

4. POLICE WARD REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by PC Ross Walker, Police Scotland, providing an update on performance activities and issues across the ward for the period December 2018 – March 2019.

The report was presented by PC Fergus Middleton and provided information on the Police Scotland National Priorities (delivered locally), the West Lothian priorities and the ward specific priorities. The report gave members an overview of the performance statistics for the West Lothian Area Command for the period December 2018 to March 2019. Ward specific figures were not available as there was currently no partnership analyst within the Community Safety Unit and therefore no access to the previously provided statistics.

The report then provided the committee with an overview of the variety of prevention activities that had taken place across the ward during the reporting period, which included:

- Protecting People;
- Reducing Antisocial Behaviour and Hate Crime;
- Reducing Violence;
- Tackling Substance Misuse;
- Reducing Home, Fire and Road Casualties; and
- Tackling Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism.

The report concluded with information on the recent increase in the number of Theft by Housebreakings across West Lothian where rural properties, business premises and homes with high value vehicles had been targeted. A rural Crime Prevention Day was planned to be held by local officers and additional Hi-Viz patrols during evening hours were being carried out. A link to crime prevention advice for local residents on the Police Scotland website was provided within the report. Finally the report referred to Operation Glistening, a festive campaign that had operated across West Lothian which had seen officers focussing on licensed premises, the night time economy, priority warrants and substance misuse.

The committee was invited to note the contents of the report.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.