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EAST LIVINGSTON AND EAST CALDER, LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

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A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Area Committee with an update on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 30th November 2018.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the content of the report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None.
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Performance relative to the Year Average; set out in the report.
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	We live our lives free from crime, disorder and danger; We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive society
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None.
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None.
VIII	Other consultations	None.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

NATIONAL PRIORITIES – DELIVERED LOCALLY

Based on our assessment of national priorities, the following have been identified for tailored action for the communities of West Lothian:

- Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
- Protecting the Public
- Road safety and Road Crime
- Serious Organised Crime and Terrorism
- Major Events and Threats
- Benefits of Reform
- Public Confidence

WEST LOTHIAN PRIORITIES

The community priorities identified for West Lothian through our Community Planning Partnership are:

- Protecting People
- Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
- Reducing Violence
- Tackling Substance Misuse
- Making our Roads Safer
- Tackling Serious Organised Crime

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRIORITIES

East Livingston & East Calder

- Reducing antisocial behaviour
- Making our roads safer
- Tackling substance misuse

1/ PERFORMANCE

There is currently no partnership analyst in the Community Safety Unit and therefore there is no access to the previously provided statistics.

Police Scotland official West Lothian statistics can be found at page 90 onwards.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/138327/232757/445136/Management-info-Council-Area-Report-Q1-2018-19>

2.1 - Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

There is a continued overall decrease in anti-social behaviour, hate crime, vandalism and youth calls at the end of the past three months.

There has been an increase in fire raising and assaults.

Police continue with intelligence led violence reduction patrols and areas of concern. Targeting peak times and locations that have frequent reports of violence and disorder.

Problematic areas have also been identified and Hi-Visibility patrols have been and will continue to be conducted to address these issues.

Police continue to deal with ongoing neighbour disputes carrying out early intervention work and prevention activities. They continue to work closely with housing organisations and the council safer neighbourhood team to address incidents of anti-social behaviour within the community. To note, neighbour disputes account for a large percentage of anti-social behaviour calls to the police.

Members of the public are always encouraged to report crimes and incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police to allow us to respond appropriately and gather information and intelligence.

2.2 - Road Safety

Road traffic officers, with the assistance of intelligence, regularly target unlicensed and uninsured drivers. Officers will continue to target offenders in the area and take robust action when stopped.

The weather in Scotland is notoriously unpredictable at the best of times and none more so than winter. We aim to provide you with all of the information you need to be fully prepared for a typically cold, icy and wet season. Whether you are a cyclist, driver or pedestrian, the information below should give you an understanding and awareness of what you should be doing to ensure that you are ready for winter.

Being prepared for winter can be as easy as a few simple steps before planning a journey on the road:

- Check the weather forecast and road conditions
- If the weather is poor or the road surface is dangerous, consider whether you need to travel right now or if you can wait until the situation improves

- Consider alternate routes
- Consider alternative modes of transport
- Allow extra time for your journey
- Make sure your mobile phone is fully charged
- Let people know where you are going and when you expect to arrive

Advice for Drivers

Prepare for the winter by keeping your vehicle well maintained and stocked with essential supplies before you take to the road.

Take special care that brakes, tyres, lights, batteries, windscreens and wiper blades are in good condition and well maintained. In addition, washer bottles need to contain an additive to stop the water from freezing.

Make sure your windows are clean, properly demisted and clear of snow and ice before you drive. Also make sure that your roof is clear of snow as this affects drivers behind you and can also cause obstructions on your windscreen when braking.

Be careful with low sun as it can make it difficult to see and a dirty, greasy or damaged windscreen can make this worse.

All lights must be kept clean and clear and be in good working order, including registration plate lights. Use the help of someone to check that all of your lights are working.

Consider keeping an emergency kit in your car for severe weather, this should at least include:

- An ice scraper and de-icer
- A shovel for snow
- A torch and spare batteries
- Warm clothes, boots and a blanket
- Some food and a warm drink in a flask
- A first aid kit
- Battery jump leads
- A map or device with offline maps for any unplanned diversions.

2.3 - Dishonesty

The Ward area has seen recent crimes of Theft House Breaking in Pumpherston. Police would like to remind the local community as the nights get darker to review their home security.

- Use timer switches on lights and radios to make it look as if your home is occupied.
- Ensure all doors and windows are secure when you leave and when you go to bed.
- If possible use security lighting at front and back of your property
- Make sure all garden tools and ladders are locked away
- Use good quality locks on any Sheds or outhouses
- Make a note of all makes, models and serial numbers of your property

Further advice can be obtained from Scotland.police.uk

2.4 – Drug Dealing and Misuse

Police continue to carry out a number of intelligence led drug searches of properties and positive stops.

The Police rely on information from the public to tackle this crime. Any members of the community with information regarding drugs can contact CRIMESTOPPERS anonymously on 0800555111.

Uphall Station

Neighbour dispute in the area continues to be addressed with Police working with SNT and Housing. All parties involved have been invited to meet all agencies at once to resolve issues raised.

Police Community Investigation Unit continues to work closely with Response and Community Beat Officers in terms of gathering intelligence from members of the public. Doing so resulted in a Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant being craved and executed whereby a male subject was arrested, cautioned and charged for being concerned in the supply of drugs. Enquiries remain ongoing for other offences to be detected.

Recent reports of speeding motorists within the Uphall Station area continue to be addressed. Roads policing remain to give passing attention recently resulting 1 male driver being arrested and charged for being disqualified and having no valid form of Insurance.

Pumpherston

Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) within the Hamilton Court area continue to be addressed by Community Beat Officers who are working closely with the SNT and Housing. The public are encouraged to continue to report any ASB within the area. Recent incidents being reported resulted in 1 male being arrested, cautioned and charged for being in possession of a knife and drugs.

Police along with Fire Service recently attended a Dwelling Fire where it appears 2 wheelie bins were propped against a garage/shed and set alight. All contents within the garage/shed have been destroyed with no persons injured. Police are working closely with Fire Investigation to establish full circumstances of incident. Enquiry remains ongoing.

Recent Thefts/Attempt Thefts have occurred within the Pumpherston area whereby a number of containers were broken into, searched and items stolen from within. Enquiries remain ongoing and High Visibility patrols continue to prevent further incident

Mid Calder

Roads Policing are continuing to monitor the main street of Mid Calder regarding issues of speeding motorists and parking. 1 motorist recently arrested, cautioned and charged with careless driving, Failing to stop and driving over prescribed limit.

High Visibility patrols continue to remain in place during Night Time Economy hours. No incidents of note in recent times.

East Calder

Neighbour Dispute resulting in subject being arrested, cautioned and charged with offences. Community Officers continue to work alongside Housing and Safer Neighbourhood Team to address local issues and tension between all parties involved.

Wilkieston

No incidents of note.

Kirknewton

Theft of high value Quad Bike from property close to A70. Enquiries remain ongoing and currently being investigated by CID.

Series of Vandalisms of Motor Vehicles whereby cars damaged dented and wing mirrors kicked off. Subjects responsible believed to be a number of youths who had left a house party. Enquiry remains ongoing from Community Officers.

Craigshill

Male assaulted within the Craigshill area by subjects armed with weapons. Subject sustained serious injuries and being treated as Attempt Murder. Enquiries remain ongoing however appears linked to an address in Livingston. This incident involved a dispute between parties known to each other and should not have an impact on the safety of the wider community.

Ongoing anti-social behaviour and recent rise in calls to the area of Poplar Grove. Meetings taken place between Registered Social Landlord (RSL) with a view to managing the tenants concerned.

4/ Contacts

Details of your Community Policing can be found at:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/west-lothian-lothianscotborderslacsuwest@scotland.pnn.police.uk>

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