

Notice of meeting and agenda



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Venue: Council Chambers,
Midlothian House, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN

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Time: 11:00

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The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 19 November 2018 at 11.00 am.

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Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
4 June 2018	11.00am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Curran (Chair)	
Councillor McCall	Councillor Muirhead
Councillor Munro	Councillor Smail

In attendance:

Midlothian Council	
Kevin Anderson, Head of Customer and Housing Services	Edel Ryan, Environmental Health Manager
Janet Ritchie, Democratic Services Officer	
Police Scotland	
Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark	Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	
Stephen Gourlay, Area Manager	Dean Mack, Group Manager

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Parry.

2. Order of Business

The Order of Business was as set out in the Agenda.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

4. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of Meeting of 19 February 2017 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Public Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.1	Fly-tipping in Midlothian	Head of Communities and Economy
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The report dated 24 May 2018 was presented by the Environmental Health Manager advising the Board of the enforcement powers available regarding fly-tipping under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (as amended) and to advise on the measures that are available to a variety of agencies including Midlothian Council, Police Scotland and Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) under the Act. She continued by providing a summary of the contents of the report and highlighted the restricted resources in addressing this issue.</p> <p>Thereafter a discussion took place on the challenges faced in tackling fly-tipping and some of the proposed actions in attempting to address this issue. It was recognised that CCTV cameras did work in stopping fly-tipping where they were installed but the issue moved to another site therefore it was very difficult to identify fly-tippers. Also raised was the route the general public could take in reporting fly-tippers and it was noted the various agencies that this could be reported to: Midlothian Council, Police Scotland, SEPA and Dumb Dumpers hotline.</p> <p>The Environmental Manager confirmed that she would provide clarity on the arrangements for landowners who are required to dispose of fly-tipping on their land.</p>		
Decision		
<p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the legislative powers available to Midlothian Council, Police Scotland and SEPA regarding fly-tipping. 		

- Noted the current programme developed by the Council to review fly-tipping enforcement by focusing limited resources most effectively.
- Considered how Police Scotland and other agencies could most effectively contribute to addressing the ongoing issues around fly-tipping.

5.2 POLICE SCOTLAND

The Chair, on behalf of the Board congratulated the Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark on recently being awarded the Queen's Medal for services to Police.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.2.1	Annual Review of Policing 2017/18 - letter dated 26 April 2018	Scottish Police Authority
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The Head of Customer and Housing Services summarised the content of letter dated 26 April 2018 received from the Scottish Police Authority with regards to the Annual Review of Policing for 2017/18. He further advised the Board that he had provided draft responses to the questions and this should be returned to the Scottish Police Authority by 29 June 2018.		
Decision		
The Chair requested that any amendment to these responses should be forwarded to the Head of Customer Housing Services before 29 June 2018.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by
5.2.2	Community Action Team (CAT) Midlothian – Activity Summary January to March 2018	Police Scotland
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
Chief Inspector Simpson apologised that the Scrutiny report was not available and this was due to the figures only being finalised last week but he now had the figures and would provide a verbal update on these after the Community Action Team Report.		
Chief Inspector Simpson spoke to the terms of the Report which summarised the activities of the Community Policing Team during the quarter of January to March 2018. Councillor Muirhead asked if this report was available to the public as it was marked 'Restricted'. Chief Inspector Simpson confirmed that this report was available to the public and for future reports 'Restricted' would be removed.		
Thereafter, he responded to questions raised by Members of the Committee relating to young people and alcohol and the issues that arose at public events without the CAT team's presence. Further discussion took place on the issues of young people obtaining alcohol and proxy purchasing and the principles around this.		
Decision		
The Board noted the terms of the Report.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by
5.2.3	Scrutiny Report January to March 2018 – Verbal Update	Police Scotland
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Chief Inspector Simpson provided a verbal update explaining that in the new formatted report details are provided firstly on the overall well-being of adults and the key indicators are around the number of missing person incidents for adults which had dropped by 4% in the last year. He advised that a high number of these incidents identified vulnerable individuals.</p> <p>He further provided the board with a summary of the key performance indicators which included: reduction in bogus workmen crimes; reduction in domestic abuse incidents; hate incidents rose very slightly; reduction in Antisocial Behaviour incidents; Drug supply, production and cultivation has improved; reduction in housebreaking; reduction in Crimes of dishonesty; a drop in overall violent crime and a drop on figures in all road casualties. He advised that the incidents of missing persons, in particular young people is an issue every day of the week and this has increased over the last year with a large number of these being looked after children. Overall he advised the Board that it was a very positive report for the last 12 months and thanked his staff for their hard work and the Community for their support.</p> <p>Thereafter Chief Inspector Simpson responded to questions raised by Councillor Muirhead with regards to the high percentage of young people going missing in the looked after category. He explained that this included children in residential but also children in foster care and that a high number of these incidents are repeated incidents from the same individuals. These children are very vulnerable and the Police were working closely with Children and Families and the Children's Reporter in looking at how to reduce these figures.</p> <p>On a request from the Chair the Chief Inspector confirmed that the report would be circulated to all Members as soon as available.</p>		
Decision		
The Board noted the update.		

5.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Report No.	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.3.1	Midlothian Community Fire and Rescue Plan 2018 – for approval	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Stephen Gourlay provided updates regarding the Fire and Rescue Service: The Chief will retire next March with a campaign to recruit; The national terms and conditions have now been agreed and will be phased in over the coming months; Pay negotiation are ongoing at a national level and the world class facility at Newbridge will be completed next year with parts of the facility available from December onwards. He further advised that the national consultation on the</p>		

transformation proposals closed on 14 May 2018 and after the results have been analysed a report will be brought back.

Stephen Gourlay then presented Midlothian Community Fire and Rescue Plan 2018, advising that this had been presented to the Police Fire and Rescue Board on 19 February 2018 for information. This was now presented for approval before being presented to Council in June 2018.

Decision

The Board noted the content of the Report.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.3.2	Scottish Fire and Rescue Board – Local Plan Performance year-end report 2017-18	Scottish Fire and Rescue Board
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Dean Mack provided a summary of the yearly Performance report 2017-18 highlighting the performance summary of the key indicators. He advised that there was an improvement on accidental dwelling fires, fire casualties and false alarms. There was a slight increase in deliberate fires excluding dwellings, Specials Service –RTCs and Special Service Casualties but overall good results on performance in Midlothian.</p> <p>Dean then briefly provided further information on some of the key indicators, The Prevention and Protection Activities, Home Fires Safety Visits and Partnership working as detailed within the report.</p> <p>Thereafter Dean Mack responded to questions raised by members which included the main cause of accidental dwelling fires and deliberate fires, any patterns to these and the actions taken to address this issue.</p>		
Decision		
The Board noted the terms of the year end Performance Report.		

The meeting terminated at 12.16 pm.



LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

FOR MIDLOTHIAN



SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
Working together for a safer Scotland

Quarter 1 Report, 1st April – 30th June, 2018

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Midlothian



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The figures included in this report are provisional and subject to change as a result of quality assurance and review. The statistics quoted are internal management information published in the interests of transparency and openness.

The Scottish government publishes Official Statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

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Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Midlothian for Quarter 1 of 2018-19 (1st April – 30th June 2018) including information on the year to date.

The Scottish Government provides an overarching vision for public services. This vision supported by 16 National Outcomes, which demonstrate commitment to creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable growth. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes for Midlothian by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the area.

The national priorities for the SFRS are set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. The SFRS Strategic Plan 2016-2019 outlines how the SFRS will deliver against these priorities and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured.

The priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Midlothian 2014-2017 contributes towards the priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan.

The aims of the local Fire & Rescue Service in Midlothian are to reduce fire deaths and to reduce injuries from fire and other emergencies in the community. We aim to achieve this by working in partnership, being pro-active and targeting our prevention and protection activities to where they are required, based on evidence.

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Midlothian 2014-2017 identifies the following five objectives as the main focus for service delivery locally:

- Priority 1. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires,
- Priority 2. Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities,
- Priority 3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting,
- Priority 4. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions,
- Priority 5. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Area Manager Stephen Gourlay

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Performance Summary

We measure how well we are meeting our priorities using 6 key indicators, depicted below

	Apr to (& incl.) Jun					RAG rating
Key performance indicator	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	15	14	15	18	12	●
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	5	1	6	4	4	●
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	67	93	88	206	76	●
Special Service - RTCs	8	11	12	10	5	●
Special Service Casualties - All	5	18	15	16	9	●
False Alarm - UFAs	69	79	88	71	92	◆

RAG rating - KEY

◆	RED DIAMOND	10% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
▲	YELLOW TRIANGLE	Up to 9% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
●	GREEN CIRCLE	Equal to or improved upon the previous equivalent quarter (or YTD period), or local target achieved.

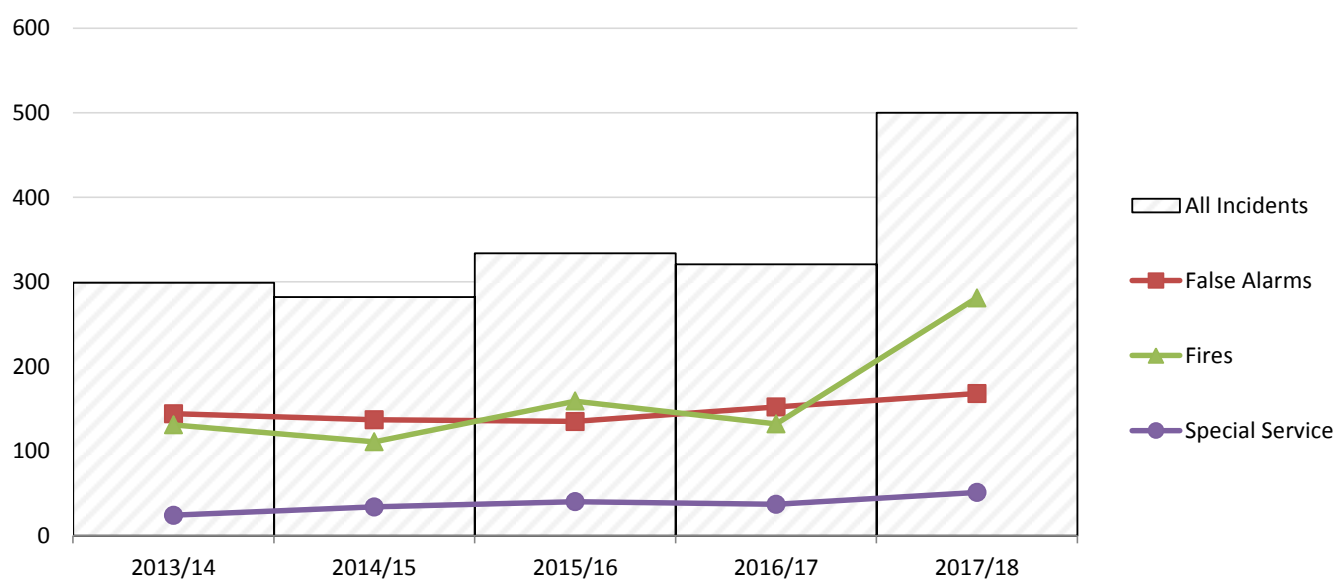
Note

Quarterly comparison RAG Rating = the reporting period compared to the average of the three previous quarterly reporting periods.
Year to Date RAG Rating = the cumulative total of all quarterly performance in current year compared to cumulative total of all quarterly performance in previous year.

Incident Overview

Year to date (1st April 2018 – 30th June 2018), the SFRS, responded to 500 incidents in Midlothian, which is an increase of 179 incidents compared with the same reporting period last year.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Midlothian council over the last 8 fiscal years



Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities
Local Risk Management and Preparedness
<p>The Service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.</p> <p>We said we would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • train our staff to deal with our local risks • gather and analyse risk information • work with partners to mitigate risks • deal with major events
<u>Train our staff to deal with our local risks</u>
<p>All of our operational staff undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training.</p>
<u>Gather and analyse risk information</u>
<p>All of our operational staff gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence, used in our preparations to resolve incidents.</p> <p>We conduct Post Incident Debriefs to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency events.</p> <p>We use Urgent Operational Intelligence Briefings to inform our operational staff of any safety critical information.</p>
<u>Work with partners to mitigate risks</u>
<p>We continue to be an active member of the East Local Resilience Partnership.</p> <p>We share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders (e.g. Police Scotland) to ensure emergency event risks are mitigated.</p>
<u>Deal with major events</u>
<p>There were no major fire events or significant emergency events in this reporting period.</p>

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Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling fires'

Accidental dwelling fires can have devastating effects on our community. The SFRS is committed to keeping people safe in their homes. We share information with partners to make sure that the right people get the right information they need, particularly those who are vulnerable due to age, isolation or addiction. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires contributes to The Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

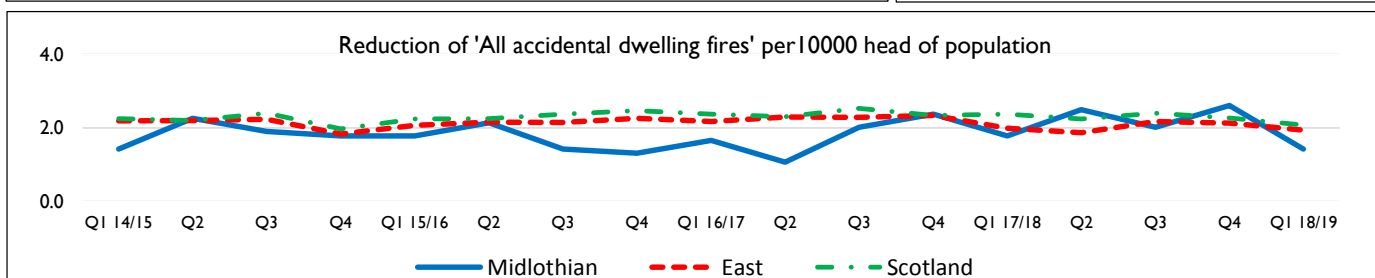
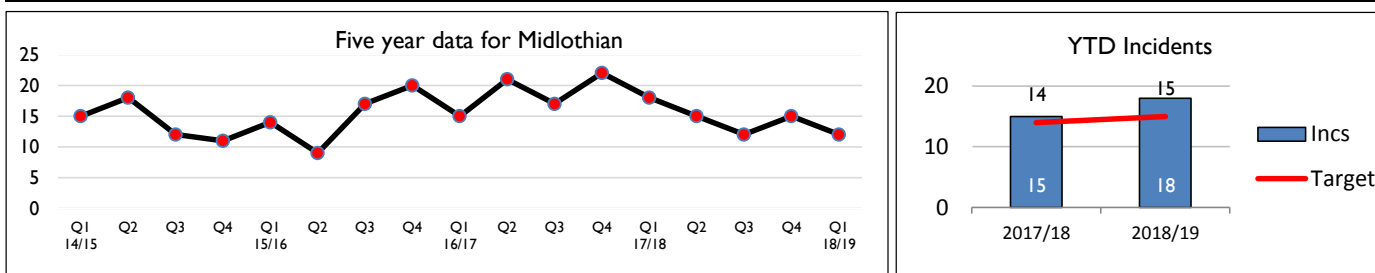
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 12 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is a decrease of 6 incidents from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows Midlothian below the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend line.

Reasons

Of the 12 accidental dwelling fires attended, 50% occurred in single occupancy households, with 33% being in the over 65 category. The main causes were accidental and were mainly attributable to cooking (84%). All 12 fires were confined to the room where the fire started and therefore, minor in nature. It is clear from this evidence to continue to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households and to ensure those properties have working smoke detection. 60% of these properties had smoke detectors fitted.

Actions

During this reporting period, 210 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out within Midlothian. A number of initiatives and events aimed at reducing accidental dwelling fires were conducted. Front line crews continue to work within the previously introduced 'Post Domestic Incident Response' Policy, which provides a framework to ensure that engagement activity is completed in a structured and appropriate manner following incidents. Appendix I provides further details on our prevention activities in relation to this priority.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 2	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	15	14	15	18	12	
Penicuik	1	2	3	3	0	
Bonnyrigg	1	3	3	3	2	
Dalkeith	5	1	4	5	3	
Midlothian West	2	1	3	3	6	
Midlothian East	3	3	1	3	0	
Midlothian South	3	4	1	1	1	

Reduction of 'All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))'

Fire casualty and fatality rates provide an indication of the amount of serious, life-threatening injuries that occur due to fire. This can indicate not only the success of SFRS in reducing the number of life risk fires through community fire safety and similar activities, but also their success in response activity in saving lives.

Results

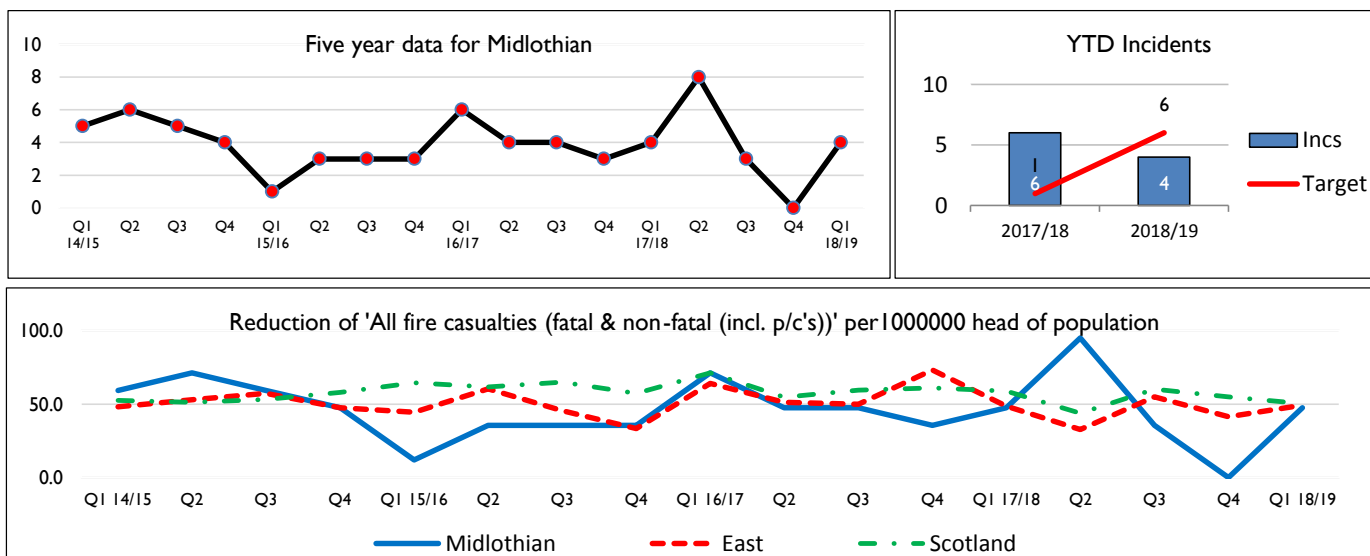
We aim to reduce fire casualties in Midlothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 4 casualties (no fatalities) due to fire within a dwelling, the same number in Q1 reporting period last year. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows that we are in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery area average.

Reasons

Historically Midlothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing to note that this trend, although showing an increase, remains low. The 4 casualties were a result of 3 house fires in single occupancy premises. Only 1 person had a precautionary check-up at the scene. The main contributory factors were smoking and cooking.

Actions

During this reporting period, 210 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out. In addition, we continue to work with our partners, particularly Midlothian Council, Social work and NHS to target those most vulnerable and at risk from fire.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - I	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	5	1	6	4	4	
Penicuik	2	0	0	1	2	
Bonnyrigg	0	0	1	0	0	
Dalkeith	1	0	1	2	1	
Midlothian West	0	1	2	0	1	
Midlothian East	0	0	2	1	0	
Midlothian South	2	0	0	0	0	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

Historically deliberate fire setting has not been a significant problem for the SFRS in Midlothian, however recent statistics show a distinct increase in this activity and there is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and other forms of anti-social behaviour. In the main, deliberate fires are secondary fires categorised into refuse/bins, grassland or derelict buildings incidents. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan.

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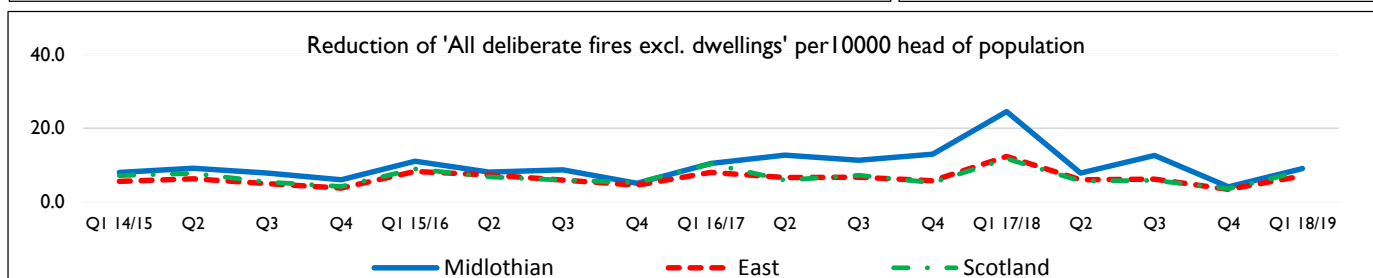
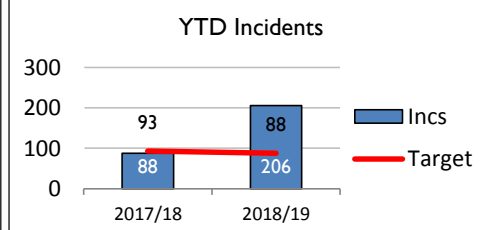
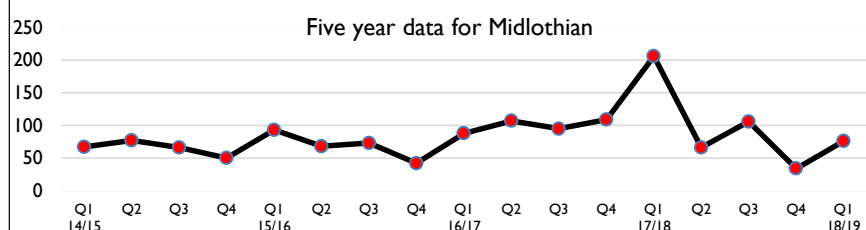
There were 76 deliberate fires within the reporting period, which is a decrease of 130 when compared to the same period last year. Although Midlothian's fire setting has been on the increase there has been a dramatic drop from the 206 fires in Q1 of last year. Midlothian East, west and Dalkeith wards suffered most from this type of fire setting.

Reasons

Nearly 83% of all deliberate fires attended were 'deliberate secondary fires' with 69% in waste or scrubland, wood or crop, 21% involved refuse/bins including wheelie bins, 5% vehicle fires and 5% deliberate building fires.

Actions

SFRS continues to work with partner agencies attending the weekly TACG meetings and provision of monthly tactical assessments by the Midlothian Partnership Analyst. Emerging patterns continue to be monitored and prevention activities were planned for those locations. Various on-going preventative activities have been undertaken throughout the year targeting the issue of deliberate fire-raising. This includes various youth engagement events (Cooldown Crew and Challenge Projects), Stair Aware activity, visits to schools and other partnership work.



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Midlothian	67	93	88	206	76	
Penicuik	4	5	3	34	4	
Bonnyrigg	6	3	9	18	7	
Dalkeith	21	22	9	32	21	
Midlothian West	12	20	19	34	7	
Midlothian East	13	20	22	47	15	
Midlothian South	11	23	26	41	22	

Reduction of 'Special Service - RTCs'

While much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS, responding to Non-Fire Emergencies such as Road Traffic Collisions is a key part of our intervention activities. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to drive continuous improvement in this area. Reduction of Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan, number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents.

Results

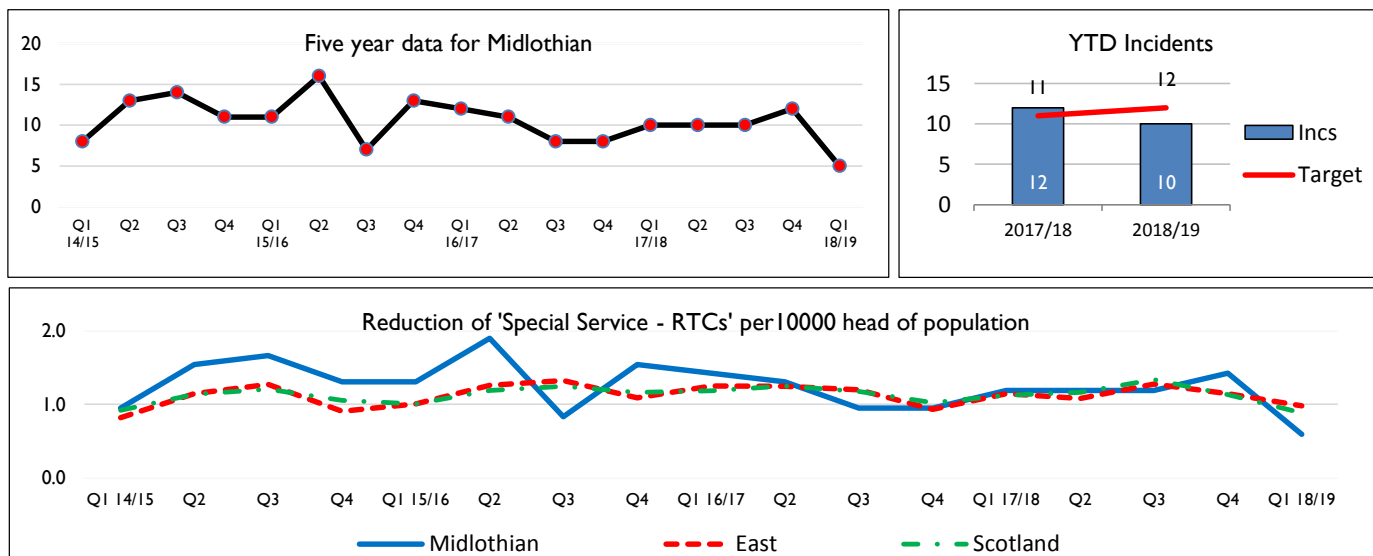
We attended 5 Road Traffic Collisions during this period; this is a decrease of 5 on the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

Reasons

The SFRS only attend those RTC's they are requested to attend this number does not reflect the total number within Midlothian.

Actions

The SFRS is a member of a multi-agency approach to reducing Road Traffic Collision's and the associated casualties and fatalities. The continued delivery of Tomorrow's Driver programme targeting young people is an excellent partnership approach to reducing road traffic collisions.



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Bonnyrigg	0	0	3	1	0	
Dalkeith	1	3	2	2	3	
Midlothian West	1	2	2	3	1	
Midlothian East	2	1	4	0	0	
Midlothian South	2	2	0	1	0	

Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

While much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS, responding to Non-Fire Emergencies is a key part of our intervention activities. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to drive continuous improvement in this area. Reduction of Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan.

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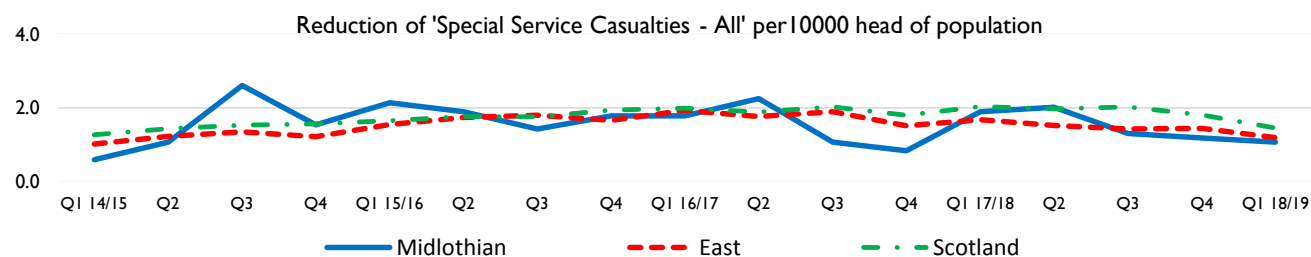
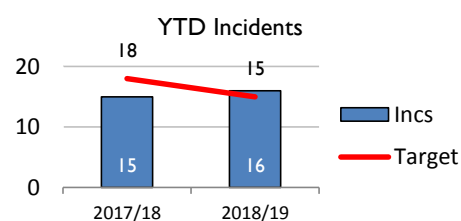
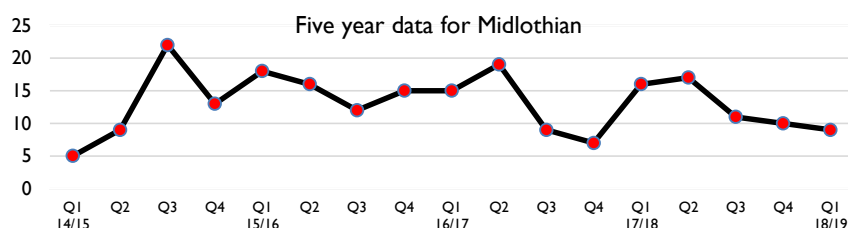
We attended a total of 8 non-fatal casualties and 1 fatal casualty. This is a decrease of 5 casualties in comparison to the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

Reasons

Road Traffic Collisions accounted for 4 non-fatal casualties. There were 3 other non-fatal and 1 fatal casualties which were in response to medical emergency or assisting other emergency services.

Actions

The SFRS in Midlothian work in partnership with the Midlothian Rapid Response Team to care for people who fall in the home. We will also continue to respond to the communities needs in terms of other non-fire emergencies with the overall objective of reducing casualty and fatality rates within Midlothian.



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Midlothian South	0	3	0	0	0	

Reduction of 'False Alarm - UFAs'

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) are defined as incidents where an automated fire alarm system activates and results in the mobilisation of SFRS resources, when the reason for that alarm turns out to be connected with faulty or defective alarm equipment. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to reduce Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Results

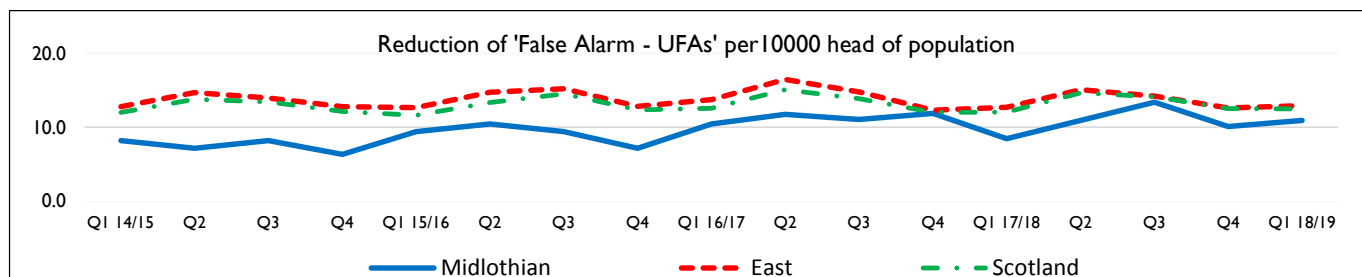
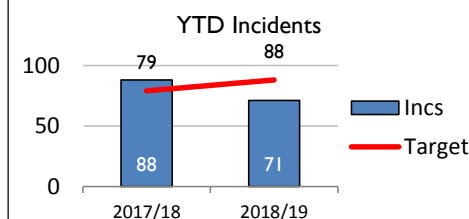
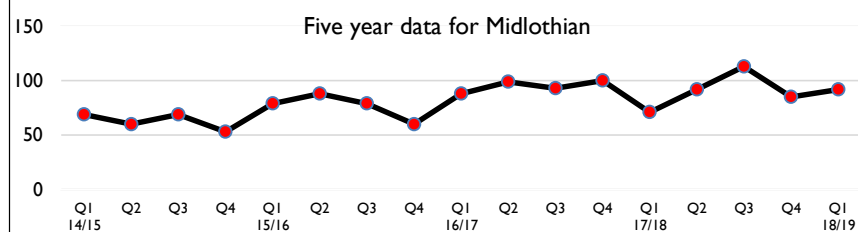
SFRS attended 92 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is an increase of 21 from the same period last year. Midlothian trend line is slightly below that of Scotland and the East delivery area.

Reasons

64% of UFAS attendances were caused by equipment failure within the fire alarm system, 3% were malicious calls, 26% caused by people, cooking, testing, smoking, aerosols etc.

Actions

We continue to monitor Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents. In Midlothian, we are currently engaging with various premises giving advice to prevent further occurrences.



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Appendix 1

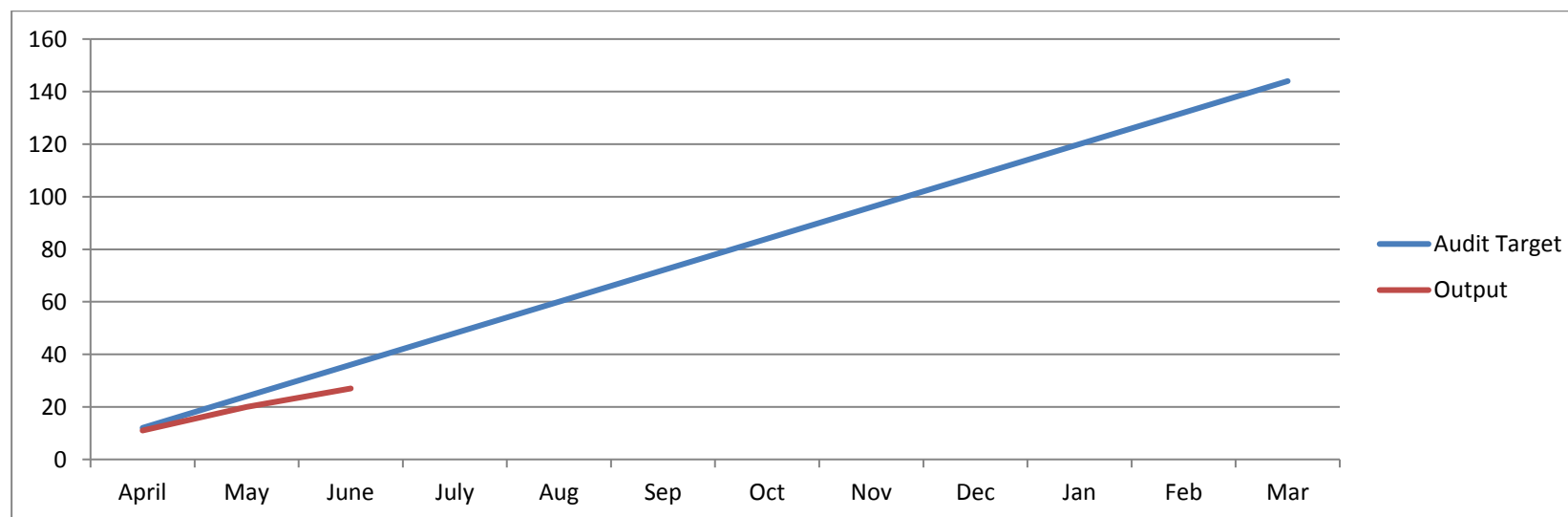
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1: 1st April– 30th June 2018

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Midlothian Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO). Following the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. In line with the SFRS enforcement framework all of the area high risk sleeping premises receive an annual audit and this includes hospitals, care homes, houses of multiple occupation, hostels and hotels. It is not unusual for audits to be below target during the year. Shortfalls are addressed with not impact on expectations and responsibilities.

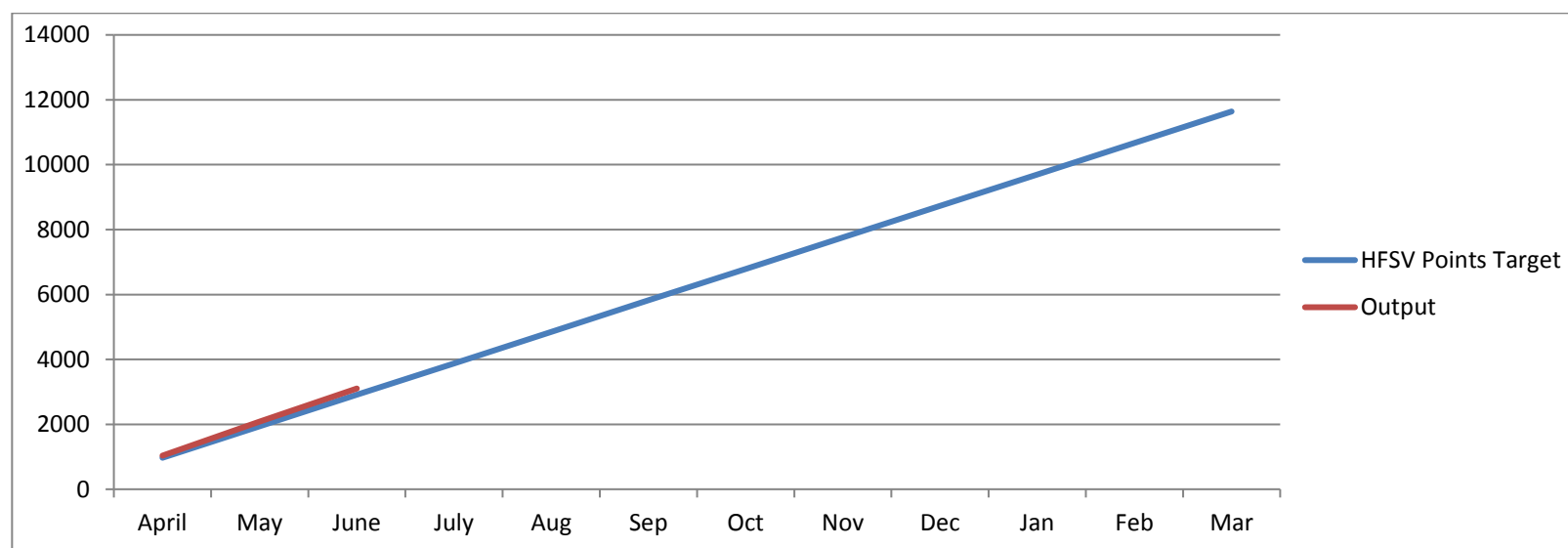
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	11	20	27										



Home Fire Safety Visits

The delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) is the corner stone of the SFRS Community Safety Engagement framework. By visiting households and providing fire safety advice and smoke alarms the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. To target the highest risk households across Midlothian a points allocation based on risk and associated target has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). The annual number of visits completed is well above target set. **A total of 210 HFSVs were delivered in Midlothian in Q1.**

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	970	1940	2910	3880	4850	5820	6790	7760	8730	9700	10670	11640	11640
Completed	1036	2080	3104										



Total visits delivered by ward area 2018/19 YTD:

The following table gives a good indication of the coverage across Midlothian where the SFRS delivers Home Fire Safety Visits.

Ward Area	Visits delivered in Q1 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q2 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q3 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q4 2018/19
Bonnyrigg	36			
Dalkeith	48			
Midlothian East	28			
Midlothian South	46			
Midlothian West	34			
Penicuik	18			
TOTAL	210			

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

During this reporting period, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with the following youth engagement programmes,

Polmont Young Offenders Institute 30 April to 4 May & 25-29 June.

Fireskills (Youth Engagement programme) at Lasswade and Dalkeith High Schools, which received very positive feedback from all participants.

Our CAT continued to provide support for the Risk Factory, Edinburgh attending over 2 weeks during this reporting period. Support was also provided to a Fireskills course delivered in East Lothian.

The Midlothian Community Firefighter has facilitated **2** Fire setter Interventions during this reporting period.

Safeguarding

During this period our teams continued to identify and refer adults at risk of harm and/or in need of support. This has resulted in **8** referrals being processed to Social Services.

The CAT have completed **3** home safety visits to vulnerable adults.

Our Local Authority Liaison Officer LALO continues to attend or provide information relevant to fire for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC).

Referrals

Our strong relationship with external partners continues to assist with **Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV)** referrals:

British Red Cross = **9**

East & Mid Public Protection Office = **2**

Midlothian Contact Team = **7**

Midlothian Council Housing = **1**

Midlothian Falls team = **2**

NHS = **2**

Police Scotland = **5**

133 self-referrals were received via our Community Safety Engagement Toolkit (**CSET**) system with local crews completing **210** home safety visits during this quarter.

Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project has generated **14** referrals to the Midlothian Falls team.

Other Work Completed or In Progress

The following detailed below is further work the Community Action Team (CAT) have completed or is in progress for this Quarter.

- The CAT continues to support our operational crews within the Midlothian area with delivery of Seasonal Thematic Action Plans.
- We continue to attend the weekly TACG meetings in Midlothian.
- LALO worked with White Watch Dalkeith to support Community Safety Event at sheltered housing complex
- SFRS delivered training at Level 2 public protection events.
- As we continue to work with all partners to share information and provide support in achieving SFRS and partner objectives, our teams have been involved with delivery of fire safety information to Domestic Abuse Advisory Services (DAAS) staff in Dalkeith. This will assist with identifying and referring individuals at risk of fire.
- Staff attended a mental health course delivered by Police Scotland. This type of awareness training will assist with SFRS delivering other services and assessments as part of a more holistic home safety visit in the future.
- Our LALO is working in collaboration group with other partners to support Lasswade High School in Mental Health Conference events in September and October 2018
- SFRS attended a MELDAP event to support ongoing work and partner agency development for vulnerable people
- Dalkeith, Lasswade and Newbattle schools have been identified for events led by SFRS operational crews. These events are aimed at increasing partnership working, improving relationships and delivery of key information to pupils in order to reduce anti-social behaviour and deliberate fire setting.
- Our Community Action Team were involved in multi-agency partner meetings/communication regarding high risk vulnerable adults.
- The LALO and CAT team raised several reports of illegal dumping in the community and worked with partner agencies such as Police/Environmental Health and land owner to reduce instances with installation of CCTV.
- Meetings took place with Midlothian Council Housing to reinvigorate referral pathway process (ongoing)



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Scrutiny Report

1st April 2018 - 30th June 2018



Midlothian

The data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents there may be minor amendments between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. The extraction date from recording systems can also differ so it would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in the report as official statistics.



INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to provide a summary and brief assessment of performance in the Midlothian Command Area for the Quarter 1 period of 01/04/2018 - 30/06/2018.

The report references the themes from Midlothian Community Planning Partnerships Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the aligned priorities within the Local Policing Plan for Midlothian, namely:-

- * Protecting People
- * Reducing Anti-social Behaviour & Hate Crime
- * Reducing Violence
- * Tackling Substance Misuse
- * Reducing Road Casualties
- * Reducing Acquisitive Crime
- * Tackling Serious & Organised Crime

All data is sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as of 1st August 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Missing Person Incidents - Adults

2017/18	2018/19	Change
34	41	+17.1%



The first quarter of this year has seen a rise in the number of adults being reported as missing, increasing by 17.1% (an additional seven cases) compared to the first quarter of last year.

The majority of those reported had a vulnerability of some kind with mental health related issues the most prevalent. These types of incidents are resource intensive, and often take days to resolve.

Bogus Workman Crimes

2017/18	2018/19	Change
2	0	-100%



This is a very pleasing start to the year with no identified bogus workmen cases reported, which is two fewer than last year.

A lot of prevention focussed activity under the banner of Operation Monarda has taken place within Midlothian and we are hopeful that this has played a significant part in these figures.

Domestic Abuse Incidents

2017/18	2018/19	Change
233	308	+32.2%



There has been a significant rise in the number of domestic related incidents this year compared to the corresponding period last year. However it has to be noted that last year saw an overall decrease in incidents of 5%, and our first quarters figures are only marginally above the 5 year average.

The increase in recorded incidents is consistent throughout the Lothians and Scottish Borders division and the sustained period of good weather coupled with alcohol consumption is a factor in this rise.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hate Incidents

2017/18	2018/19	Change
28	20	-28.5%



A pleasing first quarter that has seen eight fewer hate incidents compared to the previous year, a drop of over 28%.

Like last year, there is no particular pattern or identified trends, with neighbour disputes still being the most common form of incident that has a hate related factor.

Antisocial Behaviour Incidents

2017/18	2018/19	Change
1745	1550	-11.17%



This is a particularly satisfying figure when you consider the fantastic period of weather we have been fortunate enough to enjoy, which normally sees an increase in antisocial incidents.

There is no doubt that the MCAT's are playing a significant role in achieving this through intelligence led patrols.

Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation

2017/18	2018/19	Change
12	12	0.0%



While the figures show there is no change in the figures compared to last year, there has been a substantial increase in enforcement activity this year and I am very confident that we will see a very positive picture as the year progresses.

A number of cases are pending, awaiting forensic analysis before charges can be libelled.

The number of people caught in possession of drugs has increased significantly to 148 this year compared to 85 the previous year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Housebreaking (Domestic)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
19	34	+78.9%



Comparing year on year data was always going to be a challenge for this particular crime such was the success both in recorded and detected crimes in relation to domestic housebreakings. Figures this year are more on par with both the 3 and 5 year averages of 31 and 33 respectively.

However, overall housebreakings have fallen by 33.6% and seen 45 fewer crimes in the first quarter (134 PYTD compared to 89 YTD). Break ins to sheds and garages have dropped significantly (61%) and business housebreakings fell by 31%.

Crimes of Dishonesty

2017/18	2018/19	Change
652	588	-9.8%



This is another excellent first quarter in an area of business that gave us cause for concern last year. An overall 9.8% decrease from LYTD (64 fewer crimes) and the figures are also below the 3 and 5 year averages.

In addition to the decrease in overall housebreakings above, vehicle related crime and shoplifting have both decreased this year.

Violent Crime (Murder, Culpable Homicide, Attempt Murder, Serious Assault, Robbery)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
18	6	-67%



A very positive start to this year with a significant drop in violent crime which has dropped 67%, with 12 fewer crimes.

Serious assaults have decreased 52% (from 9 to 4) and robberies down 82% (from 8 to 1) being the most significant factors in this drop.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Road Casualties



	2017/18	2018/19	Change
Fatal	0	0	0.0%
Serious	15	7	-53.3%
Slight	37	45	21.6%
KSI	16	7	-56.25%
Children KSI	1	0	-100.0%

Missing Person Incidents - Child

2017/18	2018/19	Change
116	113	-2.5%



The figures show a marginal decrease from LYTD with three fewer cases. Again, children and young people missing from residential units still account for the majority of cases, and many repeatedly abscond.

Child mispers always have an element of vulnerability and are prioritised accordingly. The volume of cases places a high demand on resources.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Protecting People - Adults (Bogus Crime, Missing Persons)



Police in Midlothian were identified as a leading authority regarding their proactive work during Op Monarda in May. In conjunction with partners in Midlothian Council and VOSA, the following activities were undertaken:

1. Day of action – road checks implemented targeting work vans in conjunction with VOSA.
2. Visits and engagement with staff/clients providing advice and leaflets to all banks, libraries, care homes, pharmacies, medical centres and post offices.
3. Foot patrols engaging with members of the public in all town centres and to shelter accommodation.
4. Banks and building societies now all involved in new 'banking protocol'
5. Social media campaign providing help and advice throughout the initiative.
6. Media releases issued when scams are identified on a day to day basis.

There will be further Op Monarda work in September.

Domestic Abuse



This continues to be a high priority for Police Scotland.

In conjunction with our Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit, high tariff perpetrators are identified and processed through the MATAC process, and victims identified and supported via MARAC.

The new disclosure laws are actively being used and several disclosures made to relevant partners/individuals with a view to protecting further victimisation.

Proactive bail checks being robustly enforced on a daily basis.

Use of police bail conditions when being liberated from custody on an undertaking for a future court date to protect victims.

Referring victims to relevant local and national support agencies.

Submission of iVPD forms for all children and young people affected/witness to domestic abuse

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Antisocial Behaviour & Hate Incidents



Weekly partnership TAC process identifying problematic individuals/locations, which are thereafter tasked to MCAT/CBO/Response officers to target.

Working with Midlothian Council ASB/Legal to actively pursue recidivist offenders with ASBO/CRASBO.

Problem Solving Partnerships established to tackle larger location/community focussed issues. This approach has been highly successful at Bonnyrigg and Mayfield.

Proactive patrols at showgrounds in order to deter ASB/underage drinking.

Underage drinking initiative, led by the MCAT's throughout the summer holiday period.

Patrols around the Mosque during Ramadan, engaging with representatives and attendees.

Positive engagement with Syrian refugee families and identification of a SPOC .

Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation



There has been a significant increase in drug enforcement over the first quarter of this year, with the MCAT's playing a leading role in this regard.

A large scale cannabis cultivation in addition to several significant seizures of Class A and B drugs have been made in the first quarter, which has also seen a large increase in cash seizures.

Officers have received training inputs on the gathering and recording of intelligence, and a new electronic briefing site is now in operation within Midlothian giving officers up to date intelligence at every briefing.

Future plans include mobile drop in/surgeries in an effort to increase community engagement and provide a platform for people to speak to the police face to face.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Crimes of Dishonesty (including Housebreaking)



Lock Down Crime roadshows continue utilising premises with large footfall to maximise publicity. This campaign has seen a significant decrease in the break ins to sheds/garages within Midlothian.

Continued media campaign providing security/crime prevention advice.

Development of the Straiton Retail Crime Partnership to raise awareness and information on known shoplifters.

Rural Crime initiative that includes rural thefts.

Dedicated housebreaking teams who share intelligence with neighbouring authority areas to target travelling criminals (Op Bistra/Greenbay/Hayes)

Crime prevention surveys undertaken at identified vulnerable premises or repeat victims

Violent Crime



Monthly partnership ASBVO group seeks interventions/enforcement actions on known offenders

Detailed night time dispersal plan to reduce alcohol related violence

Robust enforcement of bail curfews/conditions on violent offenders

Intelligence led stop and searches for weapons

Development of Fearless/NKBL/MVP programmes within schools to deter violence and encourage information/intelligence

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Road Casualties



Increased sites for Camera Safety Partnership, both static and mobile

Local hand held radar checks at identified community hotspots

Structured patrol matrix for local road policing resources at identified casualty hotspots

Supporting national campaigns eg: speeding, mobile phone, drink/drug driving

Working with partners in Midlothian Council to identify and improve road engineering issues

Regular engagement with vulnerable road users (young drivers and motorbikers) providing advice and support on road safety related matters

Supporting Road Policing officers with Op Close Pass aimed to reduce injuries to pedal cyclists

Serious & Organised Crime



Working with Midlothian Council on a joint action plan (Integrity Group) to reduce the harm to our communities from Serious and Organised Crime.

Actively encourage intelligence/information on any serious and organised crime activity in the area.

Exploring every opportunity to seize any cash or assets from known SOCG's

Raising awareness amongst the community of the impact of SOCG through engagement sessions

In conjunction with MLC Education, ensure SOCG plays a part within the Curriculum for Excellence framework.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Counter Terrorism



Working with Midlothian Council on a joint action plan (Integrity Group) to reduce the harm to our communities from Counter Terrorism.

Raise awareness of CT issues within our communities

As part of the PREVENT agenda, educate our young people on CT related matters

Ensure the security of our premises through integrity testing

Ensure all staff are aware of their responsibilities through training

PREVENTION & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Events, Operations & Activity from 1st April - 30th June

Lets Rock – Over 25,000 people attended the first ever Lets Rock event at Dalkeith Country Park on the 23rd/24th June. Delighted to advise there were only a few minor incidents/ejections despite it being a very hot day with a sizeable element of the crowd having consumed a considerable amount of alcohol on both days.

This looks like it is going to be a significant event on the calendar of events for Police, with next year already having been confirmed.

Best Bar None: Having had 14 premises signed up last year, through some excellent engagement and encouragement from Community Beat Officers, we are hopeful we may have as many as 30 premises on board this year which is an excellent return.

Local Gala Days: Attendance at all local festivals by community officers/MCAT's. All went well and some excellent engagement with local residents was had.

Engagement with our Muslim Community: The 3rd April was designated a "punish a Muslim Day" by online hate groups. Midlothian officers engaged with our Muslim community pre/post and on the day with no rise in tension noted. Additional patrols and engagement was provided and well received during Ramadan.

Rural Crime Initiative: April and May saw officers out and about in the Pentland Hills/Parks and Estates in Midlothian engaging with dog walkers regarding their responsibilities to keep their dogs under control and free from sheep worrying. Additional engagement with farmers and landowners regarding rural thefts and wildlife crime, in particular hare coursing. Very well received by the community and will be repeated in Oct/Nov when sheep return from the hills.

Young People: Increased engagement with the Y2K project in Mayfield through enhanced CBO visits. This has strengthened engagement and relationships with young people and staff. In addition, all residential units in Midlothian now have an allocated CBO to foster and strengthen relationships with the residents and staff.

Lock Down Crime Campaign: Continuation of roadshows and lamp post wrap arounds now in place at Straiton advertising the campaign. Further roadshows and expansion of lamp post wraps planned over the coming months.

ASB/Underage Drinking Campaign: Campaign being delivered by MCAT's tackling ASB/underage drinking at identified hotspots over the summer holidays. Some good seizures of alcohol already made and a reduction of ASB as a consequence. This initiative also sees checks and engagement with local off sales to deter any proxy purchase.

Road Safety: Very good support and returns from Midlothian officers in the Drink Drive campaign between 29th June-13th July.



COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM MIDLOTHIAN

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Quarterly Report April – June 2018

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**MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(April – June 2018)**

Anti-Social behaviour:

Time spent on dedicated patrols of identified ASB & areas of concern:	Hi-visibility foot patrol:	646
	Mobile patrol:	521
ASB:	Number of Youth ASB calls attended:	94
ASBO:	Breach of ASBO calls attended	

Substance misuse:

Drugs- :

Searches:	Persons + ve	38
	Persons - ve	47
	Dwellings / Property + ve	19
	Dwellings / Property - ve	3

Alcohol - :

Licensed Premises Visits	Public house	11
	Off-Sales	33
Seizures:	Persons + ve	62
	Persons - ve	1

Violent crime:

Searches:	Weapons (Persons) + ve	5
	Weapons (Persons) - ve	2

Aquisitive crime:

Searches:	Stolen property +ve	10
	Stolen Property -ve	2

Offender management:

Court Bail & restrictions (Curfew)	Bail Curfew check + ve (compliant)	289
	Bail Curfew check - ve (failed to comply)	16
Arrest Warrants:	Persons Arrested on Warrant	56

Road Safety:

Prevention & Enforcement	Static road checks:	36
	Fixed Penalty notices issued (RTA only)	6
	Number of Section 165 RTA Seizures:	6
	Breath Tests - negative	187
	Breath Tests - positive	5
Vehicle ASBO Warnings and Vehicles Seized:	ASBO Warnings Issued	3
	ASBO Vehicle Seizures	0

**MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(April – June 2018)**

Joint Agency activities:

Number of Incidents Joint activity attended with partners:	Fire service	1
	Ambulance / NHS	4
	Local Council	3
	Organised public event	9

Other Information:

Standard Police reports submitted:	Adult	43
	Juvenile	13
	Juvenile VPD submission to Youth Justice	17
	Recorded Police warnings	30
Persons identified at risk: (Misc VPD submissions)	Adult	7
	Juvenile	16

Incidents / Arrests of note:

Pro-active, intelligence led activity conducted by MCAT officers throughout the quarterly period has led to the recovery of controlled substances within 19 dwellings in the Midlothian area. This has resulted in persons being reported for supply, production and possession offences in relation to controlled drugs. MCAT officer's also recovered controlled substances on 38 individuals using Police stop and search powers. In addition to the recovery of drugs, cash totalling in excess of £10,000 has been seized during these operations and stops.

MCAT officers have also craved and acted on warrants to trace stolen property, on one occasion a stolen car and on another a stolen motorbike were recovered leading to enquiries into acquisitive crime and persons reported for multiple crimes.

Pro-active bail curfew checks conducted on a regular basis have resulted in the detection of 16 breaches in relation to offenders failing to adhere to their conditions which have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. These pro-active checks are also proving to be a suitable deterrent to the recidivist, hi-tariff offenders who are subject to these conditions.

MCAT officers made significant arrests of persons wanted on apprehension warrants, with a total of 56 warrants being enforced. This has again targeted repeat offenders with one individual being wanted on 8 separate warrants and a prolific offender in Midlothian.

MCAT officers have also made a significant contribution to road safety throughout the quarter conducting 36 static and a number of mobile road checks and detecting a variety of road traffic offences. This has led to the seizure of 6 vehicles from the roads, 187 negative breath tests, 5 positive tests. These checks have been targeted in areas identified through calls to the police and also as highlighted by local community councils.

**MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(April – June 2018)**

Focus has also been directed towards areas within Midlothian, where, youth anti-social behaviour is an ongoing problem and MCAT officers have been deployed to attend 94 such calls from the public. Hi-visibility foot and mobile patrols have also been carried out providing reassurance to our local communities, deterrent impact on offenders and also opportunity to engage with groups of youths in the areas. Through the quarter 62 alcohol seizures were made from individuals and 33 licensed premises checks carried out on off-licence premises. This work will continue through the summer as part of a MCAT led Summer ASB initiative.

MCAT officers were also heavily involved in events such as Let's Rock Scotland in Dalkeith with thousands of visitors coming to the area from all over Scotland, a Royal visit and an Orange Order march.

Officers have also worked in partnership with Midlothian Council attending evictions with housing officers and working together with trading standards officers investigating illegal trading and fly tipping.

Planned activity:

The next quarterly period will see continued proactive work surrounding anti-social behaviour which often sees an increase in youth based issues during the school holidays. To this end MCAT officers are leading on a summer initiative to target underage drinking and the proxy purchase of alcohol on behalf of teenagers. This will involve targeting hotspots and also working with and supporting off-licences to spot this activity.

MCAT will also continue to utilise intelligence to target the supply of drugs and acquisitive crime in Midlothian.

Abstractions:

During the quarter across the 14 MCAT officers there were 77 days leave, 9 training days, 7 days of sickness.

CPTM

VISION & ACTIVITIES

Vision

Impact positively on life quality within the communities of Midlothian by reducing all types of antisocial behaviour through prevention, disruption and enforcement.

Activities

- 1. High Visibility Patrolling:** the provision of community support and reassurance by undertaking high visibility vehicle, foot and cycle patrols focusing on identified antisocial behaviour issues.
- 2. Recidivist Offenders:** intelligence led focus on individuals known to engage in antisocial behaviour, drugs use/supply and persistent alcohol abuse, with specific attention being given to persons subject to ASBOs and judicial bails (including curfews).
- 3. Youth Engagement:** actively engage with youths and foster a positive image of the police and their local communities. Act as primary first responders to youth calls, disrupt antisocial behaviour and enforce appropriate legislation firmly but fairly. Maximise alcohol seizures. Engage with partners and CBO colleagues to identify appropriate support and diversionary activities.
- 4. Licensed Premises:** monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents whenever possible.
- 5. Support Partners & Colleagues:** engage with community partners to work together towards the vision and promote joint patrolling. Support divisional colleagues by acting as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents that are occurring in real time whenever possible. Instigate and contribute to operations and initiatives linked to the core vision.
- 6. Road Safety:** tackle antisocial vehicle use, giving specific attention to inconsiderate vehicle use on the Midlothian road network and the illegal use of off-road motorcycles. Maximise the appropriate use of ASBO warnings and vehicle seizures.

Lets Rock Scotland event - feedback**Report by Ricky Moffat, Head of Commercial Operations****1 Purpose of Report**

On the weekend of 23/24 June 2018 the Lets Rock Scotland brand held two music events in Dalkeith Country Park. With attendances of approximately 20,000 and 10,000 respectively this constitutes two of the biggest attended events in Midlothian. Up to 3,000 campers were being provided for on the night of Saturday 23 June 2018.

The purpose of this report is to give initial feedback received following the events.

2 Background**2.1 Safety Advisory Group**

Midlothian Council, like all other Scottish Authorities has set up a Safety Advisory Group. This is made up of representatives from each of the emergency services and relevant officers from various services within Midlothian Council. The remit of the group is to consider events that are due to take place in Midlothian with a view to ensure that the event is held as safely as possible and that all necessary permissions and licenses are in place prior to the event taking place.

Having intimated their desire to hold a music event at Dalkeith Country Park, the organisers from Lets Rock Scotland attended their first Safety Advisory Group meeting on Friday 23 February 2018. A follow up meeting was held on Friday 27 April 2018.

Lets Rock Scotland have been invited to a de-brief meeting of the Safety Advisory Group on Friday 28 September 2018.

2.2 Events

On Saturday 23 June 2018 the event was designed around an "80's" theme with artists from that era. Generally it was considered that this would appeal to an older age group. Lets Rock Scotland are a brand who have held similar events across the UK and indeed have a three year contract to hold an event at Dalkeith Country Park.

Initially the intention was to only host the Saturday event but in due course the intention to host a Sunday event, which was designed to attract a younger audience was put forward.

Thereafter a request to have a short firework display after each event was requested and approved.

2.3 Initial Feedback from Safety Advisory Group Members

Each of the members of the Safety Advisory Group were contacted to ascertain their initial feedback following the events. The following table is a summary of the responses received;

Table 1 – Feedback from SAG members

ORGANISATION	COMMENTS
Police Scotland	<p>The weekend was a terrific success for Midlothian.</p> <p>From a police perspective there were real gaps in the traffic management plan of buses, shuttle buses and taxis. There was a significant planning meeting both nights to facilitate the safe egress of patrons. This will require to be better managed should the event return.</p>
Midlothian Council Building Standards	<p>From a Building Standards perspective things paperwork, wise didn't go quite as smoothly as we would have liked.</p> <p>Permission under Section 89 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 is required for both the erection and use of a temporary raised structures, namely stage, disabled viewing platform and front of house gantry.</p> <p>Although UK Live were spoken to at the SAG meeting, it was not until the Thursday afternoon after much prompting that they did eventually forward sufficient details that allowed a 'Certificate to Erect' to be issued.</p> <p>UK Live have learnt from this year and it is not expected that the same delays will occur in future.</p>
Midlothian Council Road Services	<p>The main issue pre the event was queries from locals asking about parking restrictions. Many residents in High Street effected by the event claimed not to have received notification letters from the organisers.</p>
Scottish Ambulance Service	<p>The event caused no problems and outside the event were no busier than a normal weekend in Dalkeith.</p>
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	<p>No issues from a SFRS point of view.</p>
Midlothian Council Environmental Health	<p>Environmental Health received only one noise complaint. This was from a resident in East Lothian and was received on the Monday following the event, and so no checks could be made on the night at the complaints house by the event organiser's noise consultant.</p> <p>We are awaiting a copy of the final report however from discussions with the noise consultant, they received no noise complaints and levels were kept within levels contained in Licensing conditions. This has been helped by the layout of the stage and speakers etc, which differed from Midstock (facing away from park entrance) and it will be a recommendation from Environmental Health that this stage / speaker orientation is used for future events.</p> <p>The event also finished before time and no other issues from Environmental Health, Public Health point of view.</p>
Midlothian Council Licensing	<p>No issues with regard to the processing of the application. The organiser should consider making application for a 3 year licence should he intend holding another similar event in the future.</p> <p>Feedback (i) the organiser should be more proactive in terms of issuing information in relation to the pick-up points for taxis and private hire cars and (ii) shuttle buses were operated from Edinburgh but not from within Midlothian. Consideration should be given to operating shuttle buses for residents of Midlothian to address congestion issues.</p>

2.4 Feedback from Other Sources

Additional information has been received from others who attended the events and are issues that will be taken up with the organisers.

One attendee who arrived in a wheelchair outlined a number of difficulties experienced including;

Having to be wheeled over the very bumpy cobbled stones to the entrance to Dalkeith Country Park. The organisers had given no thought to wheelchair access and at least for that part of the journey - they could have used a temporary surface like the one used in Princess St Gardens during the various summer and winter festivals.

Then had to be pushed over two fields. None of the officials offered any help.

On entering the concert area I was issued with a disabled pass which allowed me access to the disabled toilets and viewing platform but..... there was no actual disabled access to either. The officials had allowed other festival goers to set up camp on the grass obstructing the route. We fought our way through and eventually arrived at the ramp - which was so steep, an unaccompanied wheelchair user would not have been able to get up (or down) safely.

Accessing the toilets was virtually impossible in the wheelchair but I was able to borrow a crutch from another fellow disabled person and walked the short journey.

The homeward bound journey was mostly downhill so not as bad but we had to leave the concert early to avoid being caught up in the crush for the exit.

Information issued by the organisers indicated that once entry to the event had been gained the attendee would not be allowed to leave and return. However on the days attendees could get a wrist band to leave and return.

The security at the event appeared lax on occasions with attendees bags not being routinely searched as indicated prior to the event.

There were a number of parents/guardians with children, who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol.

There piles of bottles and cans all over the site during the event which indicated additional litter picking throughout the events was required.

The traffic congestion at the end of the event including cars, buses and taxis took time to clear. Whilst there were no waiting cones all along Musselburgh Road, there were cars taxis and buses parked all-round the roundabout .

3 Report Implications

3.1 Resource

Lets Rock Scotland event organisers have in place a number of contractual arrangements covering all requirements to host the events.

The Council were required to provide a range of services including the promotion of traffic regulation orders and approval of the stage erection. All costs associated with these requirements were met by the organisers.

3.2 Risk

Prior to these events the organisers produced a series of risk assessments which covered the main risks associated with the events and these were scrutinised by members of the Safety Advisory Group.

Issues identified as part of the de-brief process will be considered as part of any future risk assessment considerations.

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report are:

- ☒ Community safety
- ☒ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☒ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☒ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☐ None of the above

3.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Midlothian Council and its Community Planning Partners have made a commitment to treat the following area as key priorities under the Single Midlothian Plan:-

- Economic Growth and Business Support

A number of local facilities benefitted as a consequence of these events.

3.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Having Dalkeith Country Park as a venue hosting significant, well attended events, raises the profile of Dalkeith town centre, which will assist in future to attract people to the town as a destination to visit.

3.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach

The purpose of the Safety Advisory Group is to ensure that events are held as safely as possible. In this regard, the feedback, de-brief session and commentary received will ensure that for future events all pertinent points are discussed and addressed appropriately.

3.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

Feedback will be considered from all sources and those affected e.g. nearby residents will be assured that the potential impact of the events is minimised.

3.8 Ensuring Equalities

It is important that all attendees to the events are treated equally. In this respect the comments relating to disabled access will be considered carefully.

3.9 Supporting Sustainable Development

It is important to Dalkeith Country Park that events are staged which ensure the future of the site. Midlothian Council will continue to support the events as necessary.

3.10 IT Issues

None

4 Summary

This report gives feedback following the Lets Rock Scotland events held at Dalkeith Country Park on the weekend of 23/24 June 2018.

The intention is that a de-brief will be held with the event organisers at the end of September 2018 to consider all of the issues raised prior to the planning for future events.

5 Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- a) Note the feedback in relation to the Lets Rock Scotland events held on the weekend of 23/24 June 2018.

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