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Local Policing Plan 2013-2014



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Local Policing Plan for 2013-2014

1. Introduction

This Plan sets out the local policing priorities and objectives for Orkney Islands for 2013-2014 and is a statutory requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. It is produced as part of a planning process which takes account of the Scottish Governments overarching vision for public services, the Strategic Police Priorities set by Scottish Ministers, the Scottish Police Authorities Strategic Police Plan and the Chief Constable of Scotland's Annual Police Plan.

The Local Policing Plan for the Orkney Islands represents a critical part of the delivery process for the new service, demonstrating our commitment to local policing within the national planning framework and enabling us to respond effectively to the concerns of local communities as well as meet and tackle nationwide demands. This Local Policing Plan will be supported by 6 Multi Member Ward Level Community Policing Plans which respond directly to local needs and demands.

2. Foreword by:

Chief Constable

This Plan is the first under the new policing arrangements for Scotland. Local Policing will be the focus of the Police Service of Scotland and will deliver real improvements to the way services are delivered to local communities. Reform offers us the opportunity to improve accountability and increase scrutiny. This Plan sets out our continuing commitment to 'Keeping People Safe'. It establishes the issues we believe are important to communities across Scotland. By delivering a local policing service that drives improvements against our priorities we can make a real difference in the quality of life for people in Scotland.

Chair – Scottish Police Authority (SPA)

When it comes to local police services, one size doesn't fit all. Different communities across Scotland want access to the best expertise and services in policing - but they quite rightly expect police services to meet their area's needs and priorities. Your Local Policing Plan is a key part of making sure this happens, and keeping this local focus at the heart of community policing. These Plans are linked to national priorities, but are based on local issues and what people say matters to them. They are also a very public commitment by Police Scotland on what it will deliver to make our communities safer. The Scottish Police Authority will be working with Police Scotland, partners and communities to ensure we all receive the best policing possible.

Convener of Orkney Islands Council

In the move to a national police service, Orkney Islands Council has been keen to maintain the positive and effective working relationships and level of local input that existed with the Northern Constabulary and the Joint Police Board.

Consequently we welcome the development of this Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan which genuinely reflects local issues through the commentary of the Area Commander. Our crime figures are enviably low and the detection rate is enviably high, and the preventative measures moving forward such as development of the Community Alcohol Action Plan are to be applauded.

Partnership working at the Orkney level is essential to maintain local input and accountability, and we anticipate this will be achieved through our Community Planning Partnership, and the newly established Police and Fire Sub-Committee of Orkney Islands Council.

Additionally we have invited a designated member of the Scottish Police Authority to regularly attend the Orkney Community Planning Partnership, so that national and local perspectives can be mutually informed.

We are moving into something new, so we will all need to monitor how the new arrangements work, and strive to ensure that they do. I believe that we share the same objectives and look forward to a productive relationship between Orkney Islands Council and Police Scotland that will work to maintain the standard of policing that we currently enjoy.

Local Police Commander

It is our pleasure to introduce the Local Policing Plan for the Orkney Islands area 2013 - 2014.

This is the first Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan since the transition to Police Scotland. The transition has recognised the importance of community policing and as such the key factor in making the new service work is by focusing on police and local authorities working together.

Our priority is to work in partnership with the Orkney Islands Council to ensure that the high quality policing service we provide in the Orkney Islands is maintained, our successful community policing style is continued and that the partnerships we have are sustained and strengthened in any new structure.

Maintaining the current level of service is the main aim for the Local Community Policing team but in order to do this we need to maintain a policing style that delivers effective services at an affordable level. To achieve this, we will continue to keep under review the way we are organised and ensure that our policies and procedures that guide our work are aligned.

The Orkney Islands continue to enjoy an enviable reputation as one of the safest places to live in the United Kingdom. This has been earned by the organisation working in partnership with our local communities, the hard work of our staff, and a determination to provide excellent policing for the communities of the Orkney Islands.

This Plan sets out the key strategic priorities for policing the Orkney Islands area. These have been set by taking account of a range of information sources (including a strategic assessment) and reflect nationally set priorities and crime analysis, but more critically by consulting with local communities and partner agencies so that these priorities are focused on policing local communities across the Orkney Islands.

The key to keeping people safe and meeting our priorities is to further develop the partnership work focusing on a multi-agency approach to 'preventions and interventions' within our communities.

Les Donaldson
Chief Inspector
Area Commander
Orkney Islands

Julian Innes
Chief Superintendent
Local Police Commander
Highland & Islands Division

3. Priorities and Objectives:

Priority 1 – Increase Public Confidence and Local Engagement

The new service recognises that it has to deliver a high quality service in a form that is cost effective and efficient while maintaining the consent and involvement of local communities. In order to do so we recognise the need to establish views, expectations and concerns about how we police and build trust by listening and responding.

Public safety is a critical issue at national and local level and the responsibility for this agenda can not rest with a single agency. Working alongside public, private and voluntary sector as well as local communities we will develop strategies and actions that provide effective local outcomes and keep people safe.

Objectives:

- Where possible we will attend all community council meetings.
- We will work with partners to support and contribute to community planning outcomes that reduce offending and prevent victimisation.
- Promote public confidence by decreasing the fear of crime.
- Deliver a shared policing facility in Stromness.
- Continue to promote Equality & Diversity through daily business and partnership working.

Community Consultation Results:

20% of you stated that more police on streets / visibility / foot patrols should be the priority for the Police, Procurator Fiscal and Scottish Court Service.

Area Commander Commentary:

I am very aware of the importance of officers being seen in and around Orkney and the reassuring effect this has. Whilst the quality of life we enjoy and the safety that exists within the Islands remains very high, we can still do better. Accordingly, officers will be tasked to provide you with a continued high level of reassurance and respond to your needs.

With work commenced on the Stromness pierhead regeneration project, we will work with Orkney Islands Council to provide a new shared partnership joint operating facility which will offer even better access to policing within the west mainland.

Priority 2 - Protecting People

The number of people who are victims of physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect on a daily basis is a major concern for policing. Domestic abuse in particular blights the lives of individuals as well as their families. Our priority is to tackle domestic abuse by managing the risk of harm posed by dangerous offenders while protecting and supporting victims.

To keep people safe we will continue to focus on a victim centered approach to public protection with the aim of preventing crime through early and effective intervention and ensure the sharing of relevant information with partnership agencies.

We will continue to proactively target those offenders' who use the internet to befriend and exploit child victims with the use of intelligence and analysis and through the application of appropriate techniques and legislation.

To do this we will:

- Ensure domestic abuse cases are identified, investigated and managed effectively in line with national standards.
- Focus on protecting the adults and children who are at risk of domestic abuse through the management of risk. This will be carried out by continuing to integrate the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process in Orkney.
- When repeat offenders are identified ensure that appropriate measures are put in place through a perpetrator lead approach and facilitate effective action against offenders.

Objectives:

- Increase detection rates for crime of domestic abuse.
- Increase detection rates for sexual offences.
- Reduce the number of hate crimes.

Community Consultation Results:

Whilst 5% of you stated that public protection was a concern to you, 20% stated that crime prevention / law and order and public safety should be a priority for the Police, Procurator Fiscal and Scottish Court Service.

Area Commander Commentary: In line with national policy, I see no place for hate crime in Orkney, renowned for its friendly welcome, and we will work to drive the number of victims down even lower.

The Area Command will work with the Divisional Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and will target the perpetrators of serious and complex domestic abuse cases and provide early support to victims and their families.

We will also work with the Divisional Rape Investigation Unit to deliver a victim centered approach in partnership, provide investigative consistency and place victim welfare and support at the forefront of the investigation.

Locally, I see the role of Women's Aid as an important part of tackling domestic abuse. I am working with partner agencies to ensure that it returns to a strong footing. On a wider scale, I want to introduce a multi agency risk assessment conference in Orkney which is a victim focussed information sharing meeting, where the highest risk cases of domestic abuse are discussed and a safety plan agreed.

Priority 3 - Road Policing

Our priority is to keep people safe on the roads and target criminals using the road.

To keep people safe on the roads we will continue to focus on casualty reduction and target areas including drink / drug driving, speeding, uninsured and disqualified drivers, those not wearing a seatbelt and the use of mobile phones whilst driving.

We will pursue criminals who use the roads to further their criminal activities through pro-active patrols, analysis, intelligence and the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR).

To do this we will:

- Continue to work with our partners to focus on achieving the Scottish Governments road casualty reduction targets for 2020 as set out in 'Go Safe on Scotland's Roads it's Everyone's Responsibility'.
- Focus on young drivers and motorcyclists in line with other partners to improve motor cycle safety and the safety of young drivers through continued use of the 'Bikesafe Campaign' and educating young drivers and their parents.
- Continue to utilise 'Operation Route', a co-ordinated approach to anti-crime patrols / dishonesties in respect of criminals using the roads.
- Complete a review of all crash cluster locations within Orkney.

Objectives:

- Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads.
- Increase the number of people detected for drink / drug driving offences.
- Increase the number of people detected for seat belt offences.
- Increase the number of people detected for mobile phone offences.

Community Consultation Results:

Whilst 24% of you stated that road safety was a concern to you, 71% of you stated that tackling road safety, speeding and drink / drug driving should be the priority for the Police, Procurator Fiscal and Scottish Court Service.

Area Commander Commentary:

Recognising your concerns, we all appreciate the impact that a fatal crash has in Orkney. Accordingly, I see an important step in the process of road safety to tell you at which locations people are getting hurt. We can then tackle the issues surrounding those locations with you.

The main thrust for casualty reduction measures continues through education in our schools and with the wider public, engineering out problems and enforcement. Working with the 'Road Safety Forum' we will continue to focus our efforts in terms of those who drive under the influence, speeding within the identified areas, and motorists who do not comply with seatbelt or mobile phone legislation.

Priority 4 - Violence, Disorder, Anti-social Behaviour

Our officers are dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling violent crime.

We are committed to reducing the number of people affected by violence, disorder, antisocial behaviour (examples of antisocial behaviour are noisy neighbours, loud music, rowdy or threatening behaviour, barking dogs, dog fouling, littering, fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles, graffiti, vandalism, substance misuse, dealing and street drinking), and we will continue to work with partner agencies to exploit all opportunities to prevent crime, manage offenders and support victims through joint working.

There has been a reduction in crimes of serious violence on the previous year – and we will continue with the use of intelligence analysis to proactively target and manage perpetrators of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour to ensure a better quality of life for people within our communities by focusing on emerging trends and problem locations.

To do this we will:

- Focus on improved collaborative working in terms of our partnership activity to target the outcomes of antisocial behaviour and increase service satisfaction within our communities.
- Working with partner agencies, deliver a community alcohol action plan for Orkney.

Objectives :

- Reduce the number of violent offences.
- Reduce the level of antisocial behaviour.
- Increase the number of licensed premises visits (on / off sales premises).

Community Consultation Results:

28% of you stated that violent crime, antisocial behaviour and alcohol abuse was a concern to you and 51% of you stated that this should be the main priority for Police, Procurator Fiscal and Scottish Court Service.

Area Commander Commentary:

I am convinced that working together we can make Orkney an even safer place to live. I recognise the impact that alcohol has in our community and following the “Blootered” event which took place in September 2012, I was asked that we continue to address this issue.

Accordingly, working with the Orkney Islands ‘Alcohol and Drug Partnership’, we are determined to deliver a Community Alcohol Action Plan which will give us a focused way forward in tackling this issue.

Priority 5 - Serious Crime

Our priority is to keep people safe by reducing the risk of harm posed by serious organised criminals and other threats to communities.

We are committed to reducing the threat from serious and organised crime groups by targeting their criminal enterprises and disrupting their activities.

This will be in line with the Scottish Government Strategy for tackling Serious Organised Crime, “Letting Our Communities Flourish” through focused intelligence gathering and continued collaborative working with communities, public and private sector bodies and key partner agencies.

Local consultation also tells us that the sale and supply of drugs severely impact on the quality of life of individuals and communities themselves. We will work to focus policing resources on targeting the criminals who supply drugs and work in partnership to reduce harm and prevent access to illegal substances.

To do this we will:

- Continue to tackle major crime with a focus on dismantling and reducing the effectiveness of Serious and Organised Crime Groups operating within the Highland & Islands.
- Respond to emerging threats from Serious and Organised Crime Groups and tackle potential criminal attacks on communities by focusing on the seizing of criminal assets.
- Tackle drug misuse by focusing resources on those involved in the supply and possession of drugs.

Objectives:

- Increase the proportion of positive stop and searches for drugs.
- Increase detections for the supply of drugs.

Community Consultation Results:

Whilst 4% of you stated that Serious and Organised Crime was a concern, 39% of you stated that tackling drugs (incl. drug dealing and drug related crime / behaviour) should be the main priority for the Police, Procurator Fiscal and Scottish Court Service.

Area Commander Commentary:

Tackling the risks that drug related crimes pose to our community is one of the reasons that I have included this objective within our plan which will focus our efforts against drug dealers locally. I remain convinced of the role of a drugs detection dog and we will work with our partner agencies to secure funding for this.

4. How we Identified our Priorities and Objectives

The Scottish Policing Assessment sets out the priorities for Police Scotland to the year 2015. It is a key document for the police in the continuous process of meeting future policing challenges and ensuring that the service the police provide to the communities of Scotland is of a high standard.

The Assessment draws on information and intelligence provided by all the Scottish Forces and law enforcement agencies as well as information from key partner agencies including the Scottish Government, Local Authorities and the public. It is through this assessment that risk in relation to crime and disorder is prioritised.

The priorities identified in this Plan have been identified through further analysis of local crime trends and information and a local strategic

assessment. Appendix A summarises the key trends in the local authority area over the past 3 years.

In October 2012 we provided the opportunity for 1,250 people across the Orkney Islands to take part in our Community Consultation Survey about the issues of greatest concern and 338 people returned the consultation. During January 2013 we also consulted with local communities to develop the Multi Member Ward Level Community Policing Plans. These consultation results made a critical contribution to identifying issues for local communities and these have been translated into the key policing priorities for the Orkney Islands area. Appendix B shows the results of our consultation.

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.

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.

To further this aim, and satisfy our statutory duties under The Equality Act 2010, we are developing national equality and diversity outcomes for 30 April 2013. We will, in our 2014 three-year plan, identify local priorities and objectives aligned to them.

Area Commander Commentary:

In considering this plan, I have also consulted with elected members who currently represent Orkney on the Northern Joint Police Board and with those councillors forming the new local scrutiny and engagement arrangements resulting from the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. I remain aware of national issues and how they affect policing locally through my discussions with our respective members of parliament. I also held a session with members of the Community Planning Steering group to gain their input into what is right for Orkney. Throughout, I have apprised the community councils to gauge their views on local issues.

5. Local Policing Arrangements

Our mission is to keep people safe. We aim to deliver policing that is visible accessible and responsive to the needs of the communities across the Orkney Islands.

For 1 April 2013 we have nominated a single Local Police Commander for the Highland and Islands Policing Division who will direct the Area Commander

based in the Orkney Islands in order to deliver an effective policing service that meets our key priorities.

We will continue to respond quickly and effectively to public demand by answering all calls and operational requests made of us.

We have 2 Community Policing Teams based within Orkney to tackle local problems and issues.

In addition to the Local Policing Plan for the Orkney Islands area, each ward will have an individual Plan which will address the priorities specific to that ward and neighbourhood but will also link closely with the Plan for the Orkney Islands.

These plans will be delivered by having identifiable officers located in each geographic community, continuing engagement with the communities and adopting a shared partnership problem-solving approach to dealing with issues.

Individual Multi Member Ward Level Community Policing plans are available at www.scotland.police.uk

Area Commander Commentary:

Living and working in Orkney, as senior officers, we are approachable at any time. Accordingly, I have used my experience, together with the information that has been provided through consultation, to provide a list of community based priorities for policing your areas. I know that in some areas, for example the North Isles, this was challenging given the differences that exist within the Isles, however I am encouraged by feedback that we are focusing on the issues that you care about.

6. Local Contribution to National Outcomes and National Policing Priorities

The Scottish Government has 16 National Outcomes which demonstrate a commitment to creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth. Policing in the Orkney Islands can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes for this area by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the region.

The priorities in this Plan will be reflected in the Single Agreement for the Orkney Islands area which will also include a range of indicators and targets focused on delivering improved services.

Scottish Ministers have also established Strategic Policing Priorities and these reflect the contribution that policing can make to achieve the National Outcomes.

Our local priorities align to the Strategic Policing Priorities and the Government,s National Outcomes and as follows:

Priority	Strategic Policing Priorities	National Outcomes	Local Outcomes
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour	Priority 1,2,4	Outcomes 5, 7, 8 ,9,11	Outcomes 2, 3,4,5,7
Serious Crime	Priority 1,2,4	Outcomes 9,11, 13	Outcomes 4,5,7
Protecting People	Priority 1,2,3,4	Outcomes 5,7,8,9,11,13,16	Outcomes1,3, 4,5
Road Policing	Priority 1,2,4	Outcomes 9,11	Outcomes 3,4,5
Increase Public Confidence and local engagement	Priority 1,2,3,4	Outcomes 5,7,8,9,11,13,16	Outcomes 3,4,5,6,7

Further information on National Outcomes and Strategic Policing Priorities can be accessed at www.scotland.gov.uk

7. Performance and Accountability

To support this Plan Police Scotland will develop a national performance framework which allows the service to measure progress, monitor activity, identify key areas where resources need to be focused and demonstrate how successful we are in meeting our key priorities and objectives as set out in this Plan

We are committed to publishing our performance information and will use this as the foundation for reporting to Orkney Islands Council and local communities. This information is available upon request or at www.orkney.gov.uk.

8. Local Scrutiny and Engagement

Area Commander Commentary:

Working with the Chief Executive of Orkney Islands Council and Orkney Community Planning Steering Group we have formed a Police and Fire Sub Committee sitting in Council. Consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair and 5 members who represent the ward areas together with members of the Community Planning Steering Group, I am confident that the arrangements which are now in place will serve Orkney well and provide the levels of scrutiny necessary to ensure the public receive the highest standards of Policing that they have enjoyed within the Islands.

Appendix A – Local Authority Trends over last 3 years

Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

- Alcohol significantly impacts upon violence and antisocial behaviour in Orkney.
- A large proportion of antisocial behaviour and disorder is centred around licensed premises in Kirkwall.
- Domestic Abuse has shown a slightly increasing trend.
- Vandalism consistently accounts for large proportion of crime in Orkney.

Major Crime and Terrorism

- Drug offences and seizures in Orkney remain low. The majority of Drug seizures relate to personal quantities of Cannabis. Seizure of Class A Drugs are rare.
- There is a possible emerging trend in relation to the flow of Class A Drugs from Shetland into Orkney.
- There is no intelligence to indicate Terrorist activity in Orkney but to remain vigilant in relation to all the ports in Orkney.

Public Protection

- The number of Child Concern Forms has increased.
- Adults at Risk is under reported due to vulnerable nature of

victims.

Road Safety and Road Crime

- Fatal casualties have increased in Orkney.
- Road safety is a significant concern for Orkney as the impact of Fatal / Serious collisions impacts heavy on the community.
- Driving carelessly has increased slightly.
- There has been a slight decrease in overall traffic offences.

Acquisitive Crime

- The majority of Acquisitive Crime in Orkney relates to Theft
- The majority of Dishonesties are opportunistic in nature. Poor security measures impacts significantly on level of dishonesties.
- Orkney has seen increased levels of Fraud. There is emerging trend in relation to telephone scams and e-mail frauds.

Wildlife Crime

- There are no significant Wildlife Crime issues within Orkney.

Appendix B – 2012 Community Consultation Survey Results

How much of a concern to you is each of the following in the area where you live?	
	Orkney
Base	338
Road Safety	24%
Alcohol Abuse	18%
Antisocial Behaviour	8%
Serious and Organised Crime	4%
Public Protection	5%
Crimes of Dishonesty	4%
Violent Crime	2%
Terrorism	2%

What should be the 3 main priorities for your local police, prosecutors and courts? By Local Authority	
	Orkney
Base	338
Road safety/speeding	50%
Drugs (incl. drug dealing and drug related crime/behaviour)	39%
Crime prevention / law and order/public safety	20%
Drink-related crime /behaviour	34%
More police on streets/visibility/foot patrols	20%
Antisocial Behaviour	17%
Drink / drug driving	21%

Multi Member Ward Level Community Policing Plans Consultation Results (priorities)

East Mainland, South Ronaldsay and Burray

- Road Safety
- Churchill Barriers
- Antisocial Behaviour & Alcohol Abuse

West Mainland, Orkney

- Road Safety
- Alcohol Abuse
- Antisocial Behaviour

North Isles, Orkney

- Road Safety
- Alcohol Abuse
- Public Engagement

Stromness and the South Isles, Orkney

- Road Safety
- Alcohol Abuse
- Antisocial Behaviour

Kirkwall East

- Road Safety
- Alcohol Abuse
- Antisocial Behaviour

Kirkwall West and Orphir

- Road Safety
- Alcohol Abuse
- Antisocial Behaviour

9. Local Contact Details:

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- Divisional Co-ordination Unit: Highland & Islands Divisional Headquarters, Old Perth Road, Inverness, IV2 3SY

We are here to help

- We will continue to keep in touch with you to keep you updated on the ongoing work being done to tackle the issues that are affecting life for you and your community.
- If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, contact your local Community Policing Team.
- Dial 999 for an emergency that requires urgent police attention.
- For non-emergency contact, call 101, the single non-emergency number.
- If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.
- Service users who are deaf or have a hearing impairment can contact Police Scotland via TextRelay in an emergency on 18000 or non-emergency on 18001 101.
- We respect your right to confidentiality and will not visit you without checking first.
- All e-mails will be responded to within 48 hours.
- For more detailed information about your local Community Policing Team and other services that Police Scotland provides, please refer to the Force website at: www.scotland.police.uk
- If you, or anyone you know, require further assistance regarding this document please contact your local Community Policing Team.