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Dear Councillor

UPDATE TO PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Following questions from Members at Committee on 23 February the following updates are provided:

DRINK/DRUG DRIVING STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN

The total figure for 'Drink/Drug Driving' during the period April-September 2021 was 247 for Aberdeen City. The table below provides the breakdown of that overall figure into the separate charge codes used by Police Scotland.

April – September 2021	Aberdeen City
Driving motor vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit	118
Driving motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs	15
In charge of motor vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit	4
In charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs	3
Driving motor vehicle with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit	50
In charge of motor vehicle with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit	6

The remaining 51 cases were instances where the subject has failed to provide a specimen of breath, blood or urine in terms of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

OPERATION ARMOUR

During the pandemic there was a significant increase in the purchase and use of pedal cycles as a preferred mode of transport and leisure activity. Unfortunately this also resulted in an increase in Thefts.

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The trend of increase over the spring and summer months, the geographic spread and often opportunistic nature of this type of crime makes it a difficult area to make a positive impact without a dedicated resource and focused effort. A team based at Seaton Police Office under Operation Armour has been drawn from Community Policing Teams and CID. This is a City wide operation, although traditionally the 'hot-spots' have been within Kittybrewster, Seaton, West End and City Centre community policing boundaries.

Operation Armour centres on the reduction in reported thefts and increase in detection rates of pedal cycles in Aberdeen City. This annual operation traditionally targeted anti-social use of motor cycles, but thankfully the demand for these type of incidents has diminished and as such the focus moved towards acquisitive pedal cycle crime. This will be subject to ongoing review and if deemed necessary, Operation Armour will expand its remit to include auto-crime.

Recommendations and learning from previous years has been adopted and will shape the remit and policing model for the 2022 version.

The scheduled duration of the operation will be 4 April - 25 September, with ongoing monitoring and review to ensure the demand exists and effectiveness of the initiative.

Although the main focus is on pedal cycles, the pro-active nature of the operation will see Operation Armour Officers involved in enforcement activity around auto-crime and drug dealing activity and any other pro-active criminality. They will work in tandem with the existing CID Pro-Active Unit.

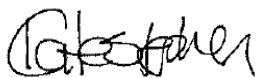
Enhanced involvement with Crime Reduction Officers will be undertaken to ensure the preventative strand of the operation contributes to performance and encourages personal responsibility for security and creative ideas to minimise the threat of opportunist criminals.

Operation Armour will work closely with partners, including Aberdeen City Council, educational establishments and social landlords in providing security advice, diversionary measures and will utilise Anti-Social Behaviour legislation to deter offenders when appropriate.

A communications strategy will ensure positive coverage of the initiative on various media platforms. The results from the operation will form part of the media strategy.

I trust this information is of assistance, should you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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