



REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE ON 3 FEBRUARY 2015

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SAFETY & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
STRATEGY PERFORMANCE - Q1 & Q2 2014/15**

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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides Committee with an update of Community Safety & Antisocial Behaviour Strategy performance for the first half of 2014/15 and also provides an update on actions undertaken by Community Safety Groups in relation to tackling Community Safety priorities.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III H(14) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the developing and monitoring of the Council's Performance Management Framework for the Communities Services and Section III H(15) relating to contributing to public performance reporting.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) welcomes performance against indicators noted as performing well; and**
- (ii) notes the measures and activity being undertaken in relation to those requiring action.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) comprises The Moray Council, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Police Scotland, and NHS Grampian. On 23 April 2013 this Committee approved the Community Safety & Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2013-16 (paragraph 13 of the minute refers). The Strategy sets out the business plans for the CSP and the performance framework. Performance against the outcomes and actions of the Strategy will be reported to this Committee.

- 3.2 Information is provided by all partners and a detailed analysis is conducted to ensure activity is targeted correctly at emerging issues and concerns. This analysis is reported, discussed and reviewed monthly with all partners.

4. **SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE**

- 4.1 Performance for Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour are presented across 6 areas and currently involves 64 indicators (**APPENDIX 1**). Performance up to the end of September 2014 has 8 indicators regarded as performing well, 1 requires to be closely monitored, 3 require action if the target is to be met and 52 are data only or unknown at this time.

	Number of Pls	Green Performing well	Amber Close Monitoring	Red Action Required	Annual/Data Only/ Not Known
Community Safety Partnership	5	0	0	0	5
Antisocial Behaviour	8	3	1	3	1
Road Safety	7	0	0	0	7
Fire & Home Safety	30	0	0	0	30
Violence Reduction	9	5	0	0	4
Alcohol & Drug Reduction*	5	0	0	0	5
Total	64	8	1	3	52
Q2 total	12	67%	8%	25%	

5 **AREAS OF GOOD PERFORMANCE**

Antisocial Behaviour

- 5.1 CECP004 Total Number of Incidents of Rowdy Behaviour – During the first half of 2014/15, 105 incidents of Rowdy Behaviour were recorded in Moray against a target of 202. When compared to the same period last year, the number of incidents have decreased by 86 (45%) from 191 to 105.
- 5.2 Rowdy Behaviour covers those charged with Breach of the Peace, Urinating in Public and being Drunk & Incapable. Historically, the highest number of incidents are recorded on Elgin's High Street due to its close proximity to various licensed premises. During the summer of 2014, the Community Safety partnership organised a Safer Streets campaign that was held during the hours of 2330hrs and 0330hrs every weekend between 5 July and 9 August. This involved taxi marshalls, anti-violence posters in all licensed premises in the High Street area and radio adverts. Due to commitments to Policing the Commonwealth Games, extra police patrols were not possible.

During the 2014 initiative, 3 fixed penalty notices were issued for Rowdy Behaviour in the Elgin High Street area compared to 5 in the same period in 2013 when no initiative took place. Just like in 2013 however, all involved had been drinking.

- 5.3 CECP014 Number of incidents of Litter – During the first half of 2014/15, there were 46 reported incidents of litter against a target of 78. When compared to the same period last year, incidents of litter have decreased by 44 (48%) from 90 to 46.
- 5.4 Issues with litter in Moray have been targeted in a number of ways during the first half of 2014/15. A 'Let's Tidy up Moray' campaign took place in April/May with local communities undertaking a number of litter picks in their area with assistance from Environmental Protection and the Community Warden team.
- 5.5 The problem of litter on a number of Moray beaches was targeted as part of a Clean Coastline initiative. For this, the Community Warden team, along with colleagues from Environmental Protection and members of local community councils held several beach litter clean ups. This was followed by patrols of local beaches and surrounding public areas.
- 5.6 Following increasing concerns from community groups regarding the amount of discarded cigarette packets and ends, a campaign specifically targeting this problem was held throughout Moray in September. This campaign was split into two elements, with the first week focused on education and the second focusing on enforcement. During this campaign, 60 people were spoken to, 28 were warned and 2 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for dropping cigarette ends.

Antisocial Behaviour/Alcohol & Drug Reduction

- 5.7 CECP066 Number of offences of Drinking in a Public Place (includes underage drinking) – During the first half of 2014/15, there were 6 offences of Drinking in a Public Place in Moray against a target of 11. When compared to the same period last year, incidents have decreased by 9 (60%) from 15 to 6.
- 5.8 Police Scotland and Community Wardens target areas where drinking in a public place has been reported with high visibility patrols. Operation Avons have also continued in areas where underage drinking is a problem or where youths are known to congregate. During the first half of 2014/15, a total of 19 Operation Avons were held throughout Moray and partner agencies (Police Scotland, Community Wardens, Youth Workers, Moray Youth Justice and the NHS), engaged with approximately 495 young people. 11 were found to be under the influence of alcohol and 29 were subsequently sent an Early Intervention letter offering support and help regards to alcohol consumption should it be required.

Violence Reduction – Domestic Abuse will reduce

- 5.9 CECP097 Number of incidences of Domestic Abuse – During the first half of 2014/15, 328 incidents of Domestic Abuse were recorded against a target of

338. When compared to the same period last year, incidents have increased by 23 (8%) from 305 to 328 but remain within target.

- 5.10 CECP098a Number of incidences of Domestic Abuse involving alcohol (victim) – During the first half of 2014/2015, 60 Domestic Abuse incidents involved the victim being under the influence of alcohol against a target of 98. When compared to the same period last year, incidents have decreased by 7 (10%) from 67 to 60.
- 5.11 CECP098b Number of incidences of Domestic Abuse involving alcohol (perpetrator). During the first half of 2014/2015, 109 Domestic Abuse incidents involved the perpetrator being under the influence of alcohol against a target of 146. When compared to the same period last year, incidents have increased slightly by 6 (6%) from 103 to 109 but remain within target.
- 5.12 The Domestic Abuse Partnership continues to bring together various agencies to tackle incidents of Domestic Abuse and work is also almost complete on a Domestic Abuse Strategy that aims to set out what actions will be taken to ensure incidents are dealt with correctly. Tackling domestic abuse is also noted as a continuing priority for Police within the Moray Local Policing Plan 2014-17, with Police aiming to proactively target dangerous offenders while protecting and supporting victims.
- 5.13 During the first half of 2014/15, three days of action were held involving all partners and support agencies. These action days targeted the perpetrators of Domestic Abuse and, to promote responsible drinking and address any issues with alcohol, custodies were spoken to regarding their alcohol consumption and referred to Studio 8 if appropriate. Victims were also spoken to and made aware of the support available to them.

Violence Reduction – The risk of violence will reduce

- 5.14 CECP103 Number of Recorded Incidents of Serious Assault – During the first half of 2014/15, 15 Serious Assaults were recorded against a target of 16. When compared to the same period last year, incidents have increased by 4 (47%) from 11 to 15 but remain within target.
- 5.15 CECP104 Number of Recorded Incidents of Common Assault – During the first half of 2014/15, 462 Common Assaults were recorded against a target of 478. When compared to the same period last year, incidents have decreased by 35 (7%) from 497 to 462.
- 5.16 As stated within the Moray Local Policing Plan 2014-17, reducing violence remains a priority for Police Scotland and is the focus of a dedicated alcohol and violence reduction unit. The Safer Streets campaign involving all partners, as stated in 5.2, also targets violent behaviour.

6. AREAS TO BE MONITORED/REQUIRING ACTION

Antisocial Behaviour

- 6.1 CECP015 Number of incidents of Dog Fouling – During the first half of 2014/15, reported incidents of dog fouling are slightly above target with 67 incidents against a target of 60. When compared to the same period last year incidents have increased by 21 (46%) from 46 to 67. However, looking specifically at quarter 2, this indicator is actually on target with 30 reported incidents against a target of 30.
- 6.2 Although figures have increased from last year, the Community Warden team have been actively encouraging the public via the press and local community councils, to report problems in their area. Wardens have also targeted this problem with specific patrols, both uniform and plain clothes, leaflet drops that provide details of how to complain, and initiatives such as anti-dog fouling stencils. Fixed penalty notices also continue to be issued whenever sufficient evidence is available with 4 actioned during the first half of 2014/15. Work will continue against dog fouling in Moray with the aim that complaints continue to fall during the remainder of the year.
- 6.3 CECP058 Total number of Noise Complaints – During the first half of 2014/15, 599 noise complaints were received against a target of 576. When compared to the same period last year, complaints have decreased by 57 (9%) from 656 to 599.
- 6.4 Although above target, it should be noted that noise complaints have reported a decrease compared to last year. The Moray wide noise initiative undertaken at the beginning of 2014 may have contributed to this as repeat offenders were targeted by the Community Warden team. Complaints may also still be high as the public are more inclined to report any issues as awareness of the Community Warden team has increased.
- 6.5 Within the Safer Communities priority of the Moray 2023 plan, it was highlighted that in order to achieve the agreed targets, a Public Protection Hub should be developed. This was established in October 2014 and representatives from Moray Council Housing, local registered social landlords, the Early Engagement Team, Child and Adult Protection, Moray Alcohol & Drug Partnership, Community Wardens, the Early Intervention Worker, NHS, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, attend a short weekly meeting where any emerging Public Protection or Community Safety issues, including noise complaints, are discussed and dealt with quickly. It is hoped that as a result of this strong partnership approach, complaints regarding noise will continue to decrease.
- 6.6 CECP059 Total number of Neighbourhood Disputes/Nuisance Neighbours – During the first half of 2014/15, 302 complaints were received against a target of 162. When compared to the same period last year, complaints have increased by 62 (26%) from 240 to 302.

- 6.7 Of the 302 complaints, 157 were dealt with by Police with the remaining 145 by the Community Safety team and Housing (The Moray Council and Registered Social Landlords). Police have recorded the highest increase in complaints with 38 more compared to the same period last year. Complaints may be continuing to rise due to the increased awareness of the action that can be taken and the assistance available from the Community Safety team. This higher level of awareness is also apparent with the Police as an increasing number of neighbour dispute complaints, initially attended to by Officers, are being passed to the Community Wardens for action.
- 6.8 The Public Protection Hub, as stated above in 6.5, also aims to tackle neighbour disputes and nuisance neighbour complaints. Again, due to the close partnership working that arises from the Hub it is anticipated that complaints will decrease over the remainder of the year.
- 6.9 CECPO65 Number of reported incidents of Fly Tipping – During the first half of 2014/15, 202 incidents of fly tipping were recorded against a target of 160. When compared to the same period last year, incidents have increased by 45 (29%) from 157 to 202. However, looking specifically at quarter 2, performance was on target with 80 reported incidents.
- 6.10 In April 2014, the penalty for fly tipping increased to £200.00. Between April and September, the Community Warden team continued to investigate any incidents and as a result, 3 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued. Fly tipping should continue to be monitored with work undertaken to identify problem areas. A joint initiative with Environmental Protection and the Community Warden team could be delivered to remind the public of the effect Fly Tipping has on the local environment and what the Fixed Penalty Fine is should a culprit be caught.

7. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Moray 2023 A Plan for the Future/Service Plan

Moray 2023 identifies that Moray is a safe place to live, though more should be done to protect those vulnerable and at risk and that a proactive approach is taken to ensure communities feel safe in the years ahead. Reporting performance against the outcomes and actions of the Community Safety & Antisocial Behaviour Strategy allows partners to ensure activity is targeted correctly and that any emerging issues relating to Community Safety are addressed promptly.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004 places a statutory obligation on The Moray Council to implement the range of antisocial behaviour measures and continue joint working as necessary to tackle such behaviour.

(c) Financial implications

None.

(d) Risk Implications

None.

(e) Staffing Implications

None.

(f) Property

None.

(g) Equalities

There are no Equalities implications because the report is about performance.

(h) Consultations

Lead officers from the Community Safety Co-ordinating Group have contributed to the production of this report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 At the end of September 2014, 8 Performance Indicators relating to the Community Safety & Antisocial Behaviour Strategy are regarded as performing well, 1 requires to be closely monitored, 3 require action if the target is to be met and 52 are data only or unknown. It should be noted however that 2 indicators reported as requiring action based on total figures for quarters 1 and 2 (incidents of dog fouling and fly tipping), are actually performing well when looking only at quarter 2. If performance continues this way, both indicators will be reported as performing well by the end of the year.**

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