicles Being Stolen or Broken Into

Vehicle crime has an impact on communities and leaves victims feeling unsafe. East Dunbartonshire has seen a downward trend in the commission rate of vehicle crime however we cannot be complacent and must continue to work with communities and partners to address these crimes.

We will use **Public Engagement** to promote crime prevention, **Police Scotland Youth Volunteers** to personally promote this message and our **Co-Production** arrangements to provide a partnership approach regarding second hand dealers.

To tackle vehicle crime we will:

Raise awareness of crime prevention to encourage preventative tactics to protect vehicles against theft;

Work with licensing partners to ensure second-hand dealers are operating within the terms of their licence, limiting outlets for stolen goods;

Focus on intelligence in relation to offenders and locations, undertaking proactive patrols to deter and detect offenders; and

Support dedicated operations to target known offenders, to achieve high detection rates and to prevent them from re-offending.

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3.5 Drug Dealing / Misuse

Drug misuse, like alcohol misuse, has a detrimental effect on individuals, families and communities. Drug dealing is often associated with Serious and Organised Crime Groups who are often also involved in other serious crimes like human trafficking, cybercrime and money laundering.

We will engage the **Alcohol and Drug Partnership** to divert persons from engaging in drug misuse, **Public Engagement and Young Person Engagement within Schools** to highlight the risks of drug misuse and where appropriate, **Police Scotland Youth Volunteers** to personally promote this message.

To tackle drug dealing and misuse we will:

Maximise opportunities to refer offenders who use drugs to substance misuse services, to minimise harm and promote recovery;

Educate young people, through the Local Problem Solving Teams, about the risks associated with drug misuse; and

Gather information about those who supply controlled drugs and focus our activities on intervention and enforcement.

Delivers on East Dunbartonshire's Local Outcomes of

- **Children and Young People's Wellbeing**
- **Safer and Stronger Communities**
- **Adult Health and Wellbeing**

4 Partnership Working Arrangement to Improve Safety and Wellbeing in East Dunbartonshire

The foregoing section shows the crime focused objectives that police officers in East Dunbartonshire aim to tackle and many of the partnership arrangements that support these efforts and how they link to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan Outcomes.

Below is a description of the main partnership working arrangements that exist in East Dunbartonshire, including those referenced above, that not only support local policing crime objectives but help enhance the safety and wellbeing of people within our communities.

4.1 Police Scotland and East Dunbartonshire Council Co-Production

Police Scotland and East Dunbartonshire Council Community Protection Services operate from Kirkintilloch Police Office in a Co-Production arrangement. Joint tasking and planning meetings ensure that areas of common interest, such as antisocial behaviour, are tackled jointly enabling the most effective response to be deployed between East Dunbartonshire Council and Police Scotland. The Co-Production arrangements also enable large scale initiatives relating to topics like firework safety, bogus caller awareness and festive safety campaigns to be undertaken efficiently.

4.2 PLACE Locality Plans

Dedicated officers are assigned to PLACE areas to provide a visible police presence in areas of most need. As well as undertaking normal police duties, officers tackle community problems through local partnership approaches. This ensures that officers are not only tackling crime but working to reduce harm and improve safety and wellbeing in these areas. The officers and their related work plans are aligned to overall PLACE Plans.

4.3 MARAC – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

East Dunbartonshire MARAC is an action-focused meeting where high-risk domestic abuse cases are discussed in a multi-agency environment. This enables the most effective care plans to be implemented for high-risk victims and any children. The MARAC can also work to manage the behaviour of perpetrators of domestic abuse.

4.4 Empowered

Empowered is the multi-agency partnership of services in East Dunbartonshire which have an interest in preventing and eliminating all forms of Violence Against Women and Girls.

4.5 Young Person Engagement within Schools

Local Problem Solving Team Officers deliver a safety and crime prevention educational package to East Dunbartonshire schools. This aims to educate young people about the risks and dangers they may be exposed to including topics such as on-line safety and knife crime.

4.6 Community Planning Partnership

Police Scotland is fully engaged in the East Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership. The Partnership produces the Local Outcome Improvement Plan which focuses on improving outcomes for people and communities. It is delivered through community planning partners working together to achieve a better East Dunbartonshire.

4.7 Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV)

East Dunbartonshire has its own Police Scotland affiliated youth volunteer group. The PSYV programme aims to strengthen the relationship between the police and young people, breaking down barriers and promoting positive role models. PSYV provides a practical way for young people to understand policing by enabling the young volunteers to directly support the police in their local area. As part of the programme, young people are given a chance have their say and they are encouraged to promote good citizenship. The programme is open to all young people aged 13 – 17 and it allows participants to get an insight into policing in Scotland, whilst inspiring them to participate positively within their communities.

4.8 Child Protection Committee and Adult Protection Committee

Police Scotland is fully engaged within the East Dunbartonshire Child Protection and Adult Protection Committees. Both committees are multi-agency based and work to ensure we have best practice in place regarding child and adult protection.

4.9 Alcohol and Drug Partnership

East Dunbartonshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) is a multi-agency group tasked by the Scottish Government with providing person-centred, recovery-focused and evidence-based treatment services to meet people's needs.

4.10 West of Scotland Regional Resilience Group

Police Scotland in East Dunbartonshire will participate in the West of Scotland Regional Resilience Group to maintain and improve resilience and emergency response within East Dunbartonshire.

4.11 Public Engagement

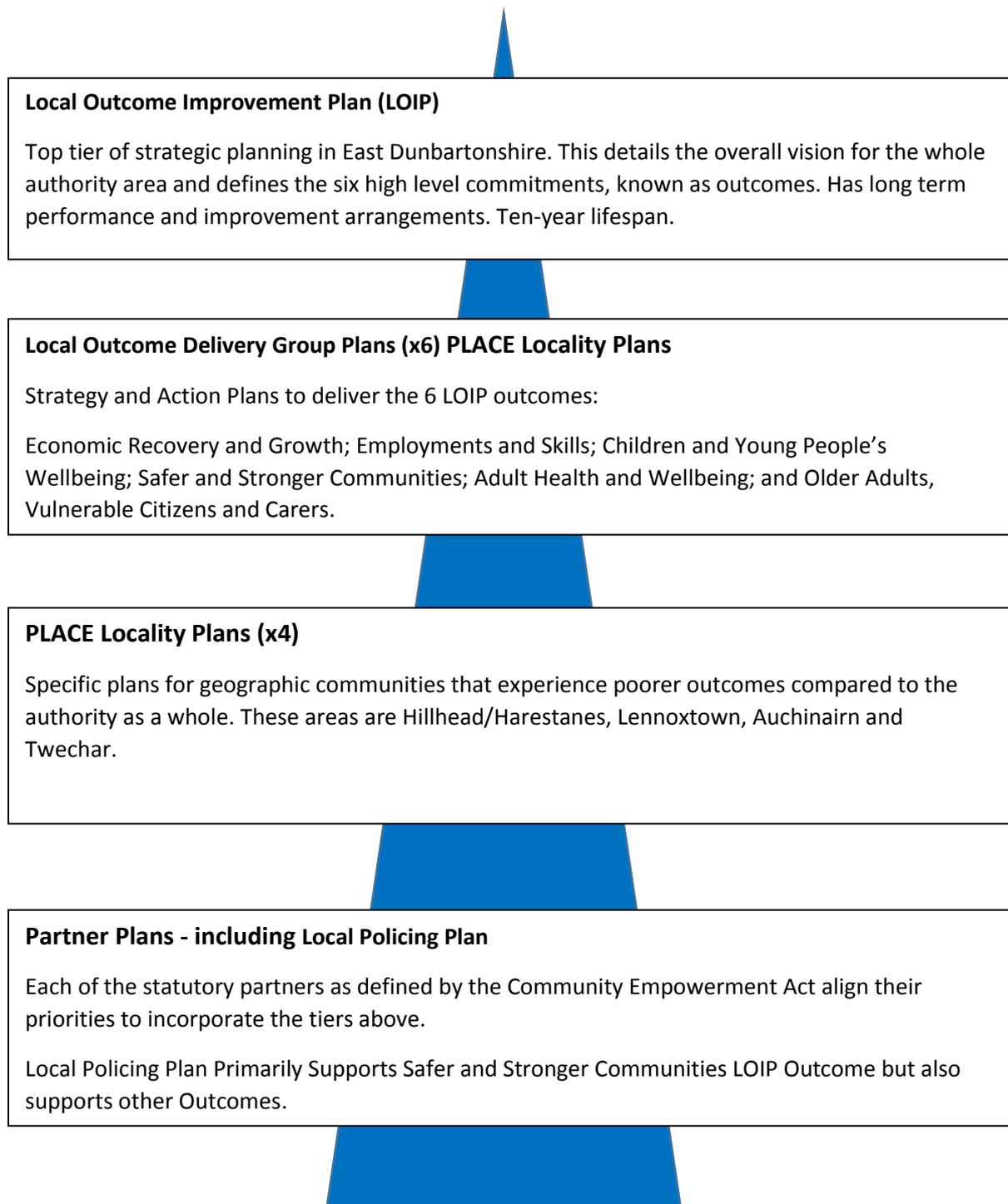
Police Scotland will engage with Community Councils and residents associations to ensure we are aware of and can respond to issues that arise. We will maintain visibility in the local and social media to ensure awareness of our work.

4.12 Local Problem Solving Teams

The Local Problem Solving Teams undertake numerous local initiatives to not only combat crime but improve safety and wellbeing in East Dunbartonshire. The teams link in with a variety of local partners and build knowledge of the vulnerable within communities, to ensure that appropriate support can be provided by the most appropriate service.

5 Community Planning

The diagram below outlines how this Local Policing Plan delivers elements of the LOIP and supports wider partnership outcomes.



6 Local Scrutiny and Engagement

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 provides a framework for local scrutiny and engagement arrangements between Police, Fire and Rescue Service and the Local Authority. The Local Area Commander will report, at least yearly, to East Dunbartonshire Council on policing performance measured against the Local Policing Plan. This provides locally elected members with the opportunity to examine performance and hold the police to account in relation to the delivery of local policing services, but also, to shape services moving forward.

7 Equalities

We recognise that effective and fair policing should reflect the needs and expectation of individuals and local communities. They have the right to be provided with a service which is free from discrimination, victimisation and harassment and to be treated with dignity and respect. We know that our communities in East Dunbartonshire are diverse and that the needs and expectations of individuals and communities differ. We are committed to treating our staff and communities in a way that is fair and equitable and does not discriminate. We are committed to treating staff and communities with fairness, integrity and respect and in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights.

8 Local Contact Details

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Dial 999 for an emergency that requires urgent police attention.

Dial 101 for non-emergency.

TextRelay 18000 for an emergency.

TextRelay 18001101 for a non-emergency response.

If you have any information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

If you have concerns or issues you would like to discuss with our Local Problem Solving Team contact them on;

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