



West Lothian  
Council

**LINLITHGOW , LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

**REPORT BY INSPECTOR JOCELYN O'CONNOR**

**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 April 2013.

**B. RECOMMENDATION**

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

**C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>I</b>	<b>Council Values</b>	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership
<b>II</b>	<b>Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	None.
<b>III</b>	<b>Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers</b>	None.
<b>IV</b>	<b>Impact on performance and performance Indicators</b>	Performance relative to the same period in 2012; set out in the report.
<b>V</b>	<b>Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement</b>	We live our lives free from crime, disorder and danger; we take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive society
<b>VI</b>	<b>Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	None.
<b>VII</b>	<b>Consideration at PDSP</b>	None.
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Other consultations</b>	None.

**D. TERMS OF REPORT**

## NATIONAL PRIORITIES – DELIVERED LOCALLY

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

- Reduce violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour
- Protect the public
- Increase road safety and reduce road crime
- Tackle serious organised crime and terrorism
- Effectively police major events and threats
- Maintain high levels of public confidence in policing
- Deliver our equality and diversity outcomes

## WEST LOTHIAN PRIORTIES

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

- Reducing community and social harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse
- Protecting vulnerable groups
- Reducing acquisitive crime
- Reducing antisocial behaviour within our communities
- Reducing casualty rates from fires and road traffic collisions

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRIORTIES

Linlithgow

- Antisocial Behaviour
- Substance Misuse
- Road Safety

# PERFORMANCE

Crimes Groups 1 to 5 (Ref: Measuring Our Performance)						
Area	This year to date			Last year to date		
	Rec.	Sol.	% Sol	Rec.	Sol.	% Sol
Force						
Linlithgow						

Due to the amalgamation to Police Scotland this information will not be available until June 2013.

Linlithgow Ward (Up to and including 30.04.13)				
Month	April	LYTD	TYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	14	18	14	-22%
All ASB Calls	38	55	38	-31%
Hate Crime	2	2	2	0%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	6	9	6	-33%
Fire-raising	0	0	0	0%
Alcohol-related Incidents	12	8	12	50%

West Lothian (Up to and including 30.04.13)				
Month	This month	LYTD	TYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	244	314	244	-22%
All ASB Calls	845	1019	845	-17%
Hate Crime	19	25	19	-24%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	152	180	152	-16%
Fire-raising	11	10	11	10%
Alcohol-related Incidents	187	160	187	17%

## ISSUES OF NOTE

**Speeding Complaints** – Edinburgh Road, Linlithgow has been the subject of speeding complaints recently, particularly during peak times. Police Scotland, Road Policing Unit has been providing a high- visibility presence and enforcement in the area. Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team will soon be trained in use of speed detection devices.

**Off Road Motorbikes** – Calls continue to be received in the Fawnsark area providing descriptions of various bikes seen being used. This activity is most prevalent at weekends.

**Substance Misuse** – Several youths have been stopped, searched and found in possession of illegal substances. Another individual has been reported for a contravention of S.4 Road Traffic Act 1988 – Driving Under the Influence of Drugs.

**Racial Incidents** - A juvenile has been traced, cautioned and charged with racially aggravated conduct.

**Rural Crime** – The Ward area has experienced an increase in rural crime (metal and fuel thefts).

**Scottish Junior Cup** - Local policing was provided to the Bo'ness United and Shotts Bon Accord matches. Both passed with good results for Linlithgow Rose and only minor infringements.

## PREVENTION

**School Inputs** - PC Brian Reid has provided 'No Knives Better Lives' presentations at Linlithgow Academy.

**Operation Floorwalk** - We continue to work with partner agencies to target underage drinking and anti-social behaviour for this regular operation.

**Off Road Motorcycles** - We have increased our presence and have successfully traced and provided advice to several individuals who had not yet unloaded their motorcycles. We will continue to make efforts in this area.

**Rural Crime** – We have increased marked and plain-clothes patrols to prevent crime and trace offenders. A premises has been searched, property recovered and persons detained. We are also planning a letter drop to vulnerable rural properties offering crime prevention advice.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Community Policing Action Days targeting local priorities
- Off Road Bike Education and Awareness
- Letter drop with crime prevention advice to rural properties.
- Home Security Visits
- Operation Floorwalk for underage drinking
- Weekend Night Time Economy Dispersal Details
- Final planning for the Marches and Gala season is taking place.

## CONTACTS

Details of your local policing team can be found at:

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

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