

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 22 April 2014

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services)

SUBJECT: East Lothian Local Policing Plan 2014-2017

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present Council with the East Lothian Local Policing Plan 2014-2017.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council approves the East Lothian Local Policing Plan 2014-2017.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There is a statutory requirement in the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 for the Local Authority to approve both the Local Police and Fire and Rescue Plans before they can be published.
- 3.2 The East Lothian Local Policing Plan 2014-2017 has been produced by the Local Police Commander (Appendix 1). The Plan details seven priorities for local policing in East Lothian over the next three years that have been determined following national and local consultation:
- Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
 - Tackling Substance Misuse
 - Reducing Violence
 - Protecting People
 - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
 - Making our Roads Safer
 - Reducing Housebreaking.

3.3 The Plan provides the basis for scrutiny of the Police Scotland's performance by the Safe and Vibrant Communities Partnership.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The East Lothian Local Policing Plan 2014-2017 will make a major contribution to the achievement of key outcomes in East Lothian's Single Outcome Agreement, in particular, but not exclusively, the outcome: 'East Lothian is an even safer place.' Specifically the Plan is the main strategy for achieving the five contributory outcomes:

- Communities experience less anti-social behaviour
- People experience less hate crime
- People experience less domestic violence at home and elsewhere
- Fewer people re-offend
- There are fewer collisions, casualties and deaths on our roads

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and Equality Impact Assessment is not required. However, Police Scotland's policies, procedures and practices are equality impact assessed.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial - none

6.2 Personnel - none

6.3 Other - none

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Draft East Lothian Local Policing Plan 2014-2017

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Policing Plan for 2014-2017

1. Introduction

This plan sets out the local policing priorities and objectives for East Lothian 2014-2017 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 Government's overarching vision for public services, the Strategic Police Priorities set by Scottish Ministers, the Scottish Police Authority's Strategic Police Plan and the Chief Constable of Scotland's Annual Police Plan.

The Local Policing Plan for East Lothian represents a critical part of the delivery process for Police Scotland, 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 authority policing plan will be supported by 7 Multi Member Ward (MMW) policing plans, which respond directly to local needs and demands.

2. Foreword by:

Chief Constable Sir Stephen House QPM

The first year of Police Scotland has seen significant change in many aspects of the organisation; however, the delivery of locally-focused operational policing remains the bedrock of this service. I remain strongly committed to the principle that community-based policing, which responds to local need and demand, is crucial to delivering services that keep people safe and maintain public confidence.

One of the ways in which we can visibly demonstrate this commitment to local policing is by listening to communities and asking them to help shape our priorities. We have consulted widely across the council area with local people and other organisations to help identify our priorities. By combining the information we received through this consultation process with analysis of crime and other performance data we have established the priorities and objectives that are set out in this plan.

In developing this plan the Local Policing Team, led by the Local Commander, has worked closely with public, private and third sector organisations as well as directly with communities, because we recognise that partnership working is critical to making our communities safer. Importantly, this approach has also ensured that our planning process is aligned to the broader vision set out in the Community Plan and supports the Single Outcome Agreement. This plan is therefore a commitment to working across agencies to deliver better outcomes for communities as well as setting out how policing will be delivered in this area.

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I am pleased to say that we have achieved much in the first year of Police Scotland to tackle crime and prevent harm - reducing the number of people who have been the victims of violence and the number killed and injured on our roads as well as addressing other crucial priorities for communities. This plan sets out an agenda to build on that success by tackling the issues that will improve the safety and well being of communities across this local authority area.

Vic Emery, O.B.E Chair of the Scottish Police Authority

I passionately believe that the establishment of Police Scotland and the SPA has created significant opportunities to strengthen the effectiveness of policing. We want you the public to have a real say on local priorities and for policing to listen to that public voice. This plan is where that comes together. It sets out what your local priorities are – identified from what local people are saying is most important to them, and underpinned by local evidence and intelligence gathered by policing in this area.

We want you to be able to question, and judge, how well the police are performing against those priorities. So we will expect your local commander to report publicly and regularly on how they are achieving the priorities set in this plan, so you and your community can assess for yourselves how policing is working for you.

We want residents to be able to see how money invested in policing is being used and what results it brings, and to understand better how national and local policing decisions are made and why.

Scotland is a country with reducing levels of crime, and a strong bond of trust between the Police service and the Scottish public. Local partnerships, a focus on prevention and collaboration, and genuine accountability at both local and national level underpin that bond.

Working together to turn this plan into results, as professionals and members of the public, is about making this part of Scotland a place of greater safety – and a greater place to live.

Local Police Commander, Chief Superintendent Gill Imery

Local policing continues to be the focus of Police Scotland, and I am delighted to present the Local Policing Plan for East Lothian. The priorities set out in the plan have been developed in consultation with local people and partner agencies, taking account of crime analysis and national policing priorities.

Effective policing is based upon sound partnerships, shared information and strong collaboration. This is reflected in our local outcomes and priorities which rely on excellent local delivery and joint working across partnership and geographic boundaries for successful delivery.

By working to meet the needs of local communities, and delivering a high standard of service, we will continue to maintain public confidence and satisfaction. Our activity will target those who cause the most harm within our communities, and will protect those who are most vulnerable. We will maximise all opportunities to reduce and prevent crime and disorder, and ensure that officers are deployed in the right place, at the right time.

The priorities and objectives outlined in this plan provide a clear focus for local policing, whilst retaining sufficient flexibility to adapt to emerging issues. I am confident that the plan demonstrates our commitment to meet the needs of the communities we serve in East Lothian.

Willie Innes, Leader of East Lothian Council

Local partnerships are an essential component of effective policing for local communities. East Lothian Council and Police Scotland work together on a number of initiatives and priorities appropriate for the county which has seen a reduction in crime in recent years.

Building upon this work the Council is strengthening local consultation through the establishment of Local Area Partnerships and the setting up of a Citizens' Panel. The opinions and concerns identified through such consultation will help shape police priorities for East Lothian.

The Policing Plan offers a number of opportunities to make our communities even safer and greatly contributes to the enviable way of life that attracts increasing numbers of people to settle here each year.

3. Priorities and Objectives:

Priority – Reducing Antisocial Behaviour

We recognise that antisocial behaviour is a really important issue to both individuals and our communities.

This was highlighted recently in our public consultation survey where you told us that the issues such as youths causing annoyance (34%), drunken behaviour in public (30.4%) and littering/fly tipping (30.5%)¹ were identified as the areas people were concerned about most in East Lothian.

We know that constant nuisance or harassment can be worse than the impact of a single crime, because the victim can find no peace in their life. Their health, mental or emotional well-being can suffer and they can become unable to carry out their normal day-to-day routine through fear and intimidation.

We understand that antisocial behaviour is any aggressive, intimidating or destructive activity that damages or destroys another person's quality of life.

It might include:

- Nuisance, rowdy or inconsiderate neighbours.
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- The buying or selling of drugs in public
- Street drinking
- Environmental damage including littering, dumping of rubbish and abandoning cars
- Begging and vagrancy
- Fireworks misuse
- Inconsiderate or inappropriate use of vehicles

The picture regarding antisocial behaviour within East Lothian is positive with proactive tasking and a preventative philosophy adopted throughout the East Lothian Partnership. The work of the East Lothian Community Policing Teams in partnership with Council Community Wardens has had a consistent effect on antisocial behaviour and disorder.

Youth disorder remains lower than in previous years and we will work to sustain this decrease.

We understand how distressing incidents of hate crime and prejudice can be for the victim. We are committed to identifying and preventing these types of incident and to building trust within all communities.

¹ Police Scotland Public Consultation Survey 2013

Hate crimes and hate incidents include any incident that is perceived to be motivated by prejudice on the grounds of race, sex, sexual orientation, disability or religion.

The term 'hate crime' covers a wide variety of offences, from verbal abuse to harassment, criminal damage, graffiti and assault. Hate crime prevention activity has focused on building stronger links within our communities which has increased public confidence in reporting such crimes.

We view an increase in reports as a positive thing as there has been so much under-reporting in the past.

We are committed to effectively tackling hate crime, which can have a devastating impact upon its victims, and will investigate all crimes driven by prejudice, such as race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender and disability.

We will continue to work with all communities to encourage the victims of hate crime to report such crimes to increase confidence and improve on our existing good record of detection. By sharing intelligence and using it to target patrols and be visible in the right place, at the right time, we deter antisocial behaviour.

We also know that intervening early and dealing robustly with situations has the same effect.

Objectives:

- Reduce the number of antisocial behaviour incidents
- Increase the detection rate for hate crime

Priority – Tackling Substance Misuse

We understand that there is a strong link between alcohol and drug misuse and crime and disorder.

You tell us that the sale and supply of drugs severely impact on the quality of life of individuals and communities. Drug misuse is well researched and documented as a serious blight on all communities. Alcohol misuse is similarly harmful and the fact that alcohol consumption is legal and socially acceptable in our communities actually increases the burden on policing and widens the spread of its negative effects. We see the effects of this every weekend.

It is clear that drugs and alcohol are cross cutting issues, in that they are a causal factor in a high percentage of crime. As such we will seek to reduce the impact of drugs and alcohol abuse on individuals, families and the communities.

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We will work to focus policing resources on targeting the criminals who supply drugs and work in partnership with others to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs.

We will continue to work in partnership with and support:

- Mid and East Lothian Drug and Alcohol Partnership (MELDAP)
- PubWatch
- Best Bar None
- East Lothian Licensing Board

to prevent drug and alcohol misuse through effective early intervention, raising awareness and enforcement.

Information from the public plays a key role in helping the police and other agencies build an accurate picture of drug-related activity in certain areas.

We proactively share information and intelligence to task and coordinate resources and change trends.

We will continue to work hard at maintaining the good level of success in recovering drugs and the proceeds of drug dealing that we have had in previous years.

If not managed properly licensed premises can be the cause of a great deal of harm in the community.

We will work with the East Lothian Licensing Board to monitor premises and report any concerns.

Objectives:

- Tackle the problem of misuse of drugs by Increasing the proportion of positive stop and searches for drugs
- Increase the number of licensed premises visits (on/off sales premises)

Priority – Reducing Violence

We recognise that violence has a negative impact on the health and well being of victims and communities in East Lothian.

You have told us that violent crime remains one of your top priorities. The use of weapons makes violent acts that much worse and there is no excuse for going out armed with a weapon such as a knife. If you are prepared to carry it, you are prepared to use it.

Public space violence will be tackled through effective tasking and patrolling of identified hot spots and being visible, thereby deterring people from being violent. By working in partnership and using mechanisms such as:

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- Intelligence led initiatives targeting violent offenders
- “Campaign Against Violence” - non-operational officers go operational once a month, for a day of action on violent offenders
- Divisional Violence Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating Group (MATAC)
- East Lothian Partnership Violence MATAC

We will co-ordinate prevention activity for weapons will focus on an increase in stop and searches for weapons.

Objectives:

- Reduce the level of violent crime
- Increase the proportion of positive stop and searches for offensive weapons

Priority – Protecting People

We are committed to keeping people safe.

We have a lot of experience of vulnerable people targeted in many ways and sometimes identifying negative activity and keeping people safe can be complex and challenging. Many criminals seek out and target vulnerable people or someone close takes advantage of a vulnerability to seek gain for themselves. It is important that members of the community understand this and voice their concerns about any suspicions they may have.

We have introduced multi-agency focus groups intended to deal with the highest risk domestic abuse cases. One group looks specifically at the risk posed by the perpetrator and what measures can be taken to manage that risk (Divisional Domestic Violence MATAC), a separate dedicated group (Domestic Violence Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) looks at the victims’ circumstances and what support mechanisms and safety measures can be put in place to help them. These groups have been greatly beneficial in helping design bespoke support packages for victims and in developing ways of managing those who pose the greatest risk of continuing to commit domestic abuse.

We know that females are the victims in a disproportionate number of domestic abuse incidents. Whilst recognising that there are also male victims in these crimes we will continue to support the Mid and East Lothian Violence Against Women Partnership raising awareness of domestic violence and supporting victims.

We also support groups such as Mid and East Lothian Women’s Aid and Rape Crisis.

We have learned that because of the specialist nature of investigating these crimes they require specialist units. Divisional Domestic Violence MATAC and Partnership Domestic Violence MATAC consider how to deal with repeat

offenders. The Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit target the perpetrators of serious and complex domestic abuse cases and provide early and effective support to victims and their families. The Rape Investigation Unit will continue to deliver a victim centred approach in partnership and place victim welfare and support at the forefront of the investigation.

The joint commissioning of a Public Protection Unit for East Lothian provides a potential for integrating services. It aims to support more efficient joint working by bringing together staff across services to reduce harm to vulnerable children, young people and adults. The police in East Lothian are committed to being an integral and active contributor to this area of business.

Objectives:

- Increase detection rates for crimes of domestic abuse to at least 75%
- Ensure 95% of Domestic Abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a proscribed timeframe (24 hours)
- Increase the detection rate for sexual offences

Priority – Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

We recognise that serious and organised crime cuts across several other issues such as drugs, violence and theft.

Serious organised crime has far reaching consequences that affect a large proportion of society and the economy. Those involved have spread their activity into an increased variety of criminal enterprises including illegal drugs, money laundering, fraud, human trafficking, fake goods, and Internet crime.

A drug supply network is one example that affects every community. Not only does it increase antisocial behaviour, violence and create health hazards such as discarded needles; it puts a further burden on the Health Service in the form of addiction programmes and the associated health problems of users.

Scottish Government through its 'Letting our Communities Flourish' strategy have set four objectives through which serious and organised crime should be tackled

- Detect crimes and offences committed by serious and organised crime groups
- Divert individuals, particularly young people, from engaging in or using the products of serious organised crime
- Disrupt the activities of serious organised crime groups who pose the greatest risk, threat and harm to our communities
- Deter serious organised crime by implementing measures to protect communities, businesses and the public sector.

We will tackle serious and organised crime groups in East Lothian at all levels to disrupt their activities.

We will work with partners to pool intelligence and detect those committing crimes and support those who may have chosen to reoffend but can be deterred and directed to other activities.

Objectives:

- Increase the number of cash seizures and restraints through the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) legislation
- Increase the number of people detected for supplying drugs

Priority – Making our Roads Safer

We understand that making roads safer in East Lothian has a number of different aspects to it.

We know there is often a perception that country roads are safer as the environment is less busy. However, a recent survey revealed that two out of three motoring deaths happen on country roads. Main roads and dual carriageways must be treated with care, as the speeds travelled are that much greater.

Some of the most common mistakes are:

- High speed overtaking
- Overtaking on bends
- Driving poorly on bends in general

We will continue preventative work in partnership with Scottish Government, East Lothian Council and Road Safety Organisations.

We will support intelligence led initiatives, reassure communities affected by serious road traffic collisions; support and rehabilitate offenders and support victims of serious road traffic collisions.

We will target young drivers with prevention activity through initiatives such as “2MRO's DRIVER”; this is an annual intervention targeted at S6 students.

We know from research that a large proportion of those involved in road accidents have alcohol or drugs in their system. We will continue to increase the number of people detected for drunk/drug driving with preventative patrolling and vehicle stops.

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 dangerous driving

Priority – Reducing Housebreaking

We know that housebreaking is an extremely personal crime, which can have not only a financial, but also an emotional impact on individuals, families and businesses.

It can leave victims with a feeling of violation or intrusion, which can be long lasting and we recognise the significant impact that this type of crime can have on our local communities.

Our recent analysis has confirmed an increase in housebreaking across East Lothian. This is a concerning development and confirms the need to prioritise these crimes. It is likely that the current economic challenges facing our communities may well be contributing to an increase in domestic housebreaking.

We will endeavour to heighten public awareness to achieve a reduction in the risk of them becoming a victim of this type of crime.

We will also work with residents and local businesses to ‘target harden’ through crime prevention surveys encouraging people to make their property as secure as possible, which deters criminals.

We have introduced dedicated resources to investigate housebreaking through ‘Operation RAC’ – Reduce And Capture. These experienced officers thoroughly investigate all housebreaking crimes, which has led to a significant increase in our rate of detection.

We will, however, continue to undertake intelligence gathering, analysis on criminals and crime patterns and to deploy specific police patrols and increase visibility to minimise opportunities for thefts to occur.

We have also undertaken work in order to limit opportunities for the sale of stolen property engaging with second hand dealers and will continue disrupt the supply chain exploited by criminals.

Objectives:

- Reduce the number of thefts by housebreaking at domestic properties
- Increase our detection rate for crimes of housebreaking

4. How we identified our Priorities and Objectives

Police Scotland has carried out an extensive national public consultation exercise. We have used the results of this consultation to determine our priorities and objectives. East Lothian Council has produced a profile of the county from a wide range of available data and this too, has been fed into the process.

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In addition, throughout 2013 we consulted with people from across East Lothian about the issues that were of greatest concern to them. These consultation results made a critical contribution to identifying issues for local communities and these have been translated into the key policing priorities for East Lothian.

We have:

- Consulted with all East Lothian Ward Councillors and Chairs of Community Councils - consultation based on National Police Scotland Questionnaire
- Consulted face-to-face with local people at Street Surgeries (Operation Ether)
- Assisted in the creation of the East Lothian Partnership - the overarching partnership for this area. ELP brings together public services, the third sector, the business community, and community organisations to deliver the aims of the Single Outcome Agreement.
- Supported the East Lothian Safe & Vibrant Communities Partnership – community safety sub-group of the East Lothian Partnership.
- Consulted with the public via Community and Police Partnership Meetings (CAPP) - Monthly meetings held with the seven East Lothian Wards. Community groups provide three priority tasks to police each month. These are reported back as 'You said – we did – we have achieved'
- Held a Tenants and Residents Structured Debrief on what matters to them in their communities – trained National debriefer conducted session with representatives from 7 x wards within East Lothian
- Engaged with black and ethnic minorities working in retail businesses in East Lothian - throughout November, Safer Communities officers carried out interviews with owners of businesses (2 per ward in East Lothian).
- Supported the East Lothian Partnership Community Safety TAC – regular management, tasking and coordination meeting to minimise risk relating to violence, antisocial behaviour & crime.

The priorities identified in this plan have been identified through assessment of current trends in community planning, emerging issues and priority areas of concern. Appendix A lists the outcomes of the East Lothian Partnership Single Outcome Agreement. These are issues that need a high-level multi agency response to ensure the maximum benefit to communities and individuals.

Information collected on a Ward basis has been used to create Ward priorities and will be reflected in the Multi Member Ward Plans. The priorities are reproduced in Appendix B of this Report.

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 East Lothian.

The Command Area of East Lothian serves 96,100 local residents along 40 miles of coastline and in an area covering 262 square miles. The policing headquarters sit in the historic market town of Haddington with the community policing teams covering Musselburgh in the west to Dunbar and the surrounding area in the east.

Although the area is better known for its idyllic countryside and farming, there are important links to tourism and local industry, including fishing and golf. In overall command of the policing in East Lothian is the Local Police Commander who has responsibility for the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division which includes West, Mid and East Lothian and the Scottish Borders.

The Local Area Commander Chief Inspector Colin Brown is based at Haddington. He is responsible for performance management, community engagement, partnership working and the daily management of local personnel. He is also responsible for delivering the outcomes of the Local Police Plan.

The Policing Plans will be delivered by identifiable officers located in each geographic community, continuing engagement with the communities adopting a shared partnership problem-solving approach to dealing with issues, primarily through CAPP (Community and Police Partnership) public meetings.

Uniformed officers are engaged in community policing and response roles, additional funded officers form part of the joint partnership East Lothian Community Policing Team and Musselburgh, Tranent and Prestonpans Community Policing Teams.

East Lothian Area Command benefits from the strong support of East Lothian Council who provide funding for 2 community sergeants, 10 community police officers and 1 Anti-Social Behaviour officer, supported by, 1 Statistics and Information officer and 1 Administration support officer.

The five teams of Response officers each have an identified Inspector and two sergeants and local Community Policing Teams are managed through two Community based Inspectors and two Community Sergeants. A Criminal Investigation Department and other specialist units support these resources. The National Trunk Road Policing Unit are responsible for the A1 and there is

additional Traffic resources allocated to the remaining country roads in East Lothian.

Further information on National, Regional and Local resources are detailed in Appendix C.

The local Community Policing Team will make sure you know who they are and how you can contact them. They will be visible and accessible in your communities, working first and foremost on community priorities. They will arrange regular community meetings, work with you to identify local concerns and work with others to solve these problems. They will regularly update you with progress made.

We recognise the results of the recent public consultation process and are committed to ensuring concerns such as anti-social behaviour, parking offences, substance abuse and litter are tackled and addressed effectively through the seven Multi-Member Ward plans. Police will listen, investigate and act upon community concerns through engagement in the new Area Partnerships, Community and Police Partnerships (CAPPs) and Community Council Meetings.

Individual Multi Member Ward Plans are available at <http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/east-lothian/>

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 East Lothian can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the area.

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 Governments National Outcomes as follows:

The priorities in this plan will be reflected in the Single Outcome Agreement for East Lothian, which will also include a range of indicators and targets focused on delivering improved services. The police will commit to being contributors in all ten East Lothian Partnership Outcomes, providing extra focus on ensuring 'East Lothian is an even safer place' (detailed in appendix A), thus ensuring we perform an active role in achieving the over arching priority: 'to reduce inequalities both within and between our communities'.

Priority	Strategic Policing Priorities	National Outcomes
Antisocial Behaviour	Priority 1,2,4	Outcomes 5,8,9,11,13
Substance Misuse	Priority 1,2,4	Outcomes 7,8,9,11
Violence	Priority 1,2,4	Outcomes 5,7,8,9,11
Protecting People	Priority 1,2,3,4	Outcomes 5,7,8,9,11,13,16
Serious and Organised Crime	Priority 1,2,4	Outcomes 9,11,13
Road Safety	Priority 1,2,4	Outcomes 9,11
Housebreaking	Priority 1,2,3,4	Outcomes 5,7,8,9,11,13,16

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

7. Performances and Accountability

To support this plan Police Scotland has developed 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 out key priorities and objectives as set out in this plan.

Information regarding our performance will be available to the public on our website www.scotland.police.uk and will also be available via the East Lothian Council website <http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/>

8. Local Scrutiny and Engagement

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 includes a framework for local scrutiny and engagement arrangements between local authorities and the police service.

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In East Lothian, every six months, a Performance Report is submitted to quarterly full Council Meetings and the Local Police Commander is available to answer any questions on the report. A performance report is also submitted to the East Lothian Safe & Vibrant Communities Partnership where scrutiny of community engagement and performance takes place. The performance report contains crime statistics on all priorities detailed within this plan, and as a consequence, elected members and relevant partnership members will be able to compare year to date figures (YTD) against previous year to date (PYTD) figures to ensure there is an improvement in performance. The Local Police Commander and the Local Area Commander support this partnership.

Robust monitoring and reporting processes are instrumental in ensuring that the East Lothian Local Policing Area remains on track to deliver against local objectives within the resources available.

We have also made significant effort to ensure we are accessible to all and will continue to do so. We have good relationships with all Community Councils across East Lothian and CAPPs (Community and Police Partnerships) and ensure there is a police presence, with knowledge of local issues, whenever they meet.

East Lothian has an extensive network of Voluntary Organisations with whom we also work. We recognise the importance of the third sector and the impact they have in East Lothian and make efforts to work alongside and support them where we can. STRiVE is the central co-ordination point with which we have most regular contact.

We also have regular and constructive contact with a large number of other interest groups representative of communities within and across East Lothian. Mid and East Lothian Drug and Alcohol Partnership, Disability Access Panel, Edinburgh and Lothians Race Equality Council, Recharge and The Bridge Project are only a few but give a flavour of the broad nature of the groups and the people they represent.

East Lothian Partnership has identified that sharing assets and transferring resources is a priority for transforming the way services are delivered. Positive examples of this include a Total Place approach in the Musselburgh locality. The police in East Lothian are committed to this area of business and are engaging and contributing to the development of this key outcome.

Our continued involvement, support and engagement with all communities across East Lothian enables us to understand community concerns and reflect them in what we do. Regular contact also allows people the opportunity to challenge us on our performance contributing to the local scrutiny and engagement process.

9. Equalities

The Equality Act 2010 creates a requirement for all public bodies to achieve equality outcomes and this is reflected in this plan. More specifically we are

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committed to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010; to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not; and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

It is essential that we respond appropriately to the needs of the communities of East Lothian and ensure that our policies, procedures and practices recognise their diverse nature. All our work is underpinned by our commitment to equality and diversity, in our dealings with the public generally, the communities we serve and our own staff.

Measures of satisfaction from public perception surveys will be used when examining performance and all policies, procedures and practices will be Equality Impact Assessed.

We will work locally towards achieving the following National Outcomes:

- 1. That people in East Lothian better recognise hate crimes and incidents and feel confident in reporting them.**
2. That individuals with, and across, protected groups feel safe and secure within their local community.
- 3. That victims of gender-based violence are safer and are confident that the police in East Lothian are responsive to their needs.**
4. That people from, and across, protected groups are meaningfully engaged with and their views contribute to service improvements.
5. That everyone in Scotland is able to contact the police when they require our assistance and this experience is positive.
6. That we have a workforce that is reflective of our communities to increase trust and confidence in the police.
7. That we have a workplace where people feel valued and are encouraged to maximise their potential to ensure the most efficient and effective service is delivered.

We have consulted with local communities in East Lothian and we will make National Outcomes 1 and 3 even greater priorities.

9. Local Contact Details:

Haddington Police Station,
39-41 Court Street,
Haddington,
EH41 3AE

Telephone number

Single Non Emergency Number
101

Email

For all non-emergency issues or enquiries relating to Police business, you can contact us via:

EastLothianLPP@scotland.pnn.police.uk

This group email address is provided for you to discuss non-urgent local policing issues. It should not be used to report a crime or incident.

For 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

We are here to help

We will continue to keep in touch with you to keep you updated on the ongoing work being carried out to tackle the issues that are affecting life for you in West Lothian.

- 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.

Appendix A- East Lothian Partnership Single Outcome Agreement Outcomes:

Outcome 7 – East Lothian is an even safer place

- Communities experience less anti-social behaviour
- People experience less hate crime
- People experience less domestic violence at home and elsewhere
- Fewer people re-offend
- There are fewer collisions, casualties and deaths on our roads

Appendix B- Local Consultation Results

The priorities for the seven Multi Member Wards were identified during our most recent consultation.

Ward 1- Musselburgh West

Priority 1 - Substance Misuse
Priority 2 - Road Safety (Speeding and inconsiderate parking)
Priority 3 - Antisocial Behaviour
Priority 4 - Theft

Ward 2 - Musselburgh East and Carberry

Priority 1 - Antisocial Behaviour/Violence
Priority 2 - Road Safety (Speeding/ASB Driving)
Priority 3 - Substance Misuse
Priority 4 - Theft

Ward 3 - Preston/Seton/Gosford

Priority 1 - Substance Misuse
Priority 2 - Antisocial Behaviour
Priority 3 - Road Safety (Speeding and inconsiderate parking)
Priority 4 - Housebreaking

Ward 4 - Fa'side

Priority 1 - Antisocial Behaviour
Priority 2 - Road Safety (Speeding and inconsiderate parking)
Priority 3 - Substance Misuse
Priority 4 - Theft

Ward 5 - North Berwick Coastal

Priority 1 - Road Safety (Speeding and inconsiderate parking)
Priority 2 - Antisocial Behaviour
Priority 3 - Substance Misuse
Priority 4 – Theft

Ward 6 - Haddington and Lammermuir

Priority 1 - Antisocial Behaviour
Priority 2 - Road Safety (Speeding and inconsiderate parking)
Priority 3 – Substance Misuse
Priority 4 - Litter

Ward 7 - Dunbar and East Linton

Priority 1 - Road Safety (Speeding in rural areas and inconsiderate parking)
Priority 2 - Antisocial Behaviour
Priority 3 – Litter
Priority 4 – Theft

Appendix C – Police Officer Resource Levels J Division

The information contained within this appendix highlights the national, regional and local police officer posts available to the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division (J Division) to keep people safe.

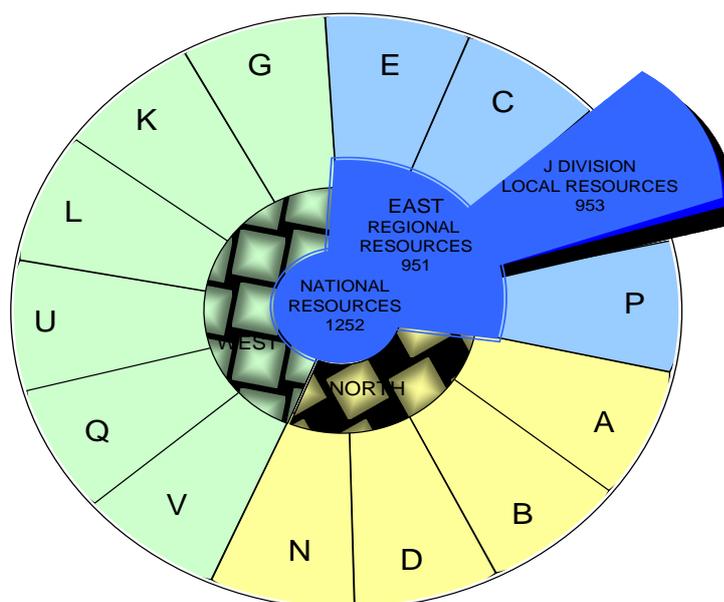
Local policing is at the heart of Police Scotland and the creation of a single policing service has allowed us to create a demand led policing service that protects and enhances local policing for our communities. It also provides equal access to specialist resources, whether that is specialist police officers or equipment, no matter where or when the demand.

Under a single policing service we now allocate and operate our police officer posts over three tiers – local, regional and national. This ensures we have a core complement of officers dedicated locally to community and response policing who can then draw in specialist expertise and resources wherever and whenever they are needed. It means we have the right people in the right place at the right time to keep people safe and meet the needs of communities. Local communities and local officers get specialist support wherever and whenever they need it.

Given the changes to the overall structure of policing in Scotland and the improvements in accessibility and availability of specialist resources under the new single service, it would be inaccurate to simply compare resource information from the legacy force arrangements with the present without the context provided as part of this briefing.

Divisional Policing

For the Lothians and Scottish Borders division there are 3,156 available police officer resources. The diagram represents the availability of resources for the division.



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Local police officer resources are the core compliment of officers under the direction of the Local Police Commander and include community policing, response policing and divisional road policing teams. In the Lothians and Scottish Borders division, there are 913 officers delivering response and community policing.

The Divisional Road Policing Unit contains a further 40 officers taking the total local resource compliment to 953.

Included in the local resource figures are officers within the Divisional Criminal Investigation Department and Public Protection Units. This includes specialised officers attached to Divisional Rape Investigation Units, Domestic Abuse Investigation Units and Divisional Violence Reduction Units.

Specialist resources at a regional and national level, which each Local Police Commander has access to supplements local police officer resources.

Regionally, there are 951 officers providing specialist support such as Major Investigation Teams and Armed Policing Units to local policing divisions within the East Command area. Nationally, there are a further 1252 resources available including specialist crime resources such as the National Rape Investigation Unit and Human Trafficking Unit and operational support resources such as Air Support and Mounted Unit.

As well as these specialist resources, the division can also request additional support to police large scale events or major incidents.

Specialist Resources:-

The following outlines the regional and national resources available to the division.

Regional

Specialist Crime Division: Major Investigation Teams, Forensic Gateways, E – Crime, Financial Investigations, Serious and Organised Crime Units, Counter Terrorism Units, Offender Management, Border Policing Command, Technical Support Unit and Interventions.

Operational Support: Event and Emergency Planning, VIP Planning, Armed Policing Training, Road Policing Management & Policy, Armed Policing, Dogs, Trunk Roads Policing Group and Operational Support Units.

Custody: Regional Custody Teams.

Contact, Command and Control: Area Control Rooms and Service Centres.

National

Specialist Crime Division: National Intelligence Bureau, Homicide Governance and Review, Prison Intelligence Unit, Human Trafficking Unit, National Rape Investigation, National Rape Review, Fugitive Unit and Scottish

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Protected Persons Unit, International Unit, HOLMES, Safer Communities Citizen Focus, Preventions and Interventions, and Strategic Partnerships.

Operational Support: Scottish Police Information and Coordination Centre, Intelligence, Specialist Operations Training, Air Support, Dive/Marine Unit, Football Co-ordination Unit, Mounted Unit, Mountain Rescue, Motorcycle Unit.

Custody: Area Command, Support.

Contact, Command and Control: Incident Management, Service Overview.