



POLICE PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides Members with performance information for the year ending 31 March 2017, and comparative figures against the same period in 2015/16.

2. Recommendation

Members are asked to scrutinise policing performance for April 2016 – March 2017 as outlined on the attached **Appendix**.

3. Considerations

3.1 Policing Priorities for 2016/17

Following consultation with communities across Dumfries and Galloway and approved at Full Council, the policing priorities for Dumfries and Galloway Division of Police Scotland are:-

- Crime
- Substance misuse
- Roads safety
- ASB and alcohol related violence
- Public protection
- Terrorism

These priorities also align with the priorities contained within Section 5 of the Dumfries & Galloway Single Outcome Agreement “We will maintain the safety and security of our region”.

3.2 The requirement to publish performance statistics is embedded in the principles of Best Value reporting and effective scrutiny. It is also supported within the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. This Performance Report will provide key data and contextual information to allow members to gain a fuller understanding of the police activity and performance in the priority areas outlined in section 3 above.

3.3 Area Command Performance

It should be noted that where possible, the statistics provided relate to the Area Committee area, but for some categories (i.e Road Traffic statistics) the statistics are Divisional, as it is not practical to break down to an Area level, however, local perspective is highlighted. The Appendix details the measurements for the period 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017. In general terms during this period performance has remained reasonably stable, albeit determined efforts have resulted in reductions in recorded violent crime and theft by housebreaking. The reporting period has also recorded a substantial increase in crimes of indecency. However, the reasons for the impact on performance has been contextualised within the **Appendix**

3.4 Exception reporting

The **Appendix** contains details of exception reporting relative to each crime group.

3.5 Overview

Dumfries & Galloway continues to be one of the safest areas to live in Scotland. The performance of Police Scotland - Dumfries & Galloway Division continues to be strong with the key being the close working relationship with our partners and the community as well as the commitment of our staff to policing in Dumfries & Galloway.

3.6 Reporting Format

Members will note that the format of the report is such that statistics are provided for the 3 multi-member ward areas of Stranraer and North Rhins, Wigtown West and Mid Galloway. The statistics are represented in this format as the report is reflective of the 2016/17 year and is aligned to the ward boundaries at that time. Changes to ward boundaries and data pertaining thereto following the Boundary Commission review will be reflected in the next report.

4. Governance Assurance

The Local Senior Officer Management Team has been consulted and is in agreement with the information contained in this report.

5. Impact Assessments

As this report does not propose a change in policy, the formal adoption of a plan, policy or strategy it is not necessary to complete an Impact Assessment.

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APPENDIX – Performance Statistics
