

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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REPORT TITLE	Aberdeen City Road Policing
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide information to the Committee in relation to the role and core functions of the Road Policing Unit in North East Division.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That the Committee discuss, comment on and endorse the report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Road Safety and Road Crime are priorities for Police Scotland. Road Policing is a front-line Policing function that is founded on the principles of Road Casualty Reduction. In addition to this, Road Policing is also concerned with deterring offenders, detecting all types of criminality on the road, thereby impacting positively on the use of the roads by criminals and addressing those driver behaviours that affect the safety and wellbeing of all road users.

3.2 COMMAND STRUCTURE

- 3.3 Road Policing is divided nationally into three Command areas; North, East and West.
- 3.4 The Command Team comprises of a Chief Superintendent and Superintendent, based at Stirling and Inverurie respectively. The Superintendent (Operations) is supported within each Command Area by a Chief Inspector (North Area Command being based at Inverurie).
- 3.5 The tactical and operational lead for the Divisional Road Policing Unit (DRPU) in the North East is the responsibility of one Inspector, supported by a team of Sergeants and Constables located at each of the operating bases; Inverurie, Elgin and Mintlaw. DRPU Constables are distributed across each of the operating bases, with Inverurie being the main operating base within the North East.

3.6 DIVISIONAL ROAD POLICING UNIT (DRPU)

- 3.7 Policing of the roads is the responsibility of all operational officers and specialist Road Policing support is provided to the Local Policing Commanders, at both national and local levels.
- 3.8 The DRPU are entrenched within each Territorial Division and provide support within, and to, the local community.
- 3.9 The DRPU are primarily responsible for all aspects of policing on all roads, irrespective of classification, across the North East.
- 3.10 A pool of specialist motorcycle officers are based at Inverurie. As well as performing a core Road Policing patrol function, these officers also have the capability to undertake specialist escort duties and other support functions. Additional motorcycle support can also be provided nationally.

3.11 SPECIALIST ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.12 Each Road Policing Officer will, during their time within the Division, attend 'Core' training courses at the Scottish Police College. These courses are designed to enhance the officers skill set in order to allow them to perform a specialist role in conjunction with their day-to-day operational duties. This training encompasses specialist roles such as; Collision Investigation, Police Advanced Driving/Instruction, Pursuit Management Training, Prohibition of Vehicles, Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) Tachograph Analysis, to name a few.

3.13 As well as utilising these skill sets in an operational environment, these specialist skills enhance the Officer's abilities when investigating all fatal injury collisions.

3.14 TACTICAL PLANS AND RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT

3.15 Each DRPU produces an annual Tactical Plan which covers their respective area. Plans are developed in conjunction with and approved by the Local Policing Commander, in line with their locally identified priorities. Tactical Plans contain bespoke prevention and detection activity that is relevant to each area. Local Weekly Action Plans are produced and published by the DRPU in support of issues identified within the Tactical Plan.

3.16 Local weekly Action Plans are fundamentally linked with the needs and operational requirements of the local Community Policing Teams (CPT's) ensuring that road safety is a priority for all. This work is captured under the auspices of Operation CEDaR. One example is where primary school children in the Tillydrone, Seaton and Woodside areas of the City, in conjunction with the CPTs, carry out high visibility 'speed check' activity educating drivers around the dangers of inappropriate speed outside schools.

3.17 Analytical data, in respect of Killed and Seriously Injured collisions (KSI's), is used to identify priority routes. In doing so, it enables operational resources to be deployed to relevant key areas at key times. This high visibility presence maintains our focus on influencing driver and road user behaviour; the ultimate aim being to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on North East roads.

3.18 Action Plans also address emerging local issues and community concerns.

3.19 In addition to the Road Safety enforcement and education work carried out, Road Policing officers are also heavily involved in the seizure of drugs, the recovery of stolen vehicles and other similar crimes thereby ensuring maximum disruption is caused to criminal activity on the road network. All of which is paramount to keeping people safe.

3.20 WORKING WITH PARTNERS

3.21 Partnership working is the key to ensuring enhanced service delivery, achieving the maximum impact through the coordinated efforts of the various agencies.

3.22 In line with the Tactical and Weekly Action Plans, the DRPU routinely link in with partner agencies: the Local Authority, North East Scotland Road Casualty Reduction (NESRCR), Driver and Vehicle Licence Agency (DVSA),

Safety Camera Unit (SCU), Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and local media outlets. In doing so, this maximises our operational potential by allowing us to tap into and share the wealth of knowledge available.

- 3.23 The ability to share specialist knowledge with partner agencies is crucial to enhance understanding and reach conclusions. This information sharing is vital during the investigation of every fatal injury collision with consultation between the Police and the Local Authorities undertaken in order to review the circumstances, share any learning and address any identified issues.

3.24 CONCLUSION

- 3.25 This report informs the Committee of the structure, core function and deployment of Road Policing resources across the North East in line with Local Tactical Plans and the strategic intentions of Police Scotland in addressing Road Safety and Road Crime.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	Risk	Low (L), Medium (M), High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	N/A		
Legal	N/A		
Employee	N/A		
Customer	N/A		
Environment	N/A		

Technology	N/A		
Reputational	N/A		

7. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous People	Police Scotland are key partners within Community Planning Aberdeen and help contribute to the shared vision for 2026 that ' <i>Aberdeen is a place where all people can prosper</i> ' and towards the achievement of the LOIP theme which aims to make people more resilient and protect them from harm; where every child, irrespective of their circumstances, is supported to grow, develop and reach their full potential; and where all people in Aberdeen are entitled to live within our community in a manner in which they feel safe and protected from harm, supported when necessary and fully included in the life of the city.
Prosperous Place	Police Scotland are key partners within Community Planning Aberdeen and help contribute to the shared vision for 2026 that ' <i>Aberdeen is a place where all people can prosper</i> ' and towards the achievement of the LOIP theme which aims to support individuals and communities to live in healthy, sustainable ways; and the development of sustainable communities with strong and resilient communities.

Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Governance	The Council has an oversight role of the North East Division of Police Scotland in terms of its performance and delivery of the Local Police Plan.
Partnerships and Alliances	The Council and Police Scotland are Community Planning Aberdeen partners with a shared commitment to deliver the LOIP.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	<i>Not required</i>
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<i>Not required</i>
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	<i>Not applicable</i>

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

10. APPENDICES (if applicable)

N/A

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