

Kirkcaldy Area Committee – Blended Meeting

Small Committee Room, 1st Floor, Town House, Kirkcaldy

Tuesday, 6 June, 2023 - 2.00 p.m.



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THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – KIRKCALDY - BLENDED

Small Committee Room, 1st Floor, Town House, Kirkcaldy

25th April, 2023

2.00 pm – 3.20 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Cameron (Convener), Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Judy Hamilton, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay, Julie MacDougall, Nicola Patrick and David Ross.

ATTENDING: Julie Dickson, Community Manager (Kirkcaldy), Izzy Scott-Trim, Community Development Team Manager (Kirkcaldy), Communities and Neighbourhood Services; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Andy Paterson, Lead Consultant, Car Parking Strategy & Operations, Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management, Roads and Transportation Services and Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Lynn Barker, Associate Director of Nursing, Community Care Services and Jacque Stringer, Locality Planning Co-ordinator, Health and Social Care Partnership.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Blair Allan

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

40. MINUTE OF MEETING OF KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE OF 7TH FEBRUARY, 2023.

The Committee considered the minute of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee meeting of 7 February, 2023.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

41. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING – KIRKCALDY

The Committee considered a report by the Associate Director of Nursing, Community Care Services providing an overview of the Health & Social Care (H&SC) Locality Planning for Kirkcaldy. The information presented was intended to provide background and context around the aims for localities, including relevant/

relevant service providers across different sectors, at all levels coming together to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.

Decision

The Committee:

1. noted the information contained in the report;
2. agreed that the Health and Social Care Partnership would provide six monthly reports to the Committee, containing updates on locality planning and joint areas of interest between H&SC partnership and community planning partners; and
3. made suggestions for additional data and information to be included in further update reports.

42. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 KIRKCALDY - KIRKCALDY CCTV

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods requesting agreement for an allocation of £57,279.36, from the underspend in the Local Community Planning Budget from 2022/23, to support the introduction of a self-sufficient CCTV system covering the Kirkcaldy area.

Decision

The Committee approved the total of £57,279.36, from the underspend in the Local Community Planning Budget from 2022/23, to support the introduction of a self-sufficient CCTV system covering the Kirkcaldy area.

43. PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS - VICTORIA HOSPITAL, KIRKCALDY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce and amend parking restrictions on the roads surrounding the Victoria hospital and Whyteman's Brae Day hospital in Kirkcaldy.

Decision

The Committee:

1. agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce and amend the parking restrictions detailed in drawings nos. TRO22_12/1; TRO22_12/2 RevA; and TRO22_12/3 RevA with all ancillary procedures, as detailed in the appendices to the report; and
2. authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period, unless there were objections.

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44. PEDESTRIAN ZONE - HIGH STREET, KIRKCALDY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads & Transportation Services in relation to the proposal to make permanent the current Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for the Pedestrian Zone timings for exempted vehicles in High Street, Kirkcaldy.

Decision

The Committee:

1. agreed to make the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for the pedestrian zone timings for exempted vehicles in High Street, Kirkcaldy permanent as detailed in drawing nos. TRO22_32/PZ and TRO22_32/OPR with all ancillary procedures, as detailed in the appendices to the report; and
2. authorised officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period.

45. REDUCED PRICE CAR PARK SEASON TICKET

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services providing an update on the operation of the reduced price car park season ticket in Kirkcaldy. The Committee were asked to support an extension of the reduced price car park season ticket until 31 March, 2024.

Decision

The Committee agreed;

1. to continue to support the reduced price season ticket in selected car parks in Kirkcaldy until 31 March, 2024; and
2. that the funding for the exercise would be taken from the budget allocated to Kirkcaldy Area for devolved parking initiatives.

46. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – KIRKCALDY AREA LOCAL BUDGETS 2022/25

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods providing an update on the 3 year budget allocations agreed by the Committee in March, 2022. Members were also asked to agree an increase to the allocation of funding to Growing Kirkcaldy from £4K to £6K for financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Decision

The Committee:

1. noted the content of the report which provided an updated position on the budget allocations agreed in March, 2022; and
2. agreed the increase to the allocation of funding for Growing Kirkcaldy from £4K to £6K for financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

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47. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Manager Property Services, advising of action taken in relation to property transactions, using the List of Officer Powers.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the report.

48. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services supporting the Committee's consideration of the workplan for future meetings of Kirkcaldy Area Committee.

Decision

The Committee:

1. reviewed and noted the Kirkcaldy Area Forward Work Programme;
2. noted that a report on market assessment on the Multi-Storey Car Parks, Kirkcaldy would now be issued in the form of a briefing note to Members and circulated in the next few weeks;
3. suggested that officers be approached to submit a future report to the Committee on the feasibility of simplifying car parking charges within the Kirkcaldy Town Centre Area; and
4. agreed that a Members Workshop be arranged to facilitate discussion on content of the forthcoming School Attainment and Achievement Annual report.

6 June 2023

Agenda Item No. 04

Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Overton Court, Kirkcaldy

Report by: John Mitchell – Head of Roads & Transportation Services

Wards Affected: Ward 12 – Kirkcaldy East

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to allow the Kirkcaldy Area Committee to consider objections to a proposal to introduce a “No Waiting at Any Time” parking restriction in Overton Court, Kirkcaldy.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Committee agrees to set aside the outstanding 9 objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) introducing the “No Waiting At Any Time” restrictions in Overton Court, Kirkcaldy as shown in drawing no. TRO22_56 (Appendix 1), to allow the Order to be made and the restrictions put in place.

Resource Implications

The cost to formally promote this TRO and deliver the associated traffic management works is approximately £2300, which covers Roads & Transportation Services’ and Legal Services’ staff costs, advertising, and delivery of the new infrastructure. This will be met from approved Service budgets.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no known legal or risk implications.

Impact Assessment

The general duties section of the impact assessment and the summary form have been completed. No negative impacts have been identified.

Consultation

The local Ward Councillors, Parking Management team and Police Scotland and were advised.

Formal consultation required by the Roads Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the TRO process was carried out through the posting of legal notices in a local newspaper

and on the affected length of roads. In addition, details of the proposed TRO were made available on Fife Council's website.

During the formal consultation period 9 objections were received.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Overton Court Development in Kirkcaldy is operated by Blackwood Homes and Care. The road is an adopted cul-de-sac.
- 1.2 The properties in Overton Court accommodate persons with limited mobility, general housing needs and wheelchair use. A tenants and residents support group are working with Blackwood Homes and a local MSP to address issues encountered within the development. Given the nature of the Development, many of the residents are vulnerable and require access from emergency services on a regular basis.
- 1.3 On 20th September 2022, Committee agreed to the promotion of a TRO to implement a "No Waiting At Any Time" parking restriction on Overton Court, Kirkcaldy [Minute 2022.KAC.5. Item 10 refers]

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 During the statutory consultation period, 9 objections were received to the proposal. The main elements of the objections and Service response to these are outlined below with full redacted correspondence available as a background paper.
- 2.2.1 *Most objectors claim there are no issues with obstructive parking and that emergency service vehicles, waste collection and deliveries are not prevented access.*
Service Response: Reports of regular obstructive parking were discussed at a meeting held with a representative of Blackwood Homes and Care and the residents' support group. As an outcome of that meeting, Roads & Transportation Services were asked to put forward a proposal for a modest length of double yellow line parking restriction.
- 2.2.2 *Objectors are concerned with the removal of parking provision for nearby properties and care provision access.*
Service Response: The parking restriction was proposed for parts of the road where parking is discouraged in the Highway Code and does not significantly reduce parking capacity. Such a restriction would help to keep this area accessible, including keeping driveways clear of obstructing vehicles and allow access for wheelchair users on footways.
- 2.3 To address objectors' comments, Ward Councillors carried out a site meeting with residents. It was concluded that the request & subsequent proposal for double yellow lines was competent, due to the nature and severity of the medical conditions that a significant number of residents have and the requirement for unimpeded access by the Ambulance Service.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 It is considered, in the interests of road safety and traffic management, that the objections should be set aside allowing the parking restrictions to proceed.

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Background Papers

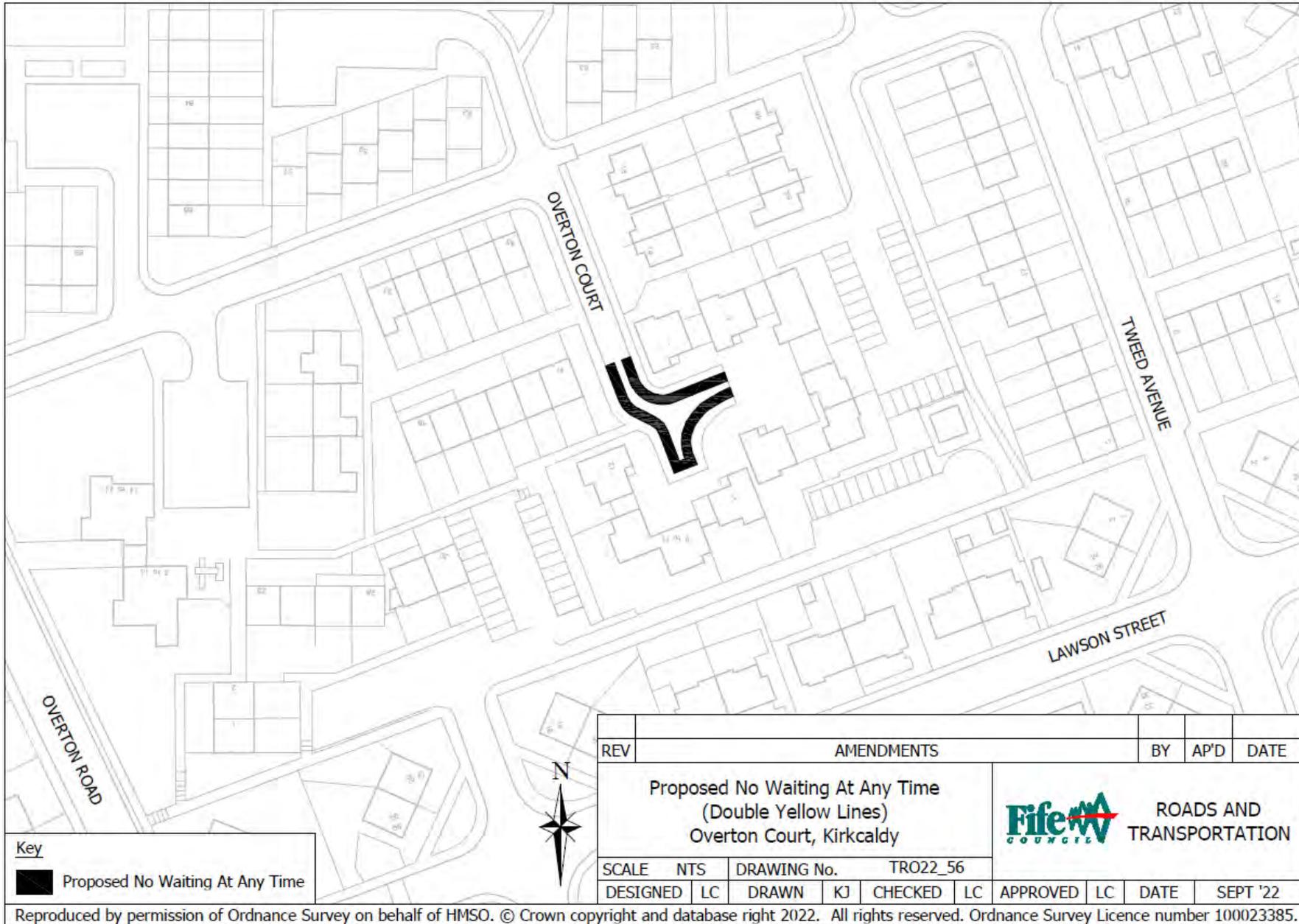
1. Full Correspondence (Redacted) with Objectors

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Appendix 1



Key

	Proposed No Waiting At Any Time
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REV	AMENDMENTS						BY	AP'D	DATE
	Proposed No Waiting At Any Time (Double Yellow Lines) Overton Court, Kirkcaldy						 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION		
SCALE	NTS	DRAWING No.		TRO22_56					
DESIGNED	LC	DRAWN	KJ	CHECKED	LC	APPROVED	LC	DATE	SEPT '22

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Objection 1

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 20 December 2022 19:02

To: Traffic Management <Traffic.Management@fife.gov.uk>

Subject: Strongly disagree with the proposed action in Overton court

I'm am writing to strongly disagree with the proposed yellow lines in Overton court . I live at [REDACTED] Overton mains and the parking is bad enough in this area and this would just make it worse. My 18 year old daughter has previously had to park in another street and walk to the house which is dangerous in itself without making things worse!!

In all the time I've been here I have never seen an ambulance or rescue vehicle get " blocked" in ! The only time it's slightly hard is on bin days by Fife council bin trucks getting the rubbish but they are normally fast and get the job done then away again. Maybe if other residents parked their cars property (maybe putting bays in ?) but 100% think if the yellow lines go it it will make parking way more difficult. Also Overton court houses have lots of careers at different times who "abandon " their cars and go to whichever house (maybe this is an area you also need to address!!

[REDACTED]

Service Response 1

From: Keith Johnston

Sent: 21 December 2022 12:27

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Strongly disagree with the proposed action in Overton court

Afternoon [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email below.

It is understandable that there is a high demand for parking in residential areas and as such we are reluctant to propose parking restrictions unless it is really necessary. We have been asked to promote a modest double yellow line parking restriction in the cul-de-sac of Overton Court due to reports that vehicles are parked on the bend, turning area, and footway which is regularly obstructing the road for emergency service vehicles and preventing access for wheelchair users. Given the higher concentration of infirm individuals in this area it was recommended to the Kirkcaldy Area Committee (made up of elected Ward Councillors) that double yellow lines be promoted. Such a restriction would help to keep this area accessible, including keeping driveways clear of obstructing vehicles. The double yellow lines are only proposed at a location where parking is discouraged in the Highway Code and does not significantly reduce parking capacity.

Carers are not exempt from parking restrictions and if parked on double yellow lines they could be issued a fixed penalty notice.

For the avoidance of doubt we are not declaring your comments below as a formal objection but as a comment only. If, after consideration of my above comments you wish to object to the proposed parking restriction you will need to reply stating this and clearly explain your reason(s) for objection. The closing date for objections is 05/01/23.

Regards

Keith Johnston

Technician Engineer – Traffic Management (South)

Fife Council

Objector Response 1

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 December 2022 13:01

To: Keith Johnston <Keith.Johnston@fife.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Strongly disagree with the proposed action in Overton court

Thank you for replying Keith . I still totally object to the lines . Maybe if the careers that go to Overton court are told they have to park respectfully then we wouldn't have this said problem. Couldn't you put bays in to promote sensitive and safe parking?

[REDACTED]

Service Response 2

From: Keith Johnston

Sent: 21 December 2022 14:12

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Strongly disagree with the proposed action in Overton court

Afternoon [REDACTED],

I note you still wish to object to this proposal. From your comments below it would seem you wish to object for the following reasons:

- that you haven't observed any issues with obstructive parking but have observed inconsiderate parking by carers attending the nearby properties
- removal of parking at this location will result in loss of parking provision

If I have interpreted your comments incorrectly please clearly provide further information on your reasons for objection.

For clarity here is some information on what area of the road is under the management of Fife Council Roads & Transportation Services.

Below is an image showing in green what constitutes part of the "public road" and therefore under our jurisdiction. We cannot mark parked bays in the monoblock parking areas as we have no control over those. Nor would we provide marking parked bays at the end of Overton Court where we are proposing to introduce double yellow lines to allow clear access for emergency service vehicles and wheelchair users.



If you feel that carers are parking irresponsibly you could perhaps pursue at this link:
<https://www.fife.gov.uk/services/fife-council-complaints-form/health-and-social-care>

Unless you wish to withdraw your objection we will present a report detailing your objection along with our response to a future Kirkcaldy Area Committee for a decision. I will inform you of their decision in due course.

Regards

Keith Johnston
Technician Engineer – Traffic Management (South)
Fife Council

Objection 2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 September 2022 16:39
To: Lesley Craig <Lesley.Craig@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Overton Court double yellow line

Dear Sir/madam.,

I am a tenent with blackwood Housing. I I wish to lodge a complaint against the double yellow lines being scheduled to be put in the Overton Court area. The tenant requesting this has not consulted other tenants, I had to find out from someone outside of the Court. I am disabled and and need to park outside my property when the person requesting the lines have a gardening contractor PMI block my driveway. Also no[REDACTED] has been out screaming shouting and swearing at doctors, carers, and delivery men, but let's his family and friends park there, double yellow lines will only escalate this behavior, on my opinion it is not acceptable and the police have been called at least once.

Regards [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 9:02:01 AM
To: Cllr Alistair Cameron <Cllr.Alistair.Cameron@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Yellow lines

Dear Mr Campbell,

I have found out that double yellow lines are being put down in the area of Overton Court.

I have put my objections. The reply was we don't care lthey are going down with the excuse of it blocks emergency vehicles. This is utter rubbish as there have been numerous emergency vehicles including fire engines.

There is not adequate parking as it stands and to put yellow lines down would cause a parking problem in the area.

I am totally against the implementation of yellow lines as is a lot of residents in the area that have lived in the area over 8 years without any issues of emergency vehicles not being able to get access.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Service Response 1

From: Keith Johnston
Sent: 05 January 2023 09:45
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Yellow lines

Morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email below which has been passed to our team and I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

It is understandable that there is a high demand for parking in residential areas and as such we are reluctant to propose parking restrictions unless it is necessary. We have been asked to promote a modest double yellow line

parking restriction in the cul-de-sac of Overton Court due to reports that vehicles are parked on the bend, turning area, and footway which is regularly obstructing the road for emergency service vehicles and preventing access for wheelchair users. Given the higher concentration of infirm individuals in this area it was recommended to the Kirkcaldy Area Committee (made up of elected Ward Councillors) that double yellow lines be promoted. Such a restriction would help to keep this area accessible, including keeping driveways clear of obstructing vehicles. The double yellow lines are only proposed at a location where parking is discouraged in the Highway Code and does not significantly reduce parking capacity.

A report detailing your objection along with our response will be presented to a future Kirkcaldy Area Committee for a decision. I will inform you of their decision in due course.

Regards

Keith Johnston
Technician Engineer – Traffic Management (South)
Fife Council

Objector Response 1

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2023 11:05
To: Keith Johnston <Keith.Johnston@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Yellow lines

Dear Mr Johnson,

Thank you for your reply, however there no obstruction to emergency vehicles. I have attached a photo of a fire engine proving that emergency vehicle can get access easily. Their are only 2 residents of Overton Court who wish for the implementation of yellow. The majority of residents are Happy without yellow lines.

As for disabled access myself and my wife are disabled the only difficulty we have is the blocking of dropped kerbs causing us to travel further to get across the road.

The people requesting need education in the highway code. One of the parties has damaged carers cars and verbally abused delivery drivers and residents the police have been called references the above-mentioned.

Putting yellow lines will only increase the abuse to delivery drivers and carers some of which have refused to deliver to the abusive tenant.

The fore mentioned tenant has double standards allowing contractors visiting his property park on the corner you have mentioned.

Who is going to police it? I believe that the implementation would only cause further damage and abuse.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]



Service Response 2

From: Keith Johnston
Sent: 05 January 2023 11:18
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Yellow lines

Morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for your further comments and photograph. I also have your other email sent to Lesley Craig and I will attach them all to your objection.

All our parking restrictions are enforced by Fife Council parking attendants.

I will contact you following the Kirkcaldy Area Committee decision in due course.

Regards

Keith Johnston
Technician Engineer – Traffic Management (South)
Fife Council

Objection 3

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 22 December 2022 10:20

To: Traffic Management <Traffic.Management@fife.gov.uk>

Subject: OBJECTION TO THE FIFE COUNCIL (OVERTON COURT, KIRKCALDY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

As residents of Overton Mains who will be directly impacted by the proposed prohibition of waiting order, we have been moved to write to you upon receipt of your proposal for the installation of double yellow lines in Overton Court.

In response to the only statement of reason provided with the order stating the requirement for the double yellow lines to be road management and safety we cannot see why that is the case.

Since we have lived here there has never been any incident of road safety or management which would be resolved by adding double yellow lines in the proposed area. The only road issue in the cul-de-sac is due to insufficient parking availability in particular for visiting carers. Adding double yellow lines would reduce parking by a minimum of two further spots which will exasperate the problems already faced by the residents of the area and individuals who rely on carers.

In addition, there has been no clarification of what the road management or safety issue is and we would appreciate receiving clarity on what the core problems are which the proposal is wishing to address. Anecdotally from fellow residents (who also disagree with the proposal) we have been informed the problem is regarding access to the cul-de-sac. There are currently and never have been any access issues to the area in question. In the past we have had gritters, ambulances, fire engines and police response vehicles been able to successfully access the cul-de-sac without any issues.

Adding the yellow lines as proposed will likely cause unsafe conditions on the access road leading into Overton Court as parking is already limited and will resort in the many carers who access the Overton Court cul-de-sac to block up the access road further. This in turn will then negatively impact the full area not the mention the impact on the personal care for the vulnerable people who reside in Overton Court when care will be delayed as carers will struggle to find suitable safe parking.

We believe the only suitable solution would be to replace the grass embankments which are on the Overton Court road with additional parking bays which will result in increased parking opportunities and resolve any other potential issues.

If that is deemed impossible then access can be guaranteed by only placing double yellow lines on the Overton Court side of the road and leaving the road adjacent to 41 Overton Mains as it is.

Assessing the proposal, we believe it is clear that those people who are supportive of the proposals to put yellow lines down the bottom end of Overton Court are in the fortunate position of having their own off street parking space. However, we do not have any alternative parking opportunities nor do most of the householders who live in the Overton Mains area directly adjacent to the Overton Court cul-de-sac. Therefore, we have no choice but to park our car outside in the adjacent street which is limited as it is.

Parking recently has become a greater challenge with the installation of the disabled parking bay and would become a larger issue if further restrictions will be placed. The additional double yellow lines would create increased pressure on a substandard parking situation in the area as it is without providing a suitable alternative.

As it stands the six properties between 41 and 48 Overton Mains have no other parking facilities than the road leading into the cul-de-sac. According to the SCOTT Roads Development Guide Part 3, Class 9: Houses, for each 2-3 bedroom house there should be 2 parking spaces per dwelling (not taking into account provision for visitor parking).

If applying Fife Council's new development requirement for parking spaces the additional houses in Overton Court should never have been built in the first place without providing parking spaces for the existing houses in Overton Mains. I estimate that the double yellow lines will remove approximately 2/3 parking spaces leaving 3/4 spaces for the remaining householders which is not acceptable. As parents of a young child this will be extremely detrimental to our quality of life living in our home. It will result in having to park further away in other streets which already have issues regarding parking and would be impractical when doing simple tasks as unloading shopping or nursery runs let alone when we have visitors or special deliveries. We would not be able to load items through our garden gate either.

Having parking access near to our home has been a must when our son was a baby and we required frequent urgent trips to A&E or the doctors. Not having access to our car without having to walk or know where we will be able to park will cause significant anxiety and stress which can be prevented by not placing the double yellow lines or addressing the parking issues in the wider Overton Mains area.

With the push to net zero emissions we are already at a disadvantage in the property where we live as we have no possibility to ever install an electric vehicle charging point. There is no road directly in front of our property so to make the shift to an electric vehicle we are dependent on a public charging point being made available in our street. Removing another 2 to 3 parking spaces will make it even less likely this will ever become an option where we live. To resolve again the only option would be to leave the road markings as are or to install more parking spaces and making at least one of them an electric charging point space. This would resolve any issues and future proof an area which consistently has been left behind.

In summary the proposed prohibition of waiting order in Overton Mains should not go ahead as there is currently no safety or road management issues in the street, the proposal would itself result in safety and road management issue by the removal of parking spaces, it would remove parking spaces in an area that has insufficient parking spaces as it is and reduce the quality of life of the residents in the immediate proximity of the proposed space, will result in impact on care provision for the vulnerable people living in Overton Court, if implemented would be detrimental to other householders living in the surrounding area as their parking would be reduced and in the future will result in the area being left behind in the journey to net zero.

I would be very happy if alternative parking became available and would be open to hearing about any suggestions you may propose to compensate us. Until that happens, please take this as an official objection to the double yellow lines proposed and I would urge those that make decisions in this area to come and have a look at Overton Court for themselves and perhaps then adopt a more joined up and considered approach to any potential problem rather than a knee-jerk one.

Your Sincerely,
[REDACTED] & [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Overton Mains, Kirkcaldy, KY1 3JN

Service Response 1

From: Keith Johnston
Sent: 05 January 2023 11:01
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: OBJECTION TO THE FIFE COUNCIL (OVERTON COURT, KIRKCALDY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2023

Morning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED],

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A report detailing your objection along with our response will be presented to a future Kirkcaldy Area Committee for a decision. I will inform you of their decision in due course.

Regarding some of your other comments I will briefly comment on those below.

Removal of grass to create car parking spaces

While this would slightly increase parking capacity in the area, it is not something we could offer as mitigation for the parking restriction proposal. Given the high cost to provide a very small number of extra parking spaces it would be unlikely funding could be sourced. Roads & Transportation currently do not have a budget to convert grassed areas to parking in such areas.

Reduce proposal to only one side of the road

It is felt that the proposal on both sides of the road would protect the dropped kerb crossing point, driveways and help vehicles negotiate the corner and turning area.

New build parking facilities

Planning applications generally only require new builds to provide parking facilities within the curtilage of the site for the new buildings being constructed and not to increase parking availability for nearby properties. Given the off-street parking and two visitor spaces on the monoblock area off the turning head it would seem off-street parking was provided for these buildings in accordance with the development guidelines that were current at the time.

Electric vehicle charging points

Fife Council have been providing electric vehicle charging points at many locations such as car parks in town centres. There is more information on our website here: <https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/road,-travel-and-parking/electric-vehicle-network>

After consideration of the above you may wish to withdraw your objection and if so please confirm this. Otherwise as I have mentioned above, your objection will be considered at a future Kirkcaldy Area Committee meeting for a decision.

Regards

Keith Johnston
Technician Engineer – Traffic Management (South)
Fife Council

Objection 4

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 December 2022 15:47
To: Traffic Management <Traffic.Management@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Object to yellow lines at overton court

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Overton mains Kirkcaldy
Ky13jn

I have stayed at Overton mains for 12 years and they have never been a problem with parking or anyone getting blocked in the driveways at Overton court I have never see any ambulance service getting stop from getting in or out

same with bin waste service

The carers that's go in to Overton court have always park responsibility and they only go in to people at Overton court and if the yellow lines are permitted, they have no choice but to park at our end of the street and that's no fare taking parking space away from us as we don't not need the carers

I object to the yellow lines been granted

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Service Response 1

From: Keith Johnston
Sent: 05 January 2023 11:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Object to yellow lines at overton court

Morning [REDACTED],

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It is understandable that there is a high demand for parking in residential areas and as such we are reluctant to propose parking restrictions unless it is necessary. We have been asked to promote a modest double yellow line parking restriction in the cul-de-sac of Overton Court due to reports that vehicles are parked on the bend, turning area, and footway which is regularly obstructing the road for emergency service vehicles and preventing access for wheelchair users. Given the higher concentration of infirm individuals in this area it was recommended to the Kirkcaldy Area Committee (made up of elected Ward Councillors) that double yellow lines be promoted. Such a restriction would help to keep this area accessible, including keeping driveways clear of obstructing vehicles. The double yellow lines are only proposed at a location where parking is discouraged in the Highway Code and does not significantly reduce parking capacity.

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Regards

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Fife Council

Objection 5

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 December 2022 15:48
To: Traffic Management <Traffic.Management@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: I object to yellow lines at Overton court

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Overton mains Kirkcaldy
Ky13jn

I have stayed here for 14 years and there has never been a problem with partaking till some new people moved in to Overton court they are saying they can't put bins out which is a lie they say them getting block in by carers lie they say cars are getting block in lie is all to do with one man not liking them parting at his home he has shouted obscenity at then called the police on the carers, doctors, delivery drivers and he's has been told they can park their so now he has put in a request for yellow lines with means all the carers that are for Overton court will have no place to park but, on our street, and that's taking parking places away from the people that stay here and don't need the carers which some are 24/ 7 for Overton court and they all have their own drive ways and have NEVER been blocked ☹ in I would be asking for evidence from the people that are says this happened .
I OBJECT TO THE YELLOW LINES AT OVERTON court

Service Response 1

From: Keith Johnston
Sent: 05 January 2023 11:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: I object to yellow lines at Overton court

Morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email below and I acknowledge receipt of your objection. I note you have also sent a duplicate email from your other email address.

It is understandable that there is a high demand for parking in residential areas and as such we are reluctant to propose parking restrictions unless it is necessary. We have been asked to promote a modest double yellow line parking restriction in the cul-de-sac of Overton Court due to reports that vehicles are parked on the bend, turning area, and footway which is regularly obstructing the road for emergency service vehicles and preventing access for wheelchair users. Given the higher concentration of infirm individuals in this area it was recommended to the Kirkcaldy Area Committee (made up of elected Ward Councillors) that double yellow lines be promoted. Such a restriction would help to keep this area accessible, including keeping driveways clear of obstructing vehicles. The double yellow lines are only proposed at a location where parking is discouraged in the Highway Code and does not significantly reduce parking capacity.

After consideration of the above you may wish to withdraw your objection and if so please confirm this. Otherwise a report detailing your objection along with our response will be presented to a future Kirkcaldy Area Committee for a decision. I will inform you of their decision in due course.

Regards

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Objector Response 1

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 January 2023 11:51

To: Keith Johnston <Keith.Johnston@fife.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: I object to yellow lines at Overton court

I have stayed hear 14 years and have never seen any one park on the Bend I have never seen any one park on the pavement I am OBJECTIVE to the yellow lines at Overton court as the proposed don't not happen I be asking for proof of this as I will be obtaining proof that it don't happen
I object to the yellow line at Overton Court

Objection 6

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 December 2022 12:47
To: Traffic Management <Traffic.Management@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to proposal

Hi,

My name is [REDACTED] and I currently reside at [REDACTED] Overton Mains, KY1 3JN, Kirkcaldy.

I would like to OBJECT to double yellow lines in Overton Court. All residents living in Overton Court have their own drive ways therefore do not require on street parking however their carers do.

The issue at hand is one old man who does not like carers parking Infront of his window who are actually there to care for his family. If we remove parking access to these workers, they will park infront of our homes and we currently do not have one space per household as it is. All issues raised are inaccurate and hold no truth, no one gets blocked in and I would love to see some evidence as I'm sure he could not provide any. Please note there is CCTV at this area from multiple residents and this would prove all accusations are false.

Please take the above into consideration before approving or denying double yellow lines.

Thank you,
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Service Response 1

From: Keith Johnston
Sent: 05 January 2023 11:50
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Objection to proposal

Morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email below and I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

It is understandable that there is a high demand for parking in residential areas and as such we are reluctant to propose parking restrictions unless it is necessary. We have been asked to promote a modest double yellow line parking restriction in the cul-de-sac of Overton Court due to reports that vehicles are parked on the bend, turning area, and footway which is regularly obstructing the road for emergency service vehicles and preventing access for wheelchair users. Given the higher concentration of infirm individuals in this area it was recommended to the Kirkcaldy Area Committee (made up of elected Ward Councillors) that double yellow lines be promoted. Such a restriction would help to keep this area accessible, including keeping driveways clear of obstructing vehicles. The double yellow lines are only proposed at a location where parking is discouraged in the Highway Code and does not significantly reduce parking capacity.

After consideration of the above you may wish to withdraw your objection and if so please confirm this. Otherwise a report detailing your objection along with our response will be presented to a future Kirkcaldy Area Committee for a decision. I will inform you of their decision in due course.

Regards

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Objection 7

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:10
To: Traffic Management <Traffic.Management@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Overton court

To whom it may concern

I am writing to object to the proposed parking restrictions in Overton Court. I live at [REDACTED] Overton Mains and there is limited parking available as it, especially since the disabled bay that has recently been allocated. Starting the double yellow lines from 41 Overton Mains will take away 2 or 3 spaces that cause no obstruction. I have young children (as do my neighbours) and forcing us to park further away I worry raises the risk of an accident happening. Why can't the grass areas at the side of 41 & 48 Overton Mains be turned into parking spaces which may help with the problem? A large number of the cars that park in this area are carers car for the residents of Overton Court so fail to see why this is being imposed as it will restrict them in getting to their clients.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

Service Response 1

From: Keith Johnston
Sent: 05 January 2023 12:17
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Overton court

Afternoon [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email below and I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

It is understandable that there is a high demand for parking in residential areas and as such we are reluctant to propose parking restrictions unless it is necessary. We have been asked to promote a modest double yellow line parking restriction in the cul-de-sac of Overton Court due to reports that vehicles are parked on the bend, turning area, and footway which is regularly obstructing the road for emergency service vehicles and preventing access for wheelchair users. Given the higher concentration of infirm individuals in this area it was recommended to the Kirkcaldy Area Committee (made up of elected Ward Councillors) that double yellow lines be promoted. Such a restriction would help to keep this area accessible, including keeping driveways clear of obstructing vehicles. The double yellow lines are only proposed at a location where parking is discouraged in the Highway Code and does not significantly reduce parking capacity.

While removal of the grass area to create parking spaces would slightly increase parking capacity in the area, it is not something we could offer as mitigation for the parking restriction proposal. Given the high cost to provide a very small number of extra parking spaces it would be unlikely funding could be sourced. Roads & Transportation currently do not have a budget to convert grassed areas to parking in such areas.

After consideration of the above you may wish to withdraw your objection and if so please confirm this. Otherwise a report detailing your objection along with our response will be presented to a future Kirkcaldy Area Committee for a decision. I will inform you of their decision in due course.

Regards

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Fife Council

Objector Response 1

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 January 2023 13:04

To: Keith Johnston <Keith.Johnston@fife.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Overton court

Hi Keith

Thanks for your response and completely understand the need for the restrictions for the turning area and anywhere that obstructs the houses or emergency service vehicles. However starting the restriction at 41 is still a straight bit of road and limiting parking for at least 2 cars - removing these would make a big difference to the residents and therefore my objection still stands, even if it is so that the starting point of the restrictions can be considered.

Many thanks
[REDACTED]

Objection 8

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 January 2023 20:58
To: Traffic Management <Traffic.Management@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection

Hello

I am writing with regards to the Overton Court, Kirkcaldy (prohibition of waiting order) I would like to object due to the street I live on being horrendous to park already. We have carers, visitors even van drivers struggling to park in Overton Mains without Overton Court being allowed double yellow lines.

Yours [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Overton Mains Kirkcaldy

Service Response 1

From: Keith Johnston
Sent: 05 January 2023 12:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Objection

Afternoon,

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It is understandable that there is a high demand for parking in residential areas and as such we are reluctant to propose parking restrictions unless it is necessary. We have been asked to promote a modest double yellow line parking restriction in the cul-de-sac of Overton Court due to reports that vehicles are parked on the bend, turning area, and footway which is regularly obstructing the road for emergency service vehicles and preventing access for wheelchair users. Given the higher concentration of infirm individuals in this area it was recommended to the Kirkcaldy Area Committee (made up of elected Ward Councillors) that double yellow lines be promoted. Such a restriction would help to keep this area accessible, including keeping driveways clear of obstructing vehicles. The double yellow lines are only proposed at a location where parking is discouraged in the Highway Code and does not significantly reduce parking capacity.

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Regards

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Fife Council

Objection 9

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2023 16:15
To: Traffic Management <Traffic.Management@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Proposal objection Overton Court

I am emailing regarding the proposal to put double yellow lines in at Overton Court. I would like to put in an objection to this proposal please. I have been a resident at no. [REDACTED] for almost 30 years and we have never had a problem with parking. It is a disabled cul-de-sac in which almost all residents require some kind of 24 hour care. The street leading into our cul-de-sac is also very busy which means if double yellow lines were to be put in, doctors, nurses and carers etc would have to park at least 2 streets away, not very practical or safe especially at night or in the dark. Also, where are maintenance and service workers meant to Park?

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Overton Court
Kirkcaldy
KY1 3LN

Service Response 1

From: Keith Johnston
Sent: 05 January 2023 12:32
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Proposal objection Overton Court

Afternoon [REDACTED],

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Regards

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6 June 2023

Agenda Item No. 05

Update on Experimental School Exclusion Zone: St. Marie's RC Primary School and Proposed Parking Restrictions: MacIndoe Cresc. & Beatty Cresc., Kdy

Report by: John Mitchell – Head of Roads & Transportation Services

Wards Affected: Ward No. 12 – Kirkcaldy East

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on the experimental School Exclusion Zone for St. Marie's RC Primary School and for Committee to consider a proposal to introduce parking restrictions in MacIndoe Crescent & Beatty Crescent, Kirkcaldy.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended, in the interests of road safety, that Committee:

- (1) note the contents of the report and that the Cabinet Committee will consider a future report towards the conclusion of the three trial School Exclusion Zones with an evaluation of their effectiveness and recommendations;
- (2) agrees to promote a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the parking restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO23_16 (Appendix 1), with all ancillary procedures; and
- (3) authorises officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there are objections.

Resource Implications

The cost to formally promote this TRO will be approximately £2,500, which covers Roads & Transportation Services' and Legal Services' staff costs, advertising, and delivery of the new infrastructure. This will be met from approved Service budgets.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no known legal or risk implications.

Impact Assessment

The general duties section of the impact assessment and the summary form have been completed. No negative impacts have been identified.

Consultation

The local Ward Councillors, Parking Management team, School Travel Plan team, St. Marie's RC Primary School, and Police Scotland have been advised.

Two ward Councillors have expressed their support for the proposal.

Formal consultation required by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the TRO process will be carried out through the posting of legal notices in a local newspaper and on the affected length of roads. In addition, details of the proposed TRO will be made available on Fife Council's website.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 A report was considered by Committee on 20th September 2022 [Minute 2022 KAC 5 Item 11 refers] where the Committee agreed to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO), for a School Exclusion Zone (SEZ) in MacIndoe Crescent, Kirkcaldy.
- 1.2 The School Exclusion Zone began at the end of November 2022 for a trial period of 18 months and operates on school days from 8.30 am – 9.30 am and 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 Following an initial "bedding in" period, parents and residents were invited to take part in a consultation to give an indication of their views and what could be done to make the SEZ more successful.
- 2.2 A similar consultation was carried out prior to launch to allow for a comparison of data.
- 2.3 We received feedback from other methods of communication and key points are included in this update report. Various site visits were conducted by Officers during the operational times.

Operation

- 2.4 Within the first few days of operation, it was discovered the lights on the entry sign were difficult to see from any angle other than straight on. Given that MacIndoe Crescent is accessed from a right angle approaching from Beatty Crescent this was an issue that required attention. To address this, arrangements were made to increase the brightness of the lights to the maximum setting and to supply and retrofit additional LED twin amber flashers underneath the entry sign. This increased the visual indication that the sign is operational and seen from a wider angle.
- 2.5 In the first few weeks of operation, the school provided staff support at the entry into the SEZ to inform drivers of the restriction and encourage compliance. While effective, this is not a resource that can be maintained, and occasionally verbal abuse, disregard by some drivers, and other priorities has led to a reduction in school staff presence.

Consultation

- 2.6 It should be noted that the pre-scheme consultation received 12 responses and the 3 months-in consultation received 52 responses.
- 2.7 The main points from the consultation refer to perception of safety, compliance of the restrictions, influence on active travel and some suggestions for improvement.

- 2.8 Perception of safety. Prior to implementation, 67% of respondents felt that the SEZ would make the area outside the school gates safer. 3 months into the SEZ trial, 52% of respondents felt that this area was safer. This question in the consultation focussed on the area outside the school gates, however some respondents expressed concerns for safety at other locations where parking had been displaced.
- 2.9 Compliance of restrictions. Prior to implementation, 42% of respondents felt that motorists would not comply with the restrictions. This reduced to 35% expressing concerns for low compliance. Many have expressed dissatisfaction with the level of enforcement support from the Police.
- 2.10 Influence on active travel to school. Although 50% felt that the SEZ would encourage more active travel prior to launch, 3 months in this reduced to 21%. This element of the consultation can be compared with the “Hands Up” survey that is carried out annually by Sustrans on how children get to school. This takes place around September each year and this data may provide a clearer indication of influence on active travel choices. This data will be reviewed later in the year when it is available.
- 2.11 Suggestions for improvement. Most comments ask for increased enforcement support, however, enforcement of the restriction is the responsibility of the Police.

Further Action

- 2.12 Residents have requested the introduction of “No Waiting At Any Time” (double yellow lines) restrictions at the MacIndoe Crescent / Beatty Crescent junction. It has been observed that parking is regularly taking place on this junction which is causing safety concerns for children crossing these roads and restricting bus movements at the junction. It is proposed to introduce double yellow lines at this junction as shown on Drawing no. TRO23_16 (Appendix 1). This will improve safety for children crossing the road and allow buses to negotiate the junction.
- 2.13 In the consultation respondents were asked if they would like the SEZ made permanent at the end of the trial period with 44% in favour. 44% were not in favour of keeping the SEZ. The remaining 12% were undecided.

Anecdotal Information from school children

- 2.14 The School Management Team spoke with a focus group of children from the upper school. The children said that before the restrictions were introduced, they felt walking up MacIndoe Crescent was quite unsafe with regards to cars driving up the road, reversing and parking on the pavements. At this time, they rated their safety as a 4 out of 10, where 10 was feeling completely safe. They reported that when the exclusion zone was first introduced, they said it was much safer for everyone and they rated their safety as 9 out of 10. However, they all spoke about the fact that more cars are starting to drive up the road now and are, once again, reversing and parking on the pavement. They said it is not as bad as it used to be, but they don't feel as safe as they did when the exclusion zone was first introduced.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 There is no clear majority of consultation respondents in favour of keeping the School Exclusion Zone and some concerns have been raised regarding level of enforcement and low compliance of the restrictions.
- 3.2 About half of respondents feel the SEZ has improved safety outside the school gates and there is inconclusive data on whether active travel has increased.
- 3.3 There has been some displacement of parking into the surrounding area and not observed as significant. It is considered, in the interests of traffic management and road safety, that the proposed traffic restrictions be promoted. This proposal will mitigate some of the concerns raised.

- 3.4 A report will be presented to the Cabinet Committee toward the conclusion of the three trial School Exclusion Zones with an evaluation on their effectiveness and recommendations.

List of Appendices

1. Drawing no. TRO23_16 – Proposed Parking Restrictions

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:-

None

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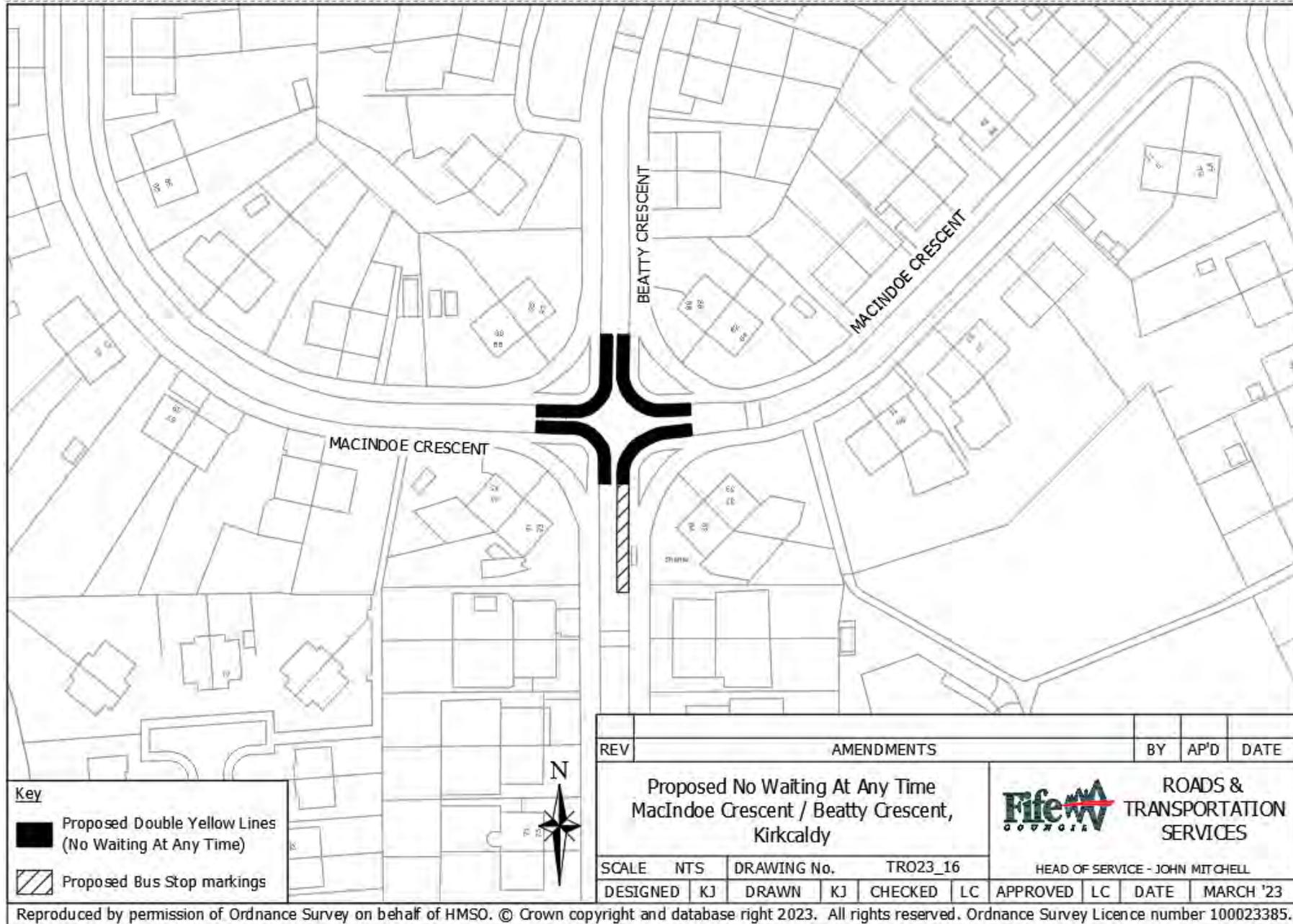
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Appendix 1 – Drawing no. TRO23_16 – Proposed Parking Restrictions



6 June 2023
Agenda Item No. 06

Operational Briefing on Policing Activities within Kirkcaldy Area

Report by: Inspector Nicola Black, Community Inspector, Kirkcaldy and Burntisland Ward areas from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Wards Affected: 9 (Burntisland, Kinghorn, Auchtertool Kirkcaldy West), 10 (Kirkcaldy North), 11 (Kirkcaldy Central) and 12 (Kirkcaldy East)

Purpose

This report is to provide elected members with information on matters impacting on, or involving Police Scotland, which have relevance to community safety in the Kirkcaldy and Burntisland ward policing area.

Recommendation(s)

Elected Members are asked to consider and comment upon the update provided.

Resource Implications

There are no additional resource implications arising from the activity outlined in this report.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no identified legal or current risk implications.

Impact Assessment

An EqIA has not been completed and is not necessary because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

Consultation is an ongoing process with Elected Members from Wards 9-12, local communities through Community meetings and partner agencies through established meeting processes.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update of the performance with regards to the Area Plan priorities, campaigns and other initiatives undertaken in Kirkcaldy and Burntisland from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. All police activity highlighted in this report was undertaken in line with local and national objectives and in support of other organisational priorities within the Kirkcaldy and Burntisland policing area.

2.0 Police Scotland, Kirkcaldy Area Plan - Update

- 2.1 The Local Police Plan 2020-23 demonstrates the commitment of local policing to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the people and communities of Fife.

The priorities within the Fife Local Police Plan are:

- Violent Crime
- Acquisitive Crime
- Substance Misuse
- Threats to Public Safety
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Road Safety

The priorities for the Kirkcaldy area are decided by data from the P Division strategic assessment, which details threats and risks, and also from feedback from local authorities, partners, and residents in the 'Your Police' survey.

Local community and partnership involvement in identifying priorities and scrutinising performance is integral to maintaining high levels of service delivery and their ongoing support in this regard is appreciated.

The priorities set within the Area Plan are:

- Violent Crime
- Crimes of Theft and Dishonesty
- Substance Misuse
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Road Safety

3.0 Violent Crime

- 3.1 The prevention, investigation and detection of all forms of violence remains a focus, during the reporting period the volume of serious assaults was similar to the previous year, however there was an increase in the number of robberies.

Our local Violence Reduction and Antisocial behaviour action plan continues to be successful in disrupting, deterring and detecting anti-social behaviour and violent crime. With a focus on prevention and enforcement, emphasis is placed on:

- Management of violent offenders by robustly dealing with bail conditions
- Reduction of violent crime by targeted violent individual's wanted on warrant
- Disruption of ASB and youth disorder through patrols of 'hot spot areas'
- Management of licenced premises through pro-active visits
- Anti-social/dangerous driving/road traffic issues

- 3.2 During the review period the following crimes were notable:

- On 13th April 2022 a 43 year old female was the victim of a robbery within her home address at Saunders Street, Kirkcaldy where a quantity of money was stolen. A 36 year old male was sprayed to the face with a noxious substance during the assault. The three women responsible are awaiting court proceedings in relation to this.
- On 14th April 2022 a 42 year old female was assaulted within a dog chain and robbed of money and jewellery within an address at Pottery Street, Kirkcaldy. A 44 year old female was arrested and remanded in custody. The trial is likely to take place later this year.
- On 18th April 2022 a 65 year old male was the victim of a robbery and sexual assault within his home address in the area of Lawson Gardens, Kirkcaldy. The 54 year old female who stole his bank card and grabbed hold of his genitals was apprehended and charged with Robbery, Sexual Assault and Fraud and is awaiting court proceedings.
- On 30th May 2022 a 25 year old male was responsible for carrying out a Robbery at Cash Generators, Kirkcaldy whereby he stole a quantity of mobile phones and causing significant damage to the shop. He was remanded in custody and is awaiting trial.
- On 15th July 2022 a 55 year old male was struck repeatedly to the face and body within an address on Church Street, Kirkcaldy. Following a significant Police investigation a 26 year old female and a 28 year old male were arrested and charged with attempted murder. Both have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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- Between June and July 2023, a 51 year old male committed a variety of violent crimes including robbery, assault, threatening and abusive behaviour across the Kirkcaldy area. The male also stole thousands of pounds worth of property. An extensive police investigation was carried out and this violent individual was apprehended by police, charged and reported in relation to 10 offences. This male has since been remanded in custody and awaits trial.
- On the 29th October 2022 two females aged 14 and 15 years old were the victims of a flashing incident whereby an adult male exposed his genitals to them as they walked on St Kilda Crescent, Kirkcaldy. Extensive CCTV work was carried out and a 43 year old male was identified, arrested and charged. As a result, operation Lazuril was established in relation to the ongoing investigation into Indecent Exposure offences committed in the Kirkcaldy area over an 8 year period, where each have a child or teenage victim and an adult perpetrator. The crimes are almost identical in nature to the abovementioned reported incident in relation to MO, locus, date and times, and description of the accused. As a result of this, an extensive review of the undetected crimes commenced and the same male was identified as being responsible for a further 20 incidents between 2015 – 2022. He was released on curfew bail pending trial.
- On 17th December 2022 a 26 year old female shop assistant was on duty within RS McColls, High Street, Kirkcaldy when a 16 year old male entered, presented a knife and demanded alcohol. The male was quickly apprehended and charged with robbery and being in possession of a bladed article. The male responsible was remanded in custody and is awaiting trial.
- On the 19th February 2023 a 33 year old male sustained multiple lacerations to his skull area after being assaulted with a bottle whilst leaving a nightclub at Charlotte Street, Kirkcaldy. A 39 year old male was arrested and charged in relation to assault to severe injury and impairment. He was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

3.3 Protecting victims of domestic crimes and violence within relationships remain a key priority for Police Scotland. Domestic incidents are reviewed daily by the Central Local Area Command Team, they are robustly managed and prioritised, focusing on apprehending offenders and supporting/protecting victims and witnesses. We work closely with the Fife's public protection unit (PPU) and partner agencies both locally and nationally.

4.0 Crimes of Theft and Dishonesty

- 4.1 Crimes of Theft and Dishonesty are a broad ranging issue which presents widespread challenges. As with other areas in Fife and nationally, our community increasingly reports fraud, by a number of means from bogus workmen offences to online shopping and phishing internet scams.
- 4.2 We are committed to protecting the most vulnerable in society by deterring, disrupting and bringing offenders to justice. Our ward officers work closely with

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Community Safety Officers and engage with victims of fraud and rogue trader type crimes providing advice and sign posting to relevant partners and third sector agencies. We encourage neighbours and family to create strong community support networks.

- On 5th September 2022 at Dunnikier Road, Kirkcaldy a 91 year old female was fraudulently coerced into providing £80 in cash to alleged tradesmen for work carried out. An extensive Police investigation identified two males, aged 37 and 35, as responsible for fraud. Both are well known in the division and were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- On 27th February 2023 officers responded to a call of a 76 year old female having had her handbag stolen from within her home address at Ross Gardens, Kirkcaldy. The male responsible entered her home pretending to be from a gas company. Local officers traced a 37 year old male near to locus and confirmed he was also identified for a theft by housebreaking and several other dishonesty offences in the surrounding areas. The male is remanded in custody and is awaiting trial.

4.3 Shoplifting within the area follows the national trend of a significant increase and continues to be problematic in terms of volume and demand. The following are just two examples of high tariff offenders;

- Between January and February 2023, a 37 year old man committed 26 offences and breached his bail conditions on several occasions. On 14th February 2023, the male was apprehended by police and charged in relation to these 26 offences. The male has since plead guilty to a number of these offences and awaits sentencing.
- On 7th March 2023, a 33 year old man was apprehended by police following a lengthy investigation whereby he was charged and reported for 37 offences. The male responsible has since plead guilty and been remanded in custody.

4.4 Following a significant increase in vehicle thefts across Scotland, a nation-wide operation (Enzone) was commenced, which is Police Scotland's response to the investigation/detection of these thefts.

The rise in these offences is mirrored across the UK with keyless car thefts providing criminals with a high reward for little effort and less risk of confrontation or detection due to how swiftly and silently the security of the vehicles can be overcome and stolen.

The MO and tactics used for such offences is by use of a relay system, which captures the signal of the vehicles keys, even from within the property, and transmits it to a further device which can be used to unlock the vehicle and once inside can be plugged directly in to the vehicle's OBD port, mirroring the signal of the original key. A key fob transponder can also be programmed with the signal of the actual vehicle keys to steal the vehicle.

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Below are examples of the devices utilised.



Relay theft device consisting of two units (large and small) and cable antennae

In March 2023, Fife Divisions proactive team executed a number of warrants and arrested 10 nominals known to be part of a well organised crime group linked to Op Enzone type offences. In excess of 70 charges were libelled against this group, and they were reported for the theft of motor vehicles totalling in excess of £500,000.

Enquiries are still on-going and at this time three of the nominals are currently remanded in prison, and a further 12 charges are in the process of being reported to the PF.

During the reporting period there were 35 motor vehicle thefts in the Kirkcaldy area and approximately half are believed to have involved the above method.

Kirkcaldy officers support national and local priorities carrying out high visibility patrols and stop points, particularly during nightshifts, collaborating with neighbouring divisions and road policing colleagues.

5.0 Substance Misuse

- 5.1 To tackle substance abuse local officers continue to form positive relations and confidence with the local community and groups to build on intelligence and tackle the issues associated with substance misuse.
- 5.2 Local officers work closely with the Reactive and Proactive CID departments tackling the issue in Kirkcaldy. Executing drugs search warrants is a key tool in the detection and prevention of drug dealing and associated criminality.

Below are a few examples of reported incidents during the review period:

- In May 2022 officers executed a drugs search warrant at a disused commercial property at the High Street, Kirkcaldy and found a large scale cannabis cultivation of approximately 1200 plants. The value of the cultivation was estimated to be in the region of £850,000 - £1 million and four males were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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- In August 2022 responding to intelligence officers executed a drugs search warrant at Cook Street, Dysart, two males and a female were arrested and appeared at court on the next lawful day charged with offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. They were found to be in possession of a significant quantity of controlled substances estimate at over £8000 of diamorphine (heroin), £1700 of cocaine and drug dealing paraphernalia.
- In November 2022 at Orkney Place, Kirkcaldy following a successful drugs search warrant two males, aged 35 and 47, were arrested for being concerned in the supply of controlled substances. They were found to be in possession of over £5000 in crack cocaine and were subsequently reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- On 28th March 2023 at Oaktree Square, Kirkcaldy following execution of a drugs search warrant a substantial recovery of a variety of controlled substances and drugs paraphernalia, including over 2.4kg of cocaine and £33,000 in cash was made. A 36 year old female and two males, aged 29 and 32 year old respectively, were arrested and held in custody to appear at court on the next lawful day.

5.3 Operation Linktown is a pro-active and partnership orientated bespoke action plan tackling serious and organised crime in the Links and wider areas of Kirkcaldy.

Throughout the action plan local community officers worked with partners, including the Tenants and Residents associations (TRA's) to reduce drugs misuse/dealing and its associated behaviours including violence, anti-social behaviour and dishonesties.

As part of the action plan Local community ward, response and community investigation officers carry out weekly high visibility and re-assurance patrols utilising stop and search powers to deter and detect crimes.

We review and develop drug intelligence, obtaining drugs search warrants to tackle drug dealing in the community. During the reporting period there have been 9 drugs search warrants executed in what is a relatively small geographical area.

On 13th December 2022, as part of operation Linktown, local officers assisted by operational support officers (OSU) and Fife's pro-active CID, carried out a co-ordinated drugs search warrant operation at to separate addresses in Links Street, Kirkcaldy.

A 35 year old female and a 41 year old male were reported to the Procurator Fiscal for being concerned in the supply of controlled substances.

5.4 Our prevention strategy remains focused on working with our partners and signposting individuals to support services.

In order to prevent our young people from engaging in drugs and alcohol abuse PC Karly Campbell, the schools liaison officer, has continued to engage with local high schools providing inputs and education on the dangers of substance misuse. She has provided guidance and information relating to numerous third party agencies and organisations offering training and support packages.

The local community ward officers continued to work with partner agencies and youth groups, including Clued up and Gallatown YMCA to prevent young persons from engaging in dangerous behaviours surrounding alcohol and drugs misuse.

6.0 Anti-Social Behaviour

- 6.1 Kirkcaldy Together Initiative - Partnership working is an integral aspect of modern policing. The management team at Kirkcaldy are committed to working with our communities, public services, local businesses, third sector partners and stakeholders to deliver local priorities.



Kirkcaldy Together is a joint partner's approach, which was born in 2022, to counter issues affecting the Kirkcaldy area, including anti-social behaviour and youth disorder.

The local Community Police Team and Safer communities have been instrumental in setting up the initiative and jointly chair the group, which aims to promote creative and effective partnership working to tackle issues affecting the communities, whilst also providing a platform for young people to take part in diversion opportunities. Whilst the initiative is still in its infancy it will hopefully evolve and develop towards achieving more effective local delivery that meets needs of the community, ensuring that the community voice is heard and that service providers are truly community led.

- 6.2 During 2022/3 groups of young persons continued to seek out derelict buildings to congregate, consume alcohol and set fires. The Community Policing team have continued to work closely with partner agencies, including Fife Council and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, focusing on early intervention and effective management of the premises and owners.

Following successful intervention the issues faced have subsided during the latter part of the review period. The former Campus Priory buildings have been

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demolished and robust management of the security of disused building continues to prevent access and the resultant anti-social behaviour.

- 6.3 In the Summer of 2022 following concerns of the anti-social use of motorbikes in the area of Rabbit Brae's, Kirkcaldy local ward officers and Safer communities, supported by PS Howie and Safer Communities Lead Officer Suzanne Scobie carried out a walk-through of the area. High Visibility joint patrols were subsequently introduced. The problem has not been prominent over the autumn and winter periods, however, officers remain vigilant with summer approaching.
- 6.4 Anti-social youth disorder in the retail areas and premises combined with the increased availability of free public transport have placed increased pressures on local Policing. Local Community Officers have worked weekly with partners from Safer Communities, Clued Up, and the multi-systemic team of Fife Social Work in addition to shop owners/staff and the local secondary schools to tackle the issues.
- 6.5 Anti-social behaviour is not only confined to public spaces and often occurs in residential settings, causing frustration and alarm within the local communities. Local ward officers work closely with Fife Council housing managers, safer community officers and mediation services in tackling anti-social behaviour and neighbour disputes.

On 12th February 2023 at Earn Road, Kirkcaldy a 43 year old male breached his anti-social behaviour order. Robust management and partnership working ensured he was arrested and attended Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court on the next lawful day. He is currently incarcerated.

7.0 Road Safety

- 7.1 To promote road safety we work closely with Road Policing officers, deploying on joint operations, and fully support both local and national campaigns.

Following engagement with the public, community groups and elected members it has been highlighted that speeding and the anti-social use of vehicles remains an ongoing concern in the area.

We work closely with partners, including Fife Council, carrying out Road Management Surveys and analyse data to highlight trends or hot spot areas.

In addition to enforcement operations, community ward officers and response constables focus on education and intervention to increase road safety, reduce road crimes and road casualties.

- 7.2 Whilst creatively looking to improve road safety and inconsiderate parking near schools in the Kirkcaldy area PC's Dillon and Horne liaised with Fife Council Travel Plan Coordinator, Marta Ramage.

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This saw the officers support Dunnikier Primary School's pilot walking bus commencing the week of 20th March 2023.

The walking bus comprises a group of children walking to school, accompanied by parents, teachers and support staff, with the aim of encouraging children to walk to school together and reduce congestion outside the school gate.

PC's Dillon and Horne also visited the school and talked to the Junior Road Safety Officers about how they can support the parking pledge.

- 7.3 Community Police Team officers continue to work in partnership with Fife Council Roads and Transport department to support the 'Park Safe' Initiative. Throughout the year community ward officers have deployed to the Kirkcaldy's Primary Schools providing education to drivers when dropping children off.



The ever popular 'Pop Up Bairns' and 'Pop Up Bob' have been utilised to act as a visual stimulus for those driving dangerously or carelessly, particularly in the vicinity of schools.

- 7.5 Local officers regularly carry out dedication, intelligence led, speeding deployments at areas identified as hot spots. This forms part of our wider anti-social behaviour and violence reduction action plan.



On one particular occasion on 27th July 2022 following a successful deployment officers issued 6 fixed penalty tickets for exceeding prescribed speed limits and 19 warnings for miscellaneous driving offences.

8.0 Ward Officer Updates

8.1.1 Ward 9 - Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy

Public confidence and engagement are really important to local officers. During the review period local community ward officers have worked hard to build on the post pandemic progress to normality.

PC's Farley and Cooper have continued to re-establish strong community links, engaging with residents, elected members and shopkeepers, attending both Kinghorn and Burntisland Community council meetings.

8.1.2 In recognition of this drive for engagement PC Farley initiated surgeries in the Kinghorn and Burntisland areas, allowing regular face to face contact with the ward officers. These are now sought after and very well attended.

8.1.3 Community ward officers work closely with local Primary Schools in Burntisland, Kinghorn and Auchtertool areas.

In June 2022, along with various partner agencies, PC Farley took part in the Kinghorn Primary School beach open day.



The officers understand the importance of positive interaction with the Police at early and formative years and have carried out talks and presentations with the children. These have been very well received earning positive comments and messages of thanks from both the children and school representatives.

8.1.4 PC Farley liaised with Fife's Community Safety Officer, PC Emma Fisher, and created a Festive Social Media Safety Online Awareness campaign delivering posters, guidance and signposting to all schools in the area. PC Farley ensured the campaign met the target audience by also promoting in prominent public spaces.

8.1.5 Following consultation with community groups, councils and elected members speeding and inconsiderate parking was again identified as local priorities for the ward area. Community Policing officers remain committed to tackling the issue and, in addition, to dedicated speed deployments officers have provided information and guidance regarding speeding trends to local community councils. PC's Farley and

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Cooper have taken part in 'Young Speeder Initiatives' with local Primary schools and carried out days of action with Road Policing colleagues.

- 8.1.6 PC's Farley and Cooper are dedicated to protecting vulnerable victims and tackling bogus workers, and following one particular incident, liaising with trading standards and carrying out a dedicated leaflet drop to victims in affected areas.

8.2 Ward 10 – Kirkcaldy North

- 8.2.1 The Kirkcaldy North area, similar to East and Central, has observed an increase in anti-social behaviour in retail areas perpetrated by a small group of young offenders.

Ward officers have worked hard with colleagues and local business to support victims and bring those offending to justice, engaging with regional managers and carrying out joint patrols in hot spot areas.

PC's Thomas and Wilson ensure they are embedded in the community they serve and see positive engagement with young persons as key. Through visibility and local knowledge they have been able to support the Templehall Community Centre and Fair Isle Church and Nursery deal with anti-social youth disorder, positively identifying perpetrators.

- 8.2.2 Community ward officers enjoys strong working relationships with all primary school in the ward area, supporting them by carrying out talks and presentations in relation to policing and safety.



On the 31st May 2022 community ward officers carried out school talks with Valley Primary School covering topic such as stranger danger, personal safety and the role of a Police Officer. Utilising the Police vehicle and officer safety equipment ensured the talks were both fun and informative for the school children.

- 8.2.3 Anti-social use of motor vehicles remain a priority in the ward area with the Fife retail park attracting drivers from across Kirkcaldy in the evenings. Acting on information from members of the public, partner agencies and elected members, Community ward officers have carried out proactive patrols and stop points, ensuring that this area is featured on weekend anti-social and violence reduction patrols.



Pictured above is a community intelligence led speed deployment at Glamis Road, Kirkcaldy.

8.2.4 Kirkcaldy North officers continue to seek out opportunities to work with voluntary organisations and improve community relations. PC's Thomas and Wilson recognise that it is vitally important to create a positive relationship with children at the earliest stage.

In January 2023 the officers attended the Bairns Blether and Brew session at Torbain Church, and were extremely well received.



8.3 Ward 11 – Kirkcaldy Central

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- 8.3.1 During the review period Kirkcaldy Central's key priorities included tackling anti-social behaviour, predominantly youth anti-social behaviour and alcohol consumption.

Officers have conducted regular patrols of hot spot areas robustly dealing with the offending youths in question. We are also supported by Youth Justice when dealing with youth offenders.

PC's Dillon and Horne have worked weekly with offenders families and partner agencies, including social work, schools and clued up. Intervention and closer working is key to assisting the offenders and their families deal with the problem behaviours and thus create meaningful change in their behaviour in the community.

- 8.3.2 PC's Dillon and Horne endeavour to support vulnerable groups in the central area, who have unfortunately been targeted by a small group of young persons. The officers increased patrols and visibility at various premises including Sense Scotland, Hayfield Community Centre, The Hive and the nearby supermarkets.

We also recognised the need to reach out and increase communication with minority groups in the community. Following several vandalism PC Horne liaised with housing liaison officers and subsequently created and distributed leaflets in mandarin to affected streets.

All young persons identified have been charged and reported to the Youth offender Management group and/or the Children's reporter.

- 8.3.3 Following the pandemic PC's Horne and Dillon, have worked hard during the review period to increase visibility and Police presence.

The officers regularly attend the Tenants and Resident Associations, have carried out talks and presentations and the local Primary Schools, and worked with voluntary groups including the Cubs and Brownies.

On 31st May 2022 PC's Horne and Dillon were invited to be guest readers at the opening of Kirkcaldy North Primary School's new library. The officers are proud to be embedded in the community.



8.3.4 April 2022 saw the return of the Link Market to Kirkcaldy Central area after a two year hiatus, caused by the pandemic. Europe's Longest Street fair and the oldest of its kind in Scotland generally attracts up to 200,000 visitors each year.



Local community ward officers, assisted by colleagues from across P Division and specialist drone officers, supported the event, working closely with partner agencies, including BTP, Stagecoach and Safer communities.

The Kirkcaldy community team liaised with local residents, Tenants and Residents Associations, retail units including public houses, and supported public transport during the event.

The Links Market was hailed a great success, with only one arrest, and the Showman's Guild of Scotland commenting positively on Police Scotland.

8.3.5 Community Police ward officer PCs Danskin and Lee, and PCs Dillon and Horne; who cover Kirkcaldy East and Kirkcaldy Central respectively, came together to hold an informal surgery within The Mercat shopping centre in December 2022.

During this surgery, the Officers fielded questions from members of the public, and provided home, lifestyle, and financial safety advice to numerous residents of Kirkcaldy and wider Fife.

The surgery was hailed a huge success by all involved and this is now extended throughout 2023.

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8.4 Ward 12 – Kirkcaldy East

8.4.1 Following numerous months of close partnership working PC's Campbell, Danskin and Lee assisted with the implementation of a Motor Vehicle 'School exclusion Zone' at St Marie's Primary School in November 2022. Whilst Primary Schools in general always attract road safety issues, it had been recognised that St Marie's was particularly dangerous; with cars often reversing over the shallow kerbs onto the pavements where the school children were walking to or from school.



By working closely with the school, Fife Council, and local Councillors, the Officers helped to ensure that St Marie's were chosen to be one of only three schools in Fife where this exclusion zone scheme is being piloted.

8.4.2 Local Community Ward Officers, PC's Danskin, Lee and Farley have supported PC Burnside and Viewforth High School in operating the 'Viewforth Hockey Initiative'.

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The initiative identified students from a range of backgrounds who had difficulty engaging with the school curriculum and behaving responsibly in the community.



Currently there are now 18 students in this programme which runs every week on a Tuesday during the school day. The students are taught various skills and are mentored by the community officers who are responsible for the areas in which they live.

The pupils engagement in the school curriculum and with the Police has improved greatly leading to a marked improvement in behaviour and offending history in the community. This has been positively remarked upon by residents in the Dysart area particularly.

The initiative is supported in the community with Skating passes donated by Kirkcaldy Ice Rink, visits from current players of the local and successful Fife Flyers team. Additionally equipment has been kindly donated by Solway Sharks Hockey team.

- 8.4.3 PCs Danskin and Lee, were extremely pleased to see the re-introduction of the local Community Council and Tenants and Residents Association meetings following the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Since this re-introduction the Officers have featured regularly at both the Dysart Community Council and the Highlands and Islands TRA meetings.

By attending these meetings, the Officers get a real sense of the issues which the residents in these areas are facing; even if this doesn't necessarily marry up with what is recorded on Police systems. It also allows the Officers to carry out dedicated and intelligence led patrols, and to work closely with the Fife Council Safer Communities Team, and indeed other agencies; in an attempt to make real change and improvement to the area in which they Police.

- 8.4.4 During and following the pandemic Police saw a rise in tensions in the community between households in residential areas. Resolving issues timeously emphasises the hard work and good multi agency partnership our ward officers carry out daily, liaising with partners to bring matters to a quick conclusion.

One such issue in Kirkcaldy East descended in to a prolonged neighbour dispute involving 5 households from 3 parts of Kirkcaldy, and Dunfermline. Community

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Officers from Kirkcaldy East took the lead in this issue and after some weeks of mediation and working with Fife Council Housing, and Safer Communities, several crimes were recorded, with Police bail being put in place to prevent further escalations. To date tensions remain low and there have been no further escalations.

- 8.4.5 The YMCA ran Gallatown Bike Hub has long been seen as a valuable resource to divert young children from anti-social behaviour and to give valuable new skills to youths and adults alike.

Kirkcaldy East Community Officers, recognising the good work that continues to be done at this location, put the organisation forward for funding from the Community Funding Partnership securing much needed monies. In addition, Community Officers donated 8 Police bikes, which in turn allowed the Bike Hib to run a course in refurbishing these bikes, and then donating them to less fortunate households in the Community.

The close link with this organisation proved fruitful in the coming months when they were experiencing anti-social behaviour with youths climbing on the building roofs and disrupting classes at nights. Community Officers carried out regular patrols, in conjunction with Safer Communities colleagues, and due to good relations with other children involved in the previously referred to Viewforth Hockey Initiative were able to identify problem youths and provide corrective advice to them, resulting in a great reduction in issues.

8.5 Schools Liaison Officer

During the review period PC Karly Campbell has worked with Kirkcaldy, Balwearie and St Andrews High Schools in her capacity as Schools Liaison Officer. She has supported staff, pupils and local residents alike encouraging responsible pupil behaviours and personal safety within the school and wider community.

PC Campbell engages daily with senior leadership and guidance teams assisting with issues such as missing person's enquiries and child wellbeing concerns, whilst dealing with vulnerable individuals and criminality.

She worked with pupils on the cusp of criminality focus on intervention, diversion and education. Topics including violence, racism and online abuse/safety have been addressed during workshop and assembly inputs.

As part of the Kirkcaldy Together Initiative PC Campbell was worked in collaboration with partner agencies including Clued Up, Youth Justice and Safer Communities tackling issues such as littering in the community, antisocial behaviour on School and public transport. She continues to support Park Safe ensuring pupils can safely travel to and from school.

9.0 Protecting People at Risk of harm

- 9.1 The protection of vulnerable people is a primary focus for the day to day policing within Kirkcaldy. The decision making process which determines the type of policing response received centres primarily around the Threat, Risk and Harm posed.

As a result policing focusses largely on responding to those most in need through their own vulnerability, or vulnerability through the position they have found themselves in. During the reporting period police in Kirkcaldy dealt with 476 missing person incidents. Of this total, 119 were looked after children, 315 were in the 10-19 age group, 12 were over 60 years of age and 77 were reported missing from an NHS hospital.

- 9.2 Concerns entered on to the Vulnerable Persons Database (VPD) for both adults and children are reviewed and where necessary are subject to an Inter-agency Referral Discussion (IRD), where the relevant information is shared, ensuring appropriate risk management and decision making occurs between partners.

The following are just two examples of these discussions during the review period;

- 17 year old male under guardianship - Along with other agencies, Kirkcaldy community team formed a multi-agency working group to support the care of a young adult male, under guardianship who had been housed in the community despite assessment deeming him to require 24/7 residential care. Police received frequent calls regarding concerns for the male and his behaviour. Kirkcaldy community team engaged with partners on a weekly basis to discuss the males support network, provide advice and where necessary disseminate information to attending officers.
- 68 year old male with Mental Health concerns - Police VPDs submitted from frequent attendance documented concerns surrounding the males mental wellbeing, self-neglect issues, lack of diabetes care and hoarding behaviour within the home. Neighbouring properties were also raising environmental complaints as a result of the males lifestyle. Police VPDs triggered Adult Protection procedures and joined up working with the local Kirkcaldy Community team, which in turn allowed the male to be allocated an assessment bed to allow the support of the Community Mental Health Team and CPN. The male has since had no negative contact with Police and is thriving in a care setting, with Fife Council addressing the environmental issues.

10.0 Licensed premises

- 10.1 The Licensing Scotland Act 2005 is underpinned by the following objectives:-

1. Preventing Crime and Disorder;
2. Securing Public Safety;

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3. Preventing Public Nuisance;
4. Protecting and Improving Public Health; and
5. Protecting Children and Young Persons from Harm.

Licensed premises are subject to Red, Amber and Green (RAG) grading system, which highlights specific premises that, for a variety of reasons, have come to the notice of the police. The definition of the three RAG categories is as outlined below:

1. **Red** - Problematic Premises (highest grading)
2. **Amber** - Premises subject to formal intervention (subject to some form of monitoring & intervention where appropriate), and
3. **Green** - Monitored Premises – (all reported incidents)

All incidents and crimes occurring within or linked to licensed premises are the subject of a licensed premises report that allows us to continually monitor the management of premises and assess whether enhanced measures aligned to RAG may be required.

During the reporting period only one licenced premises featured in the red category and was subject to increased monitoring and joint working with the PSOS licencing department. At the time of writing this report the premises remains closed following Police intervention.

Regular licenced premises checks are conducted as part of the Violence and Antisocial Behaviour Reduction Action-Plan providing a more robust management of all off-sale premises in the Ward area. This is particularly important during the weekend and periods of night-time economy.

- 10.2 The Kirkcaldy area has a healthy night time economy with a host of licenced premises, particularly densely populated in the High Street area. This increases the potential for alcohol or substance fuelled instances of sporadic violence.

During the review period PC Lee took ownership of establishing a 'Pub Watch Scheme' in Kirkcaldy.

The scheme allows owners and managers of licensed premises to come together, with the ultimate goal of improving the overall safety of persons visiting their premises; whilst also helping to reduce antisocial and violent behaviour associated with the night time economy.

PC Lee was instrumental in implementing the scheme visiting all licenced premises, arranging meetings and ensuring representatives from Police Scotland National Business and Crime Prevention Unit and Fife Council Licencing Standard featured regularly.

Work is ongoing and the group are currently working towards increasing the attendance of Street Pastors. They are also in talks with a local taxi company, where it is hoped that a vulnerable person system will be implemented.

As we continue further into 2023 and beyond it is anticipated that the group will continue to make strides into improving the safety of their premises and customers; and this will continue to be supported by PC Lee and local officers.

11. Recommendation

- 1.0 Members are invited to consider and comment on the content of this report as per the recommendations made at the front of the report.

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Agenda Item No. 07

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Kirkcaldy Area Annual Performance Report

Report by: Michael Henderson – Station Commander – Kirkcaldy Community Fire Station - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Wards Affected: All Kirkcaldy Area Wards

Purpose

This report provides the Committee with incident information for the period 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023. The incident information enables the Committee to scrutinise the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Stirling-Clackmannanshire-Fife – Kirkcaldy Area - against its key performance indicators (KPIs)

Recommendation(s)

The committee is asked to consider and comment on the progress across a range of KPI's within this report.

Resource Implications

Not applicable

Legal & Risk Implications

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 provides the statutory basis for fire reform, including the responsibility to:

- Put in place statutory planning and reporting requirements including providing facilities for consultation;
- Make new arrangements for strengthening local engagement and partnership working, including a new statutory role in the LSO and development of local fire and rescue plans linked to community planning, along with clear powers for local authorities in relation to the provision of fire and rescue services in their area.

Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment checklist is not required as this report does not have any immediate implications for service delivery and policy.

Consultation

This document is circulated amongst SFRS Stirling-Clacks-Fife LSO managers to enable areas of high incidence to be scrutinised for reduction strategies.



KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT

April 2022 – March 2023

*Covering the activities and performance in support
of the Fife Local Fire & Rescue Plan 2021*



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The activity totals and other statistics quoted in this report are provisional in nature and subject to change because of ongoing quality assurance and review.

Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be differences in the period totals quoted in our reports after original publication which result from revisions or additions to the data on our systems.

From 2015-16 onwards responsibility for the publication of end-year statistical data transferred from the Scottish Government to the SFRS. This change of responsibility does not change the status of the figures quoted in reports submitted to the Committee.

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DEFINITIONS

Accidental Dwelling Fire

Building occupied by households, excluding hotels, hostels and residential institutions. In 2000, the definition of a dwelling was widened to include any non-permanent structure used solely as a dwelling, such as caravans, houseboats etc. Caravans, boats etc. not used as a permanent dwelling are shown according to the type of property. Accidental includes fires where the cause was not known or unspecified.

Fire Fatality

A person whose death is attributed to a fire is counted as a fatality even if the death occurred weeks or months later.

Fire Casualty

Non-fatal casualties consist of persons requiring medical treatment including first aid given at the scene of the fire, but not those sent to hospital or advised to see a doctor for a check-up or observation (whether or not they actually do). People sent to hospital or advised to see a doctor as a precaution, having no obvious injury are recorded as precautionary 'check-ups'.

Deliberate Fire

Includes fires where deliberate ignition is merely suspected, and recorded by the FRS as "doubtful".

Non-Domestic Fires

These are fires identified as deliberate other building fires or accidental other building fires.

False Alarms

Where the FRS attends a location believing there to be a fire incident, but on arrival discovers that no such incident exists, or existed.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal

Where the FRS attends a non-domestic location believing there to be a fire incident, but on arrival discovers that no such incident exists, or existed.

Primary Fires:

- Buildings (including mobile homes) fit for occupation (i.e. not wholly derelict) and those under construction.
- Caravans, trailers etc.
- Vehicles and other methods of transport (not derelict unless associated with business e.g. scrap metal).
- Outdoor storage (including materials for recycling), plant and machinery.
- Agricultural and forestry premises and property.
- Other outdoor structures including post-boxes, tunnels, bridges, etc.

Secondary Fires

- Single derelict buildings.
- Grassland etc., including heath, hedges, railway embankments and single trees.
- Intentional straw or stubble burning.
- Outdoor structures, including: lamp-posts, traffic signs and other road furniture, private outdoor furniture, playground furniture, scaffolding, signs and hoarding etc.
- Refuse and refuse containers.
- Derelict vehicles (a vehicle without a registered keeper).

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This 2022 / 2023 performance report for the period April 1st 2022 to March 31st 2023 inclusive provides comparative data across the previous 4 years for the same period. The KPI's detailed below support the delivery of the Kirkcaldy Area Fire Plan in support of SFRS Fife Local Fire and Rescue Plan priorities and are shown in bold text;

- **Domestic Fire Safety**

Continuously monitor the number of accidental dwelling fires

Continuously monitor the severity and cause of accidental dwelling fires

Continuously monitor the number and severity of fire related injuries

- **Deliberate Fire Setting**

Monitor the number, type and cause of deliberate fire setting incidents in Kirkcaldy Area

- **Built Environment**

Monitor the number and severity of fire related incidents in our relevant premises

- **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals**

Monitor and challenge each Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) incident across Kirkcaldy Area

- **Transport and Environment**

Monitor the amount of water related incidents

Monitor the frequency of attendances at Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs), as well as the number and severity of injuries. These will be monitored alongside Police Scotland RTC incidence information

2. PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

2.1 The table below provides a summary of annual activity 2022-2023 compared to annual activity 2021-2022.

It aims to provide – at a glance – our direction of travel during the current reporting period.

<p>Accident Dwelling Fires</p>  <p>2022/23: 29 2021/22: 43 DECREASE</p>	<p>ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>2022/23: 0 2021/22: 0 STATIC</p>	<p>ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>2022/23: 2 2021/22: 4 DECREASE</p>
<p>Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>2022/23: 59 2021/22: 28 INCREASE</p>	<p>Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>2022/23: 230 2020/22: 161 INCREASE</p>	<p>Non-domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>2022/23: 21 2021/22: 22 DECREASE</p>
<p>Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>2022/23: 0 2021/22: 0 STATIC</p>	<p>Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>2022/23: 0 2021/22: 4 DECREASE</p>	<p>Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>2022/23: 377 2021/212: 291 INCREASE</p>
<p>Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents</p>  <p>2022/23: 20 2021/22: 22 DECREASE</p>	<p>Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>2022/23: 1 2021/22: 0 INCREASE</p>	<p>Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>2022/23: 14 2021/22: 17 DECREASE</p>

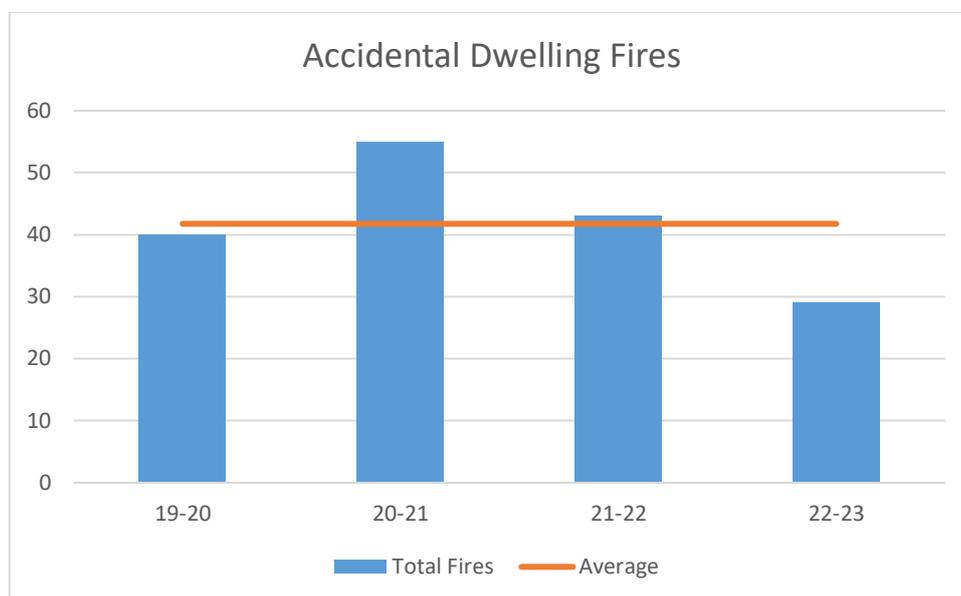
PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Of the indicators, the following performance should be noted for the period April 1st 2022 to March 31st 2023 inclusive, comparing data across the previous 4 years for the same period;

- The number of **Accidental Dwelling Fires** has seen a decrease from 43 incidents in the previous year to 29 in this reporting period.
- There were again no **Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatal Casualties** during this period. The number of **Accidental Dwelling Fires Non-Fatal Casualties** was 2. This is a decrease in 2 as the previous year.
- The number of **Deliberate Primary Fires** during this period was 59. This is an increase of 31 incidents from the previous year of 28 incidents.
- The number of **Deliberate Secondary Fires** during this period was 230. This is an increase of 69 reported incidents from the previous year of 161.
- The number of **Non-Domestic Building Fires** recorded was 21. This is a decrease of 1 incident from the previous reporting year which recorded 22 incidents.
- The number of **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) caused by automatic fire alarms (AFAs) in non-domestic buildings** during this period was 377. This is an increase compared to the same period last year of 291.
- **Flooding** and water related incidents have remained at 26 incidents in 2022-23.
- The number of **Road Traffic Collisions** during 2022-23 was 20. This is a decrease from the 22 incidents in the previous year.
- There was 1 Fatal **RTC Casualties** during this period. The number of **Non-Fatal RTC Casualties** was 14. This is 3 less compared to the same period last year.

3. Domestic Fire Safety

3.1 Accidental Dwelling Fires have decreased by 14 incidents across the Kirkcaldy area in 2022-23 when compared to the previous year's figure.



Graph 1 Accidental Dwelling Fires –2019-2023

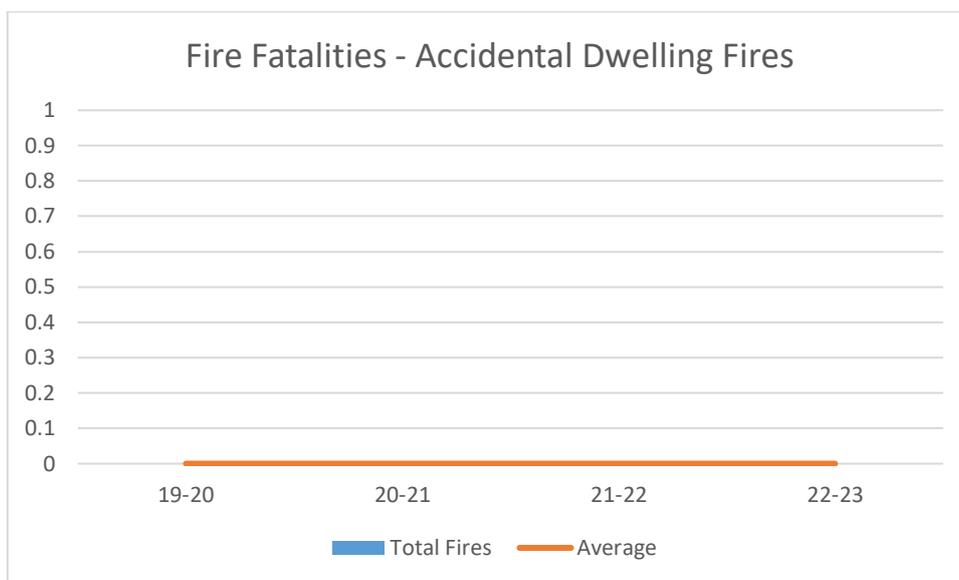
Kirkcaldy Area Wards	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	8	11	10	0
Kirkcaldy Central	13	18	13	12
Kirkcaldy East	12	16	12	12
Kirkcaldy North	7	10	8	5
Total	40	55	43	29

Table 1 Accidental Dwelling Fires by Kirkcaldy Ward Area April – March 2018- 2023

- 3.2 This reporting period has seen a decrease of 14 Accidental Dwelling Fires with a decrease from the previous year of 43.
- 3.3 Over the 2022-23 Accidental Dwelling Fires were primarily caused within the kitchen by cooking. With the main source of ignition being a cooking appliance and the first item being ignited as food.
- 3.4 It is pleasing to note that 22 of those addresses had a detection system and that 12 of those operated and raised the alarm (on several occasions insufficient products of combustion to activate alarm, fire discovered by person.)

- 3.5 10 of the incidents were resolved without Scottish Fire and Rescue Service intervention, by removal of heat source.
- 3.6 The information above describes an ongoing trend of reducing fire severity. This can be attributed to the high number of detection systems being fitted by SFRS and partners, and installation of hardwired systems by builders and landlords which give an early warning of fire.

3.7 Fire Fatalities – Accidental Dwelling Fires

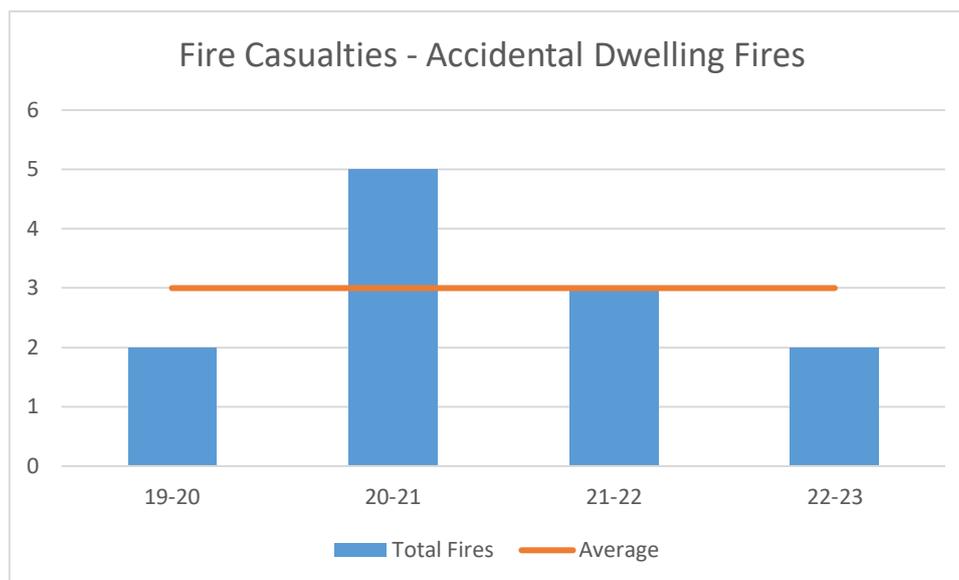


Graph 2 Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatal Casualties April - March 2019-2023

Kirkcaldy Area Wards	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	0	0	0	0
Kirkcaldy Central	0	0	0	0
Kirkcaldy East	0	0	0	0
Kirkcaldy North	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Table 2 Accidental Dwelling Fires Fatal Casualties Kirkcaldy Ward Areas April – March 2019-2023

3.8 Fire Casualties – Accidental Dwelling Fires



Graph 3 Accidental Dwelling Fire Non- Fatal Casualties April – March 2019-2023

Kirkcaldy Area Wards	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	0	2	1	0
Kirkcaldy Central	1	1	1	0
Kirkcaldy East	0	2	0	2
Kirkcaldy North	1	0	2	0
Total	2	5	4	2

Table 3 Accidental Dwelling Fires Casualties Kirkcaldy Ward Areas April – March 2019-2023

3.9 No fire fatalities have been recorded during this reporting period.

3.10 Fire casualties have decreased to 2 in this reporting period from the 2021-22 period of 4.

3.11 Of the 2 casualties recorded, all 2 were provided with oxygen therapy.

3.12 Domestic Fire Reduction Strategy

Home Safety Visits (HFSVs) play a vital part in our strategy to reduce the number of Accidental Dwelling Fires. Station personnel recorded 497 completed visits in the reporting period across the Kirkcaldy area. These visits are used to deliver vital fire safety messages and install detection systems, as well as trip, slip and falls messages and safety equipment for our elderly

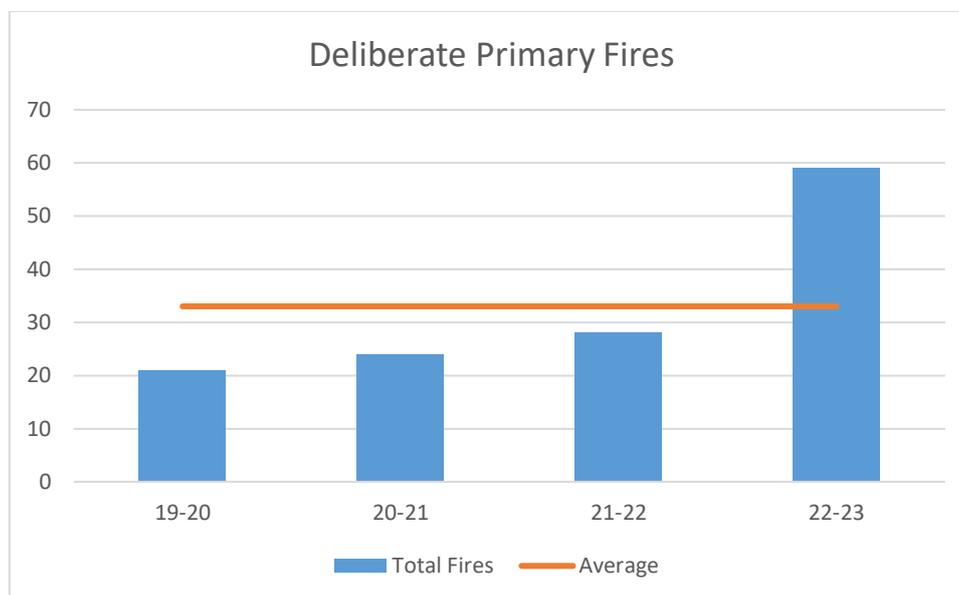
and very young population. SFRS continue to adapt our HFSV approach. The focus continues to be those most at risk and those visit requests from partners and individuals which record the occupier at a high risk of fire, but have reintroduced in-person visits to all households within the Kirkcaldy area regardless of assessed risk. Working in collaboration with our Prevention and protection (P&P) staff we are providing Fire skills training to our partner agencies in Fire Risk Awareness, we also engage with prison leavers delivering HFS advice at Greener Kirkcaldy This approach ensures that all residents within the Kirkcaldy area have access to the advice and services that SFRS can provide while still allowing our teams to focus on those visits to high risk individuals within their home environment and work with them and partners to reduce the risk posed.

SFRS conduct Home Visits,

- Householder request;
- Post Incident Response visits carried out after any incident at a house;
- No detection fitted within a house;
- Threat of Fire on the property;
- Partner Referrals.

4. Deliberate Fire Setting

4.1 Deliberate Primary Fires

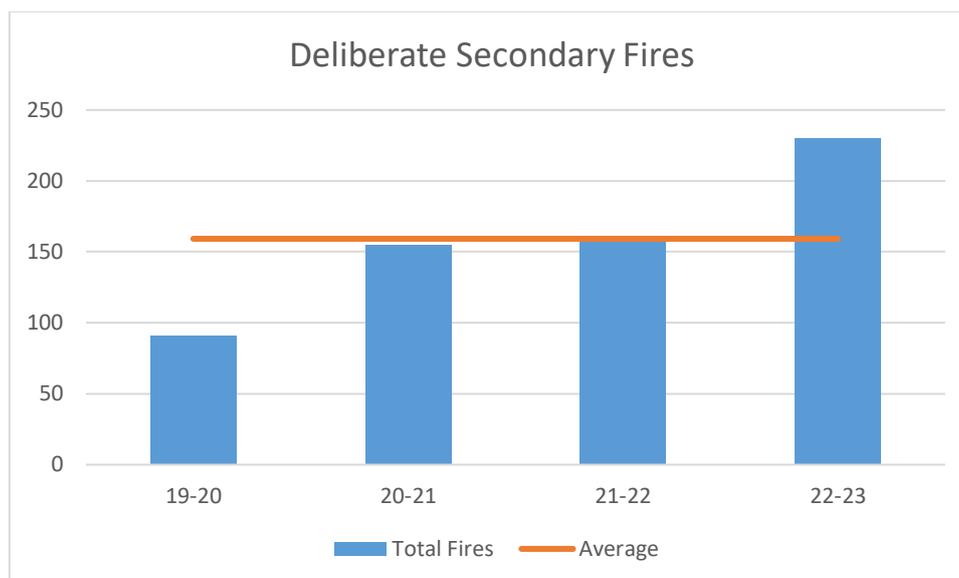


Graph 4 Deliberate Primary Fires– April – March 2019-2023

Kirkcaldy Area Wards	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	3	4	2	7
Kirkcaldy Central	5	4	10	15
Kirkcaldy East	8	12	8	23
Kirkcaldy North	5	4	8	14
Total	21	24	28	59

Table 4 Deliberate Primary Fires Kirkcaldy Ward Areas April – March 2019-2023

4.2 Deliberate Secondary Fires



Graph 5 Deliberate Secondary Fires– April – March 2019-2023

Kirkcaldy Area Wards	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	21	18	16	27
Kirkcaldy Central	21	38	40	57
Kirkcaldy East	40	77	68	98
Kirkcaldy North	9	22	37	48
Total	91	155	161	230

Table 5 Deliberate Secondary Fires Kirkcaldy Ward Areas April – March 2019-2023

- 4.3 Deliberate fires can be broken down into two categories, primary and secondary. Primary fires generally involve property and include buildings, caravans, motor vehicles and plant and machinery. Secondary fires are often minor and include the burning of rubbish, grass and derelict properties.
- 4.4 The data above show that Deliberate Primary Fires have increased from 28 to 59 incidents last year. Deliberate Secondary fires have seen an increase since the last reporting year. Deliberate primary fires top 2 by property type are Grassland/woodland/crops =16 incidents, Car/Van= 10. 24 incidents required Firefighting actions by SFRS Cause and motive are recorded as – others property 26, with the age group 10-17 years old being attributed with 16 incidents and 18-64 years old 8 incidents.

Deliberate Secondary fires category by top 2, Other outdoor including land/loose rubbish (including gardens) =48, Grassland/woodland/crops=35

4.5 Deliberate Fire Reduction Strategy

We continue to target community centres, community groups and schools, both primary and secondary in the Kirkcaldy area to deliver talks regarding the dangers and consequences of deliberate fire setting and Anti-Social Behaviour.

There have been joint patrols with Safer Communities officer's around hot spot areas at Bonfire time with the Community Action Team.

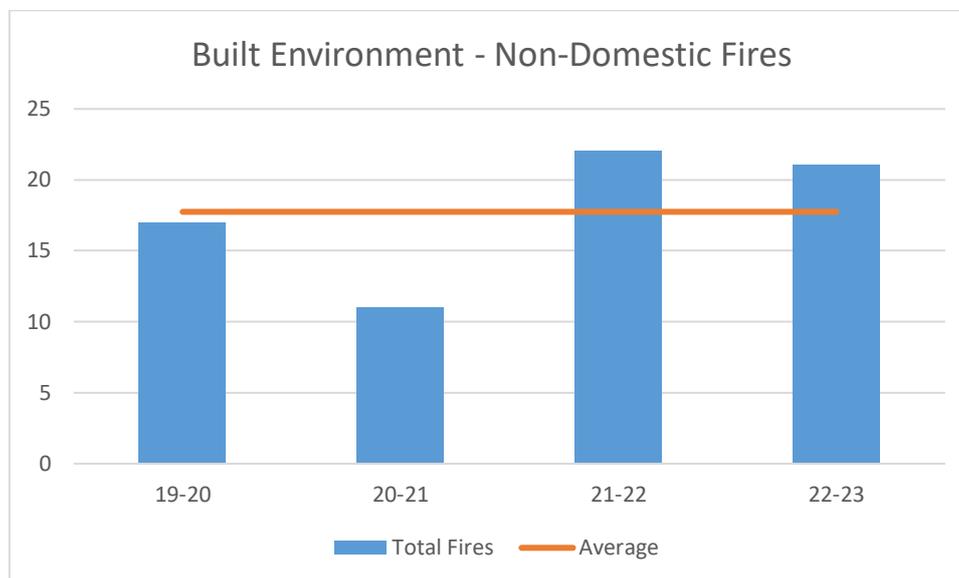
We work closely with Youth Justice Officers who bring youths into the station for a visit, and we run Fire Skills courses (Diversifire) with them. Fire setter Interventions have been carried out in Kirkcaldy Area within the reporting period.

Throughout the year personnel deliver seasonal Tactical Action Plans (TAPs) to targeted areas and groups. We work with our Police and Local Authority partners to identify deliberate fire setting incidents early, in order to ensure that solutions are implemented to prevent further incidents.

We liaise with premises occupiers, particularly in town centres to give advice on refuse storage and security, which can be a cause of deliberate fires. Deliberate Fire Reduction Plans have been implemented in Kirkcaldy area with partner agencies in order to address and reduce operational demand. Going forward into the next reporting year we are working with the Kirkcaldy Together Initiative a part of the safer communities.

5. Built Environment

5.1 Built Environment – Non- Domestic Fires



Graph 6 Built Environment Non - Domestic Fires– April – March 2019-2023

Kirkcaldy Area Wards	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	3	3	3	1
Kirkcaldy Central	3	1	7	6
Kirkcaldy East	7	4	10	12
Kirkcaldy North	4	3	2	2
Total	17	11	22	21

Table 6 Built Environment Non - Domestic Fires Kirkcaldy Ward Areas April – March 2019-2023

- 5.2 The table above shows that Non-Domestic Fires has decreased by 1 in 22-23. Education/College/University account for 4 incidents, Retail single shop 3 and Food & Drink/Takeaway/fast food 3 incidents.
- 5.3 There have been zero casualties resulting from incidents within Built Environment Non-Domestic Fires for the 2021-22 reporting period.

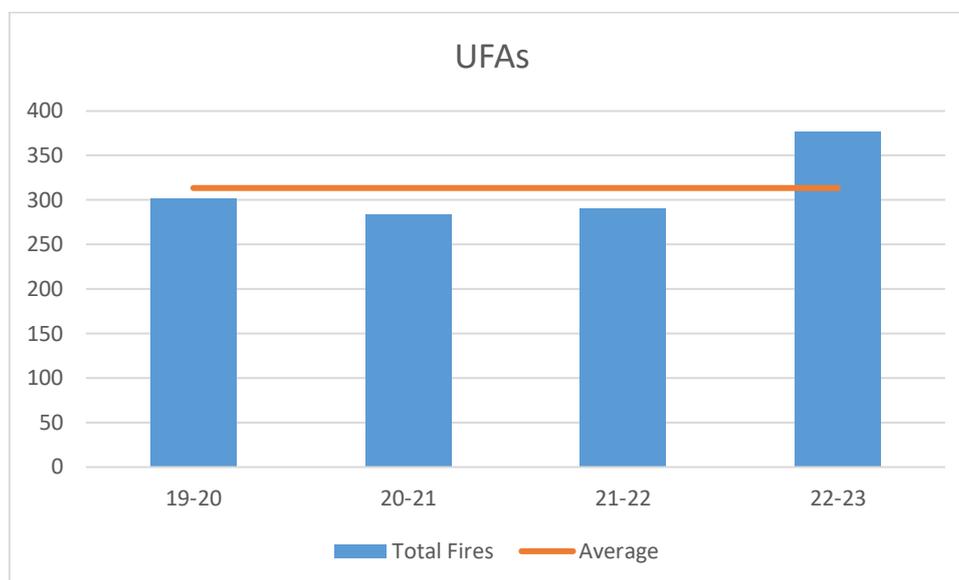
5.4 Built Environment Fire Reduction Strategy

We continue to deliver a programme of fire safety audits in relevant premises - as detailed within section 78 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 - identified as high risk on an ongoing basis. We also complete thematic audit programmes where patterns emerge of incidents in a particular risk group.

As well as the audit programmes described above, we also deliver 'post fire audits' which take place as soon as possible after a fire has occurred in premises. The purpose of these audits is to deliver further fire safety advice to the premise occupier, and to identify any issues which could be used to inform other similar premises types in order to prevent further incidents of a similar nature.

6. Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

6.1 An Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) can be defined as ‘any alarm activation which is not the result of a fire or a test’. UFAS incidents have, as detailed 7 below, fluctuated in the Kirkcaldy Area over the four-year reporting period.



Graph 7 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals – April – March 2019-2023

Kirkcaldy Area Wards	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	36	35	35	62
Kirkcaldy Central	110	77	102	106
Kirkcaldy East	131	142	132	163
Kirkcaldy North	25	30	22	46
Total	302	284	291	377

**Table 7 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Kirkcaldy Ward Areas
April - March 2019-2023**

6.2 This period has seen an 86 increase in UFAS incidents from the 21-22 reporting period. The primary property responsible for the highest rate is Hospital and medical care properties with 57 UFAS incidents. Education/Infant/primary school accounts for 42 UFAS incidents. Our operational staff and Fire safety UFAS champions liaise with premises to offer advice to assist in the reduction of UFAS from the property. Alarm

actuation by cause – Human’ accidentally/carelessly set of 56 incidents, Human
'Cooking/burnt toast 44 incidents and System 'Smoke alarm faulty 43 incidents.

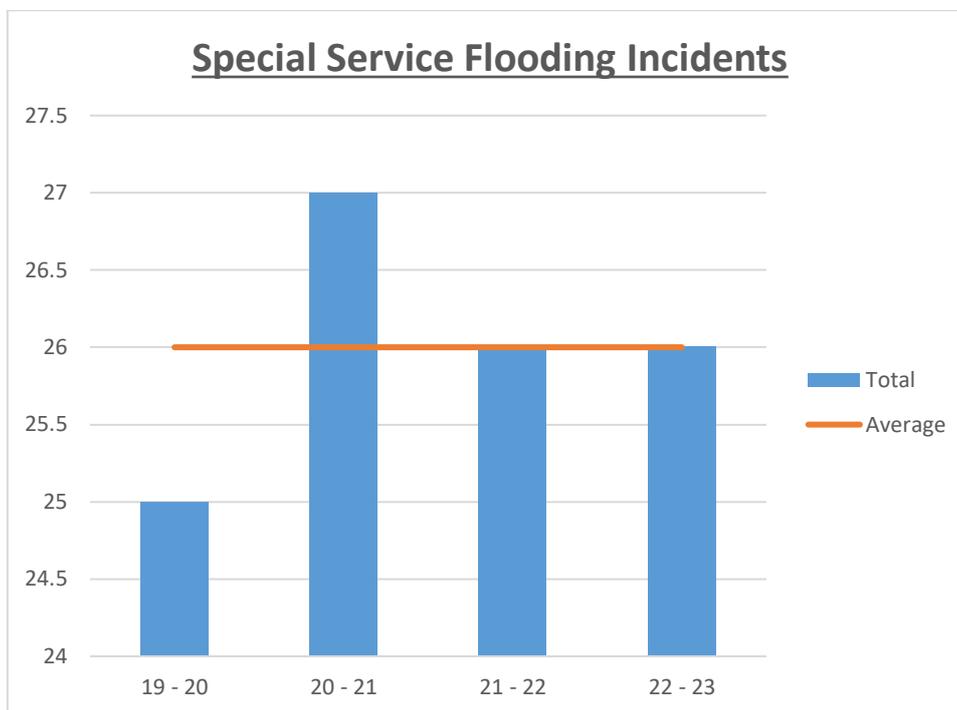
6.3 Reduction in Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Strategy

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) Reduction Strategies continue to be managed and monitored by a 'UFAS Champion' who contacts premises occupiers after each UFAS incident, to discuss the activation, as well as strategies to reduce or eliminate. who continues to engage robustly with Fife Council Education, NHS Fife and other key stakeholders in order to provide support and drive new initiatives to continue to reduce the number of UFAS. The strategies implemented in the Kirkcaldy Area and across Fife continue to be recognised within SFRS as best practise, and are now in the process of being implemented across SFRS. Further reductions will be realised with the implementation of the SFRS UFAS policy which has been communicated to all stakeholders though a consultation process prior to going live in 1st July 2023.

7. Transport and Environment

7.1 These will be monitored alongside Police Scotland RTC incidence information

7.2 Water Related Incidents



Graph 8 Flooding Incidents – April – March 2019-2023

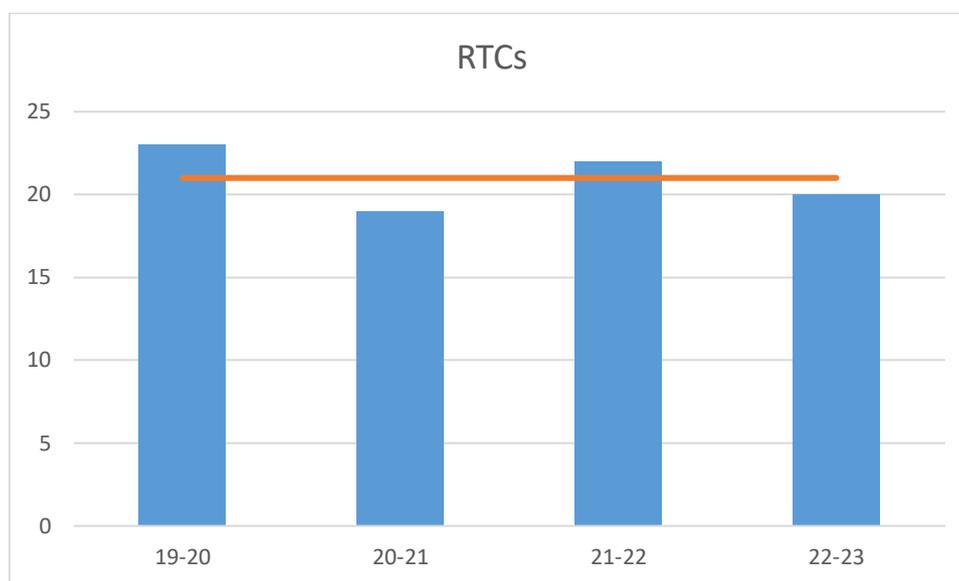
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Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	6	7	3	7
Kirkcaldy Central	4	11	13	9
Kirkcaldy East	10	5	4	6
Kirkcaldy North	5	4	6	4
Total	25	27	26	26

Table 8 Flooding Incidents Kirkcaldy Ward Areas April - March 2019-2023

Water related incidents recorded by property Dwelling/House single occupancy accounted for 9 incidents and Dwelling/Tenement Building 7 incidents during 2022-23. SFRS made safe 19 properties during the 2022-23 reporting period. The 2022-23 incidents no persons required rescuing.

7.3 Road Traffic Collisions

As SFRS generally only attend RTC's of a serious nature, where persons are trapped, the figures below do not capture every RTC which occurs within the Kirkcaldy Area.



Graph 9 Road Traffic Collisions – April – March 2019-2023

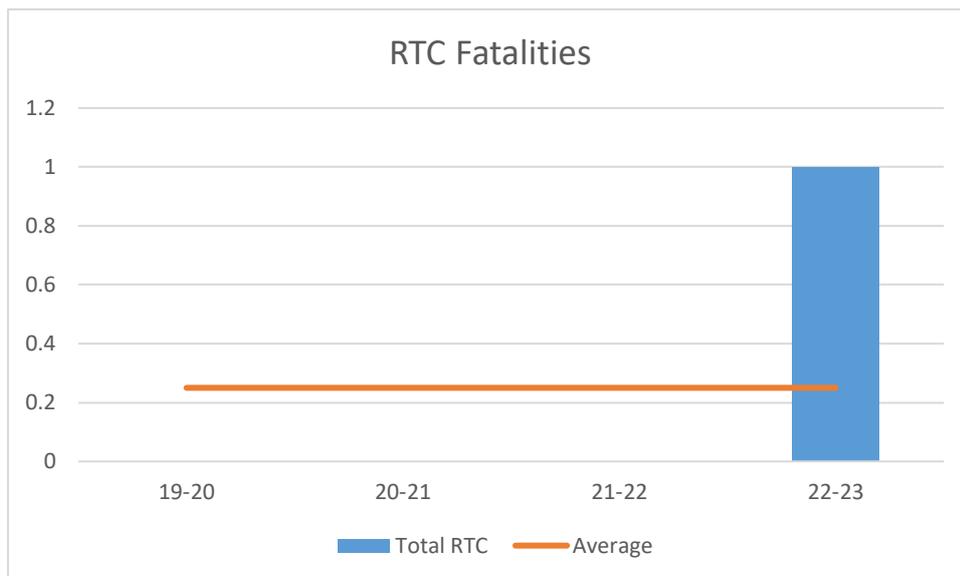
Kirkcaldy Area Wards	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	5	6	9	5
Kirkcaldy Central	5	7	1	3
Kirkcaldy East	9	5	9	8
Kirkcaldy North	4	1	3	4
Total	23	19	22	20

Table 9 Road Traffic Collisions Kirkcaldy Ward Areas April - March 2019-2023

7.4 RTC's have fallen in 22-23 compared to 21-22.

- 8 casualties were rescued with 4 of them being extricated, 3 supported/carried out and 1 released by SFRS personnel.

7.5 RTC Fatal Casualties



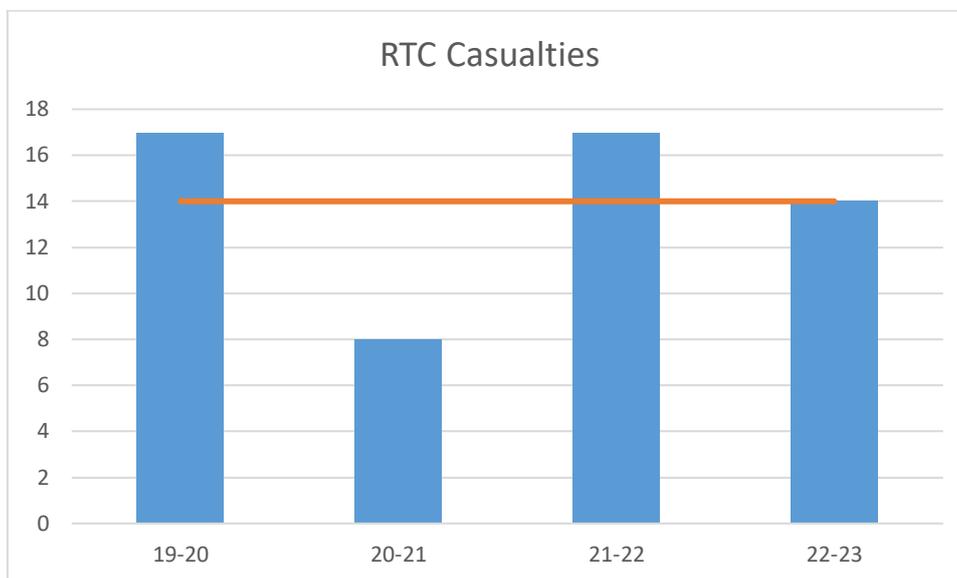
Graph 10 Road Traffic Collision Fatal Casualties – April – March 2019-2023

Kirkcaldy Area Wards	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	0	0	0	1
Kirkcaldy Central	0	0	0	0
Kirkcaldy East	0	0	0	0
Kirkcaldy North	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1

**Table 10 Road Traffic Collision Fatal Casualties Kirkcaldy Ward Areas
April - March 2019 - 2023**

7.6 There was 1 RTC fatality on Kirkcaldy Area roads in this reporting period.

7.7 RTC Casualties



Graph 10 Road Traffic Collision Casualties – April – March 2019-2023

Kirkcaldy Area Wards	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	2	2	3	2
Kirkcaldy Central	6	3	1	1
Kirkcaldy East	9	3	10	11
Kirkcaldy North	0	0	3	0
Total	17	8	17	14

Table 10 Road Traffic Collision Casualties by Committee Area – Kirkcaldy Ward Areas- April - March 2018-2022

7.8 RTC Casualties

The reporting period has seen a decrease in 22-23 for RTC casualties when compared to 21-22..

7.9 Transport and Environment Related Incident Reduction Strategy

SFRS Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Fife LSO area, along with our partners, continue to deliver valuable educational projects including 'Safe Drive Stay Alive', 'Biker Down' and the 'Fife Water Safety Initiative'.

As well as the projects detailed above, SFRS contribute as part of the Road Casualty Reduction Group (RCRG), which is a part of the current Fife Community Safety Strategy.

The road traffic offenders' group is run out Kirkcaldy station with two RTC demos delivered in the calendar year.

Roadstars filming with Safer Communities Fife, filmed a new road safety video that's getting shared around the primary schools for them to replicate.

Commencement of High School Water Safety Talks to all SCF High Schools from S4's upwards. Face to face delivery or digital input - Education on Water Safety, how to keep yourselves and others safe and what to do in the event of an emergency.

Which organisations deal with water rescue incidents and what locations.

Dangers of cold-water shock.

Float to Live message.

Recognition of dangers in the water, under the water and around bodies of water.

Advice on public rescue equipment and it's use

8. Conclusions

There has been a decrease in 6 of our KPI's, Accidental dwelling fires (ADF), ADF Non-fatal casualties' fires, Non-fatal casualties in non-domestic building fires, Non-domestic building fires, Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents, and Non-fatal RTC casualties.

2 KPI's have remained static with Accidental dwelling fires (ADF) Fatal casualties and fatal casualties in Non-domestic building fires at zero.

There has been a rise in 4 of our KPI's, with Deliberate primary fires, Deliberate secondary fires, Unwanted Fire Alarm signals and Fatal RTC Casualties increasing.

All reductions are because of SFRS and partners continued efforts to improve the safety of all who live work and visit Fife. We will continue to focus on these areas to continue these welcoming trends. We will concentrate our focus on the areas of emerging increase identified in this annual report and strive to seek reductions and improve local outcomes.

We will continue to adapt and manage demand reduction strategies linking in with key partner agencies in order to create a safer place to live, work and visit.

Background Papers

SFRS Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Fife Local Authority Area 2021. Link - [localfrplanfife2021.pdf \(firescotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/localfrplanfife2021.pdf)

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6 June 2023

Agenda Item No. 08

Safer Communities Team Update Report

Report by: John Mills, Head of Housing Services

Wards Affected: Kirkcaldy area (Wards 9, 10, 11 and 12)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide elected members with an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Kirkcaldy committee area during the 12 month period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to note and comment on the activity to date.

Resource Implications

None.

Legal & Risk Implications

None.

Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is not required as this report presents an update on the activity of the Safer Communities Team. No policy or funding changes are being proposed that are likely to have an impact on equality groups.

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with community safety partner agencies.

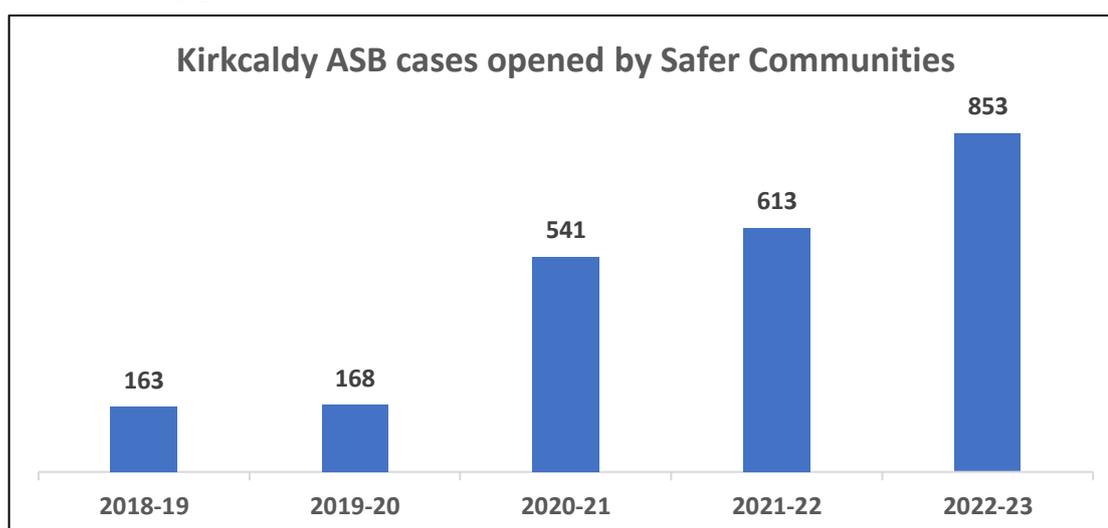
1.0 Background

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update elected members on the activity of the Safer Communities Team (SCT) within this committee area during the financial year 2022-23.
- 1.2. This report sits alongside individual updates from Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). It should be noted that the three core agencies (Police Scotland, SFRS and Fife Council's SCT) may comment on work carried out *in partnership* with each other and other agencies but cannot comment specifically on work carried out independently by other services.
- 1.3. Some information may be included on Fife-wide activity to raise awareness of the range of activities which may be of interest to members and their constituents.
- 1.4. Each activity is categorised as either People or Place focussed.

2.0 People Focussed Activity

- 2.1. Our Fife Cares service received 86 referrals in relation to **home safety advice** during 2022-23, a decrease on the number received in the previous year (125 referrals). All clients were contacted and offered either a visit or a telephone contact.
- 2.2. The majority of referrals (94%) related to requests for tailored home safety advice specifically for families with children under five years of age.
- 2.3. In the last financial year, the majority of home safety referrals for child safety were received from Health Visitors (60%), whilst the remainder come from a variety of other sources such as Community and Family Nurses, Social Work, Housing Officers, and family support services such as Fife Gingerbread and Homestart.
- 2.4. Over the same period, referrals for home safety in relation to vulnerable adults were predominantly received from Social Work Services and Housing Services (53%), but also come from Community Nurses, Fife LGBT, Frontline Fife, Housing Associations and Safer Communities Officers.
- 2.5. During 2022-23, officers from the Safer Communities Team attended quarterly meetings of the Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness Cross Party Working Group chaired by Claire Adamson MSP and held at the Scottish Parliament. At the March 2023 meeting, as part of the 10th anniversary celebrations of the group, officers were invited to present a "good news" input on the Fife Cares service. This included information on how the service keeps abreast of changes, emerging trends and risks, and how it evolves in response. This input was extremely well received and led to further discussion between those in attendance. Appendix 1 contains details of the input delivered.
- 2.6. Referrals to the Fife Cares service regarding **home security advice**, under the Safe, Secure and Supported at Home initiative, decreased during 2022-23 compared to the previous year (91 and 124 respectively).

- 2.7. Safe Secure and Supported at Home referrals are mainly received from Police Scotland (54%), but also from other sources such as Fife Women’s Aid, Housing Officers, Health Visitors and Social Work.
- 2.8. During 2022-23, Fife Cares staff were asked to provide 24 separate inputs to groups or community events across Fife, and at one national event, on the subject of Home Safety and Security. Four of these events took place in the Kirkcaldy committee area.
- 2.9. **Fife Community Safety Support Service (FCSSS)** is funded by the Safer Communities Team to provide support and/or mediation to those experiencing, or involved in, antisocial behaviour in a private space setting. The service received 119 referrals in 2022-23, an increase on the previous year (73).
- 2.10. Due to staff changes within both FCSSS and Safer Communities during 2022-23, a network meeting was held, with Police Scotland colleagues also in attendance. This led to a pilot project being developed for Kirkcaldy to try to encourage more referrals from Police colleagues, particularly for cases where early intervention is appropriate. If successful, this project will be replicated throughout Fife.
- 2.11. Of the referrals received by FCSSS, 84 resulted in the provision of emotional or practical support, whilst the remaining 35 involved some form of mediation between the parties involved.
- 2.12. Appendix 2 provides examples of feedback received by FCSSS plus some additional information on the service.
- 2.13. As of 17th January 2022, the Safer Communities Team became the single point of contact for all cases of private space **antisocial behaviour (ASB)**. This, coupled with the increase of private space ASB during the pandemic, has led to a significant increase in cases dealt with by the team, as demonstrated by the following graph:

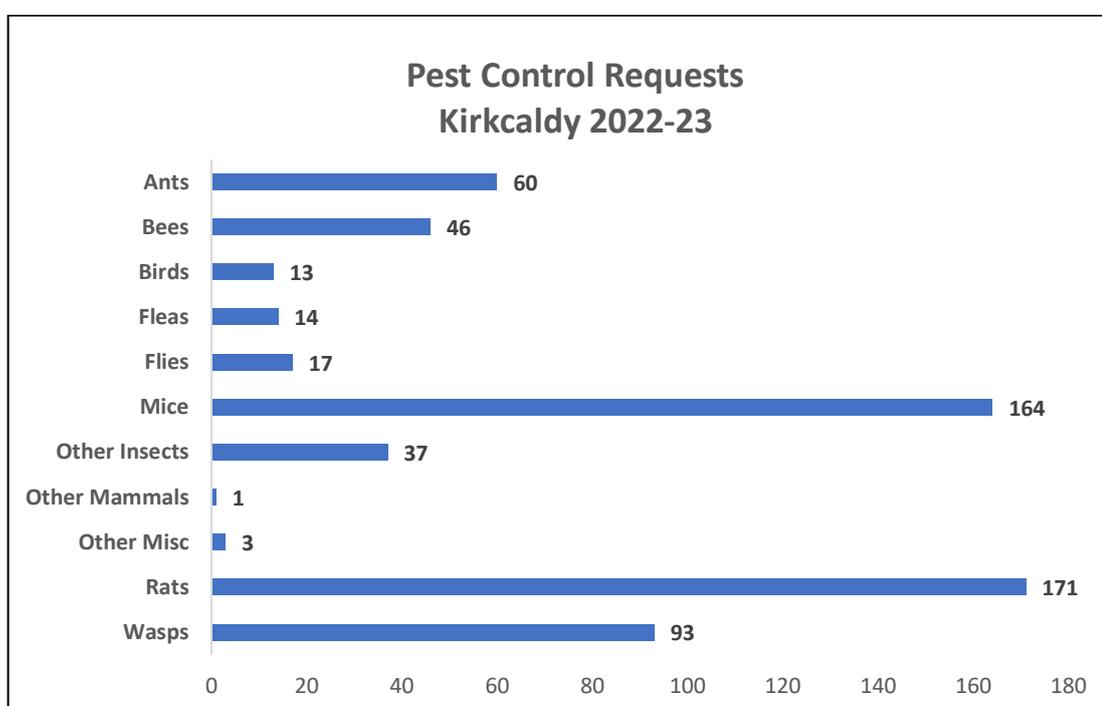


- 2.14. Of the cases within the Kirkcaldy committee area which were closed in 2022-23, 95% were resolved within locally agreed timescales. Please see table 1 below for timescales involved and appendix 3 for the Scottish Housing Regulator’s definition of resolved cases.

Table1: Locally Agreed Timescales for Antisocial Behaviour Cases

Category	Target timescale: Initial contact - complainer	Target timescale: Resolution
Extreme	1 working day	12 months
Serious	3 working days	6 months
General	5 working days	2 months

2.15. Our **Pest Control** officers responded to 619 requests for service during 2022-23, compared to 680 in the previous year. The number and type of pests dealt with are depicted in the following chart:



2.16. Twenty-four reports about **stray dogs** were received by the Safer Communities Dog Wardens, a slight decrease from the previous year (26). Seventeen of the dogs were microchipped, but only two reflected the correct details of their owners. Eighteen dogs were subsequently claimed/returned to their owner and the remaining six were passed to an animal charity for assessment prior to being rehomed. Officers continue to raise awareness of the importance of microchipping and the legislation in force.

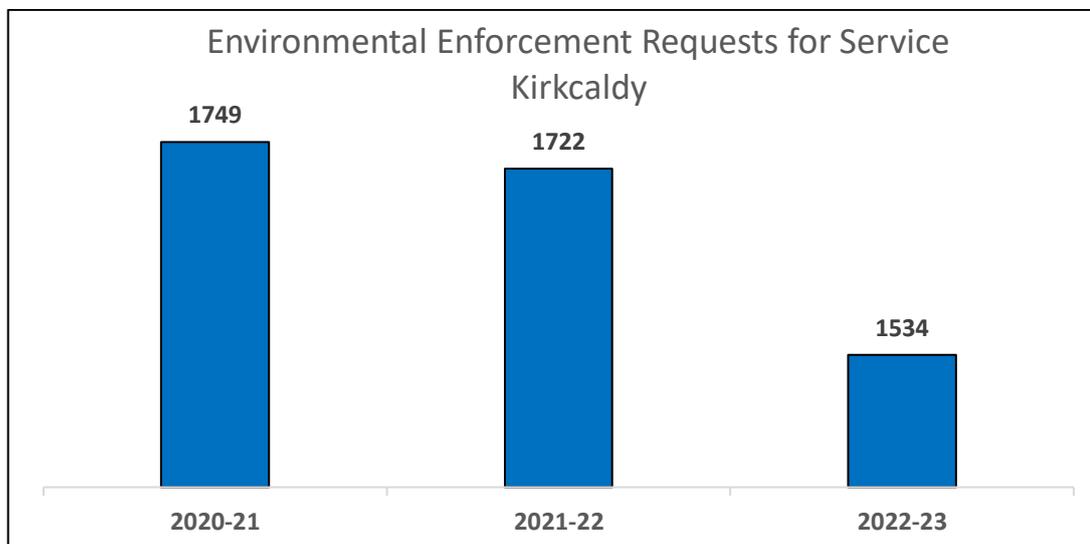
2.17. In 2022-23, Safer Communities Project Officers resumed their **Dog Watch** initiative, a project aimed at commercial dog walkers across Fife, which began in 2019 but had to take a break during the pandemic. This project aims to encourage commercial dog walkers who use Fife's parks and greenspaces to sign up to a voluntary scheme and register their details with the Council. By complying with the criteria within the scheme, commercial dog walkers can:

- reduce their impact on local parks and other users
 - set a good example to other dog walkers
 - deliver a safe and quality service for their customers
- 2.18. The wider public benefit from Dog Watch by knowing that those dog walkers who have signed up to the scheme have been individually inspected - including their vehicles - to ensure they are safe for transporting dogs. In 2022-23, a total of 17 dog walkers have joined, four of whom are from the Kirkcaldy area.
- 2.19. Reports of attacks by dogs during lambing season are unfortunately becoming more common. In partnership with Police Scotland, Safer Communities Team set up a pilot event at Falkland Estate on Friday 10th March to engage with members of the public and to provide awareness of the importance of keeping their dogs on the lead and under control, particularly during lambing season. This event also provided us with the opportunity to speak to the public about dog fouling and other wildlife issues.
- 2.20. Due to the success of this event and further reports about attacks, we hosted a similar event in Blairadam Forest on 12th April 2023. Whilst this event occurs within the current financial year, we felt it important to share this information now rather than wait to report it next year. The Blairadam Forest event included more partners to support the day, including Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, Forestry Commission, National Sheep Association, SSPCA (Scottish Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), PARC (Partnership against Rural Crime), Police Scotland. The event received national attention and was covered by STV, raising awareness at a crucial time in the lambing season and hopefully preventing further attacks across the country, not only in Fife. The plan is to make these annual events which we will host at various locations around Fife.
- 2.21. The Fife Community Safety Partnership has recently reinvigorated the Road Casualty Reduction Group, in which officers from Safer Communities Team are involved. Our Project Officers provided a number of **Road Safety** initiatives which covered the whole life spectrum from birth onwards (see appendix 4 for road safety activities focussed on each life stage).
- 2.22. Whilst some events were delivered to a Fife-wide audience, the following were delivered specifically within the Kirkcaldy committee area:
- Junior Road Safety Officers Initiative (4 schools – 18 children)
 - A variety of Secondary school talks
 - Safe Drive Stay Alive (4 schools – 521 pupils)
 - Older Drivers Talks (5 events – 118 participants)
- 2.23. Appendix 5 provides additional information about the range of road safety initiatives involving the Safer Communities Team in 2022-23.
- 2.24. Project Officers from the Safer Communities Team support the Fife Water Safety Group, which is a working group set up under the Fife Community Safety Partnership's Reducing Harm priority. During 2022-23, our officers attended the Train the Trainer for **Waterside Responders Course**, and they are working with RNLI to set up a course in 2023-24 for local businesses. The aim is to have local responders on hand in areas where water safety issues may occur.

- 2.25. Our project officers also identified the gap for an emergency first aid and water safety course for **Wild and Open Water Swimmers**. SCT officers will work with RNLI to create a suitable course to offer to these groups during 2023-24.
- 2.26. Our **Youth Justice Officers** received 22 referrals about young people in the Kirkcaldy area from the Youth Offender Management Group (YOMG) during 2022-23, a very slight decrease on the previous year (23).
- 2.27. In previous years, we have been able to provide statistical evidence that our work with young people creates positive outcomes. Unfortunately, the information we use to demonstrate the success of our activity is held by Police Scotland and is currently unavailable due to a change of systems. We hope to be able to access this valuable information at a later date. In the meantime, our Youth Justice Officers are working on methods of obtaining feedback from young people and the different people involved in their lives to provide a qualitative evaluation of the work they carry out.
- 2.28. Appendix 6 provides more information about our youth justice activities during 2022-23.

3.0 Place Focussed Activity

- 3.1 In terms of **environmental enforcement** issues, 1534 requests for service were received for the Kirkcaldy area during 2022-23. The following graph shows comparative figures for the past three years:



- 3.2 Appendix 7 provides data showing the number of reports per type in terms of Environmental Enforcement over the past three years.
- 3.3 Our Safer Communities Officers (SCOs) carried out 3319 patrols in this area over the reporting period, compared to 2984 patrols in the previous year. The patrols have covered a variety of community issues, including public space antisocial behaviour, dog fouling, youth issues, fire raising, anti-social use of motorbikes, noise, vandalism, littering, fly tipping, drugs misuse and partnership working. Support referrals, intelligence and requests have come from a number of sources including but not limited to public reporting, police colleagues, fire

colleagues elected members, housing, social work, education and partnership meetings.

- 3.4 Team members have attended numerous tenants and residents meeting within the area.

4.0 Campaigns and events

- 4.1. Team members are normally involved in a variety of **events** throughout each year. Due to the ongoing impact of the pandemic during 2022-23 we continued to utilise our **social media** platforms to convey the community safety message to the residents of Fife. We provided information, advice, and assistance on a number of different campaigns. We attracted over 8,500 followers on Facebook during 2022-23 and, overall, we reached an audience of over 685,000 people across Fife. See appendix 8 for further information
- 4.2. In order to keep up to date with forthcoming events and activities co-ordinated by the Safer Communities Team or shared by the Team on behalf of partner agencies, members are invited to 'like' our Facebook page **Safer Communities Fife** or follow us on Twitter **@safeinfife**.
- 4.3. After receiving complaints from members of the public about Seagulls attacking pets and owners and rubbish being scattered at recycling points in Burntisland, the Safer Communities Team approached the local Primary School, to involve the children in a campaign to help raise awareness of this issue in the community. We ran a poster competition, and the winners were issued with amazon vouchers. The children created some excellent posters. We promoted this through our Facebook page and displayed the posters in the window at Toll Community Hub. We have continued to carry out proactive patrols in the area and raise awareness.



5.0 Partnership Initiatives

- 5.1 Since September 2022 it is now an offence to smoke within 15 metres of a hospital building. Safer Communities Officers have been patrolling at the Victoria Hospital. The focus of the legislation is around education and

encouraging behavioural change and has been promoted through partnership working alongside NHS colleagues.

- 5.2 Inveriel Tenants & Residents group highlighted an ongoing problem with fly tipping, bins not being serviced and vermin issues at the Bridge Street. Safer Communities Officers contacted Fife Housing Group and private landlords to make them aware of the complaints. A survey of the area was carried out by our pest control team, a letter was sent to all tenants/residents in the three blocks with a view to deter fly tipping and to make them aware that Fife Council were trying to address the issues.

Items from the bin store were uplifted, signs erected, and patrols were carried out. Fife Housing Group and private landlords liaised with each other and removed the bin store which was in poor condition. A resident confirmed the area has now improved, looks better and there has been no further reports of fly tipping.

- 5.3 **Kirkcaldy Together** aims to create more effective partnership working across the area to reduce antisocial behaviour and offer more positive opportunities for young people to take part in. Safer Communities and Police Scotland agreed to work together to chair and facilitate this new group. The core group consists of representatives from Police, Fire Service, Safer Communities Team, Education, Community Learning & Development, British Transport Police, Clued Up and Community Social Work, who meet up bi monthly to ensure a focused action plan is delivered.

Following the success of the development session, held in Templehall Community Centre in September 2022, there are plans to organise a further session later this year, which will provide an overview of the year's activities. All partners and Elected members will be invited.

- 5.4 As part of the Revised Estate Management Approach, The **Linktown Estate Management Group** was formed to improve the condition of the housing estate in the Links area. Representatives from Housing, Linktown Tenants & Residents Association, Safer Communities Team, Community Learning & Development, Waste Management, Grounds Maintenance, Environmental Health, Police Scotland, and Elected Members meet every two months at the Philp Hall to agree actions to make visible improvements in the area. Safer Communities Officers work proactively to tackle any tenancy issues, environmental hotspots, community safety concerns and have a visible presence in the area.

6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 This report provides members with information on the wide range of safer communities' activity being undertaken in this committee area, in line with local priorities and emerging issues, and in partnership with other community safety organisations.

List of Appendices:

- Appendix 1 - Fife Cares input to Cross Party Working Group
- Appendix 2 - FCSSS – further information on Fifewide services (2022-23)
- Appendix 3 - Scottish Housing Regulator Guidance – ASB (March 2023)
- Appendix 4 - Road Safety timeline
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- Appendix 7 - Environmental Enforcement – three year trend data by type
- Appendix 8 - Safer Communities Team Facebook page information

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Fife Cares Input to Cross Party Working Group March 2023

Good news story of the Fife Cares Service where we provide free child safety visits and free home safety visits for vulnerable adults.

- This service is of the utmost importance to the people who are receive it and are working in it
- It is vital to maintain the service to help reduce unintentional harm and make a difference to those we can reach
- We continue to face huge challenges of reducing budgets and the increasing costs of everything, from staff costs to fuel and equipment
- We are continually examining our methods of working and the menu of equipment we provide as well as advice we give
 - We must examine our equipment against costs to see if there is an alternative way to deliver the safety involved
 - An example of this is to deliver safety gates along with appropriate advice instead of fitting stair gates
 - We are providing more advice both verbal and written in form of booklets and have produced our own library of booklets with advice, as well as utilising resources from other partners
 - We are also involved in making our delivery more efficient and effective such as delivering advice through discussion with groups such as nursery mums and elderly forums etc.
- In our partnership with RoSPA we look at what they are doing and have done and learn from their experience and knowledge. We also share what we are doing with them.
- Through partnership working we take on board issues raised here at CPG such as the danger of button batteries, and work with partners such as CAPT to promote safer use of such batteries
- We promote these messages through events and social media as well as at each visit we carry out. Now we are finding that more parents of young children at visits are aware of these dangers. We do however continue to spread the messages.

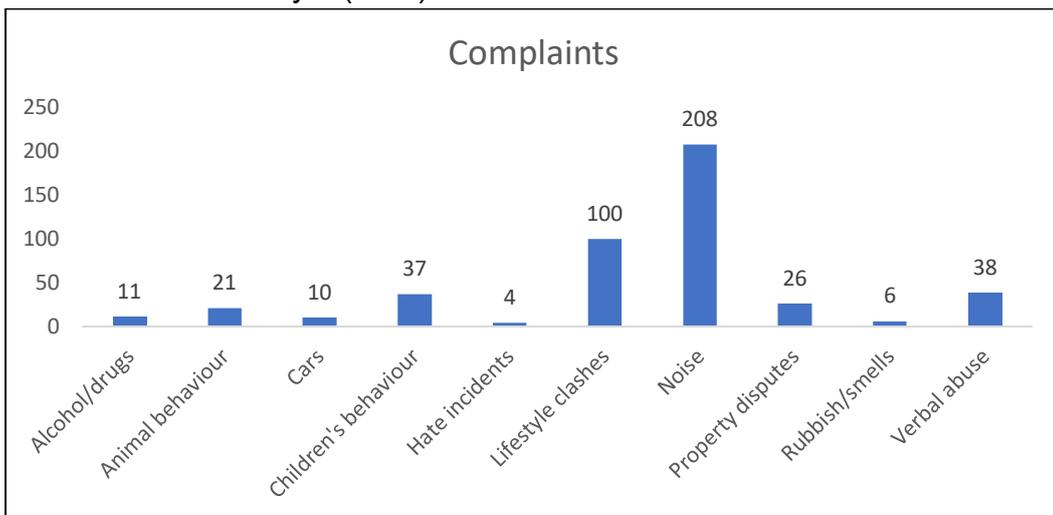
- Evaluation of what we are doing is essential to our continued improvement–
 - We use mobile working and utilise computer tablets to record our visits and now have evaluation questions on our work tablets for each visit
 - We have just completed a pilot with a Child Nursery Focus Group examining what we do regarding child safety visits to find out what the parents think and what matters to them
 - We listen to clients at our visits and collate information about what they need and what is important to them – recently we have had several issues raised around child car seats and we are also trained by RoSPA to check these and to provide appropriate advice.
- It is essential to attend important forums such as CPG to listen to and communicate with partners even when, on face of it, the subject does not seem connected. An example of this was Health and Safety in Waste Mgt. – Lithium-Ion battery risks – home fire risks

Good News in Summary:

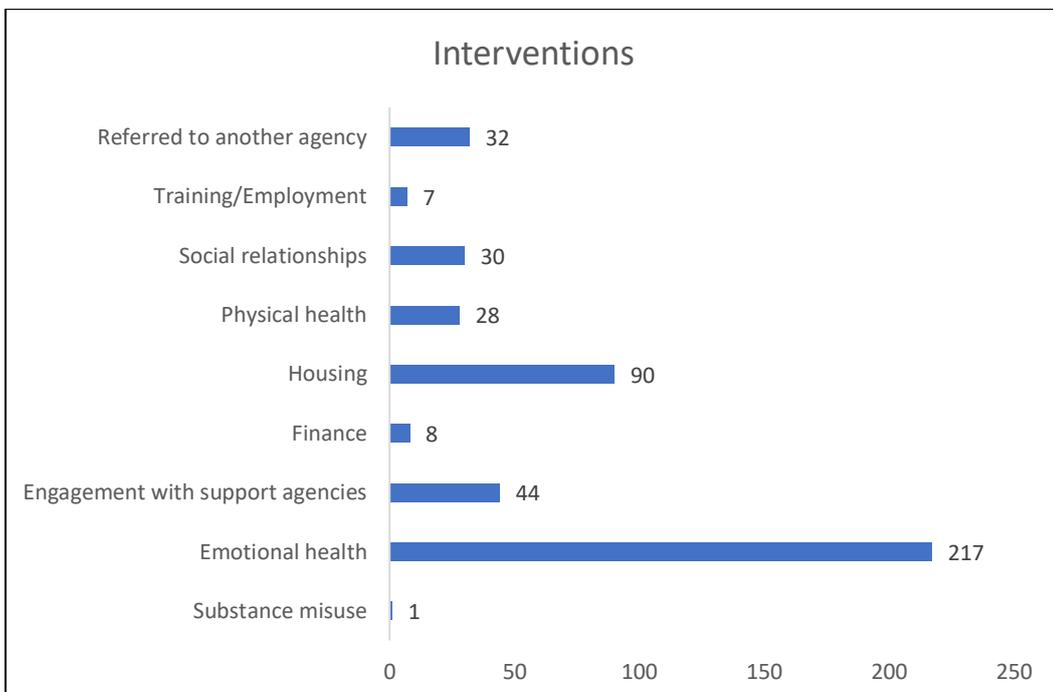
- We continue to work together to prevent unintentional harm
- Our service has evolved using partners and forums like CPG
- We will continue to evaluate our service and to adapt it according to the needs of our clients, whilst taking cognisance of other pressures and influences.

FCSSS - Further information of Fifewide services (2022-23)

- All referrals were responded to within 2 working days
- The majority of referrals were received from the Safer Communities Team (79%)
- Complaints about noise were most common (45%), followed by issues to do with clashes of lifestyle (22%)

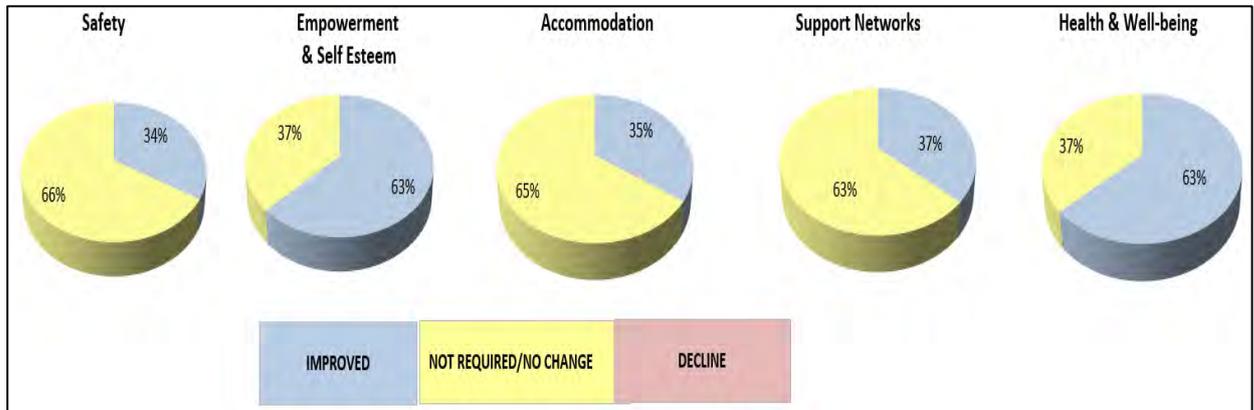


- A total of 544 households were involved with FCSSS during 2022-23
- Interventions delivered were as follows:



- Outcomes in relation to support cases are measured using the Empowerment Star assessment tool, where clients feedback on how their involvement with

FCSSS has affected five different areas of their lives. The following diagram shows that improvements were made in all areas, but specifically Empowerment and Self Esteem and Health and Wellbeing:



Examples of customer feedback:

Do you think there have been positive changes to your life since taking part in the Service?

"Having someone to talk to other than my family has really helped, I am continuing to feel more confident and positive now and using breathing techniques suggested to me"

"Having someone to talk to about my fears and anxiety have helped, I have found strength to contact the police when needed, I have been referred to the wardens and feel safer"

What did FCSSS do well?

"Helped put me in the right direction"

"Provided a safe space to talk"

"Referred me onto the wardens and liaised with Fife Council"

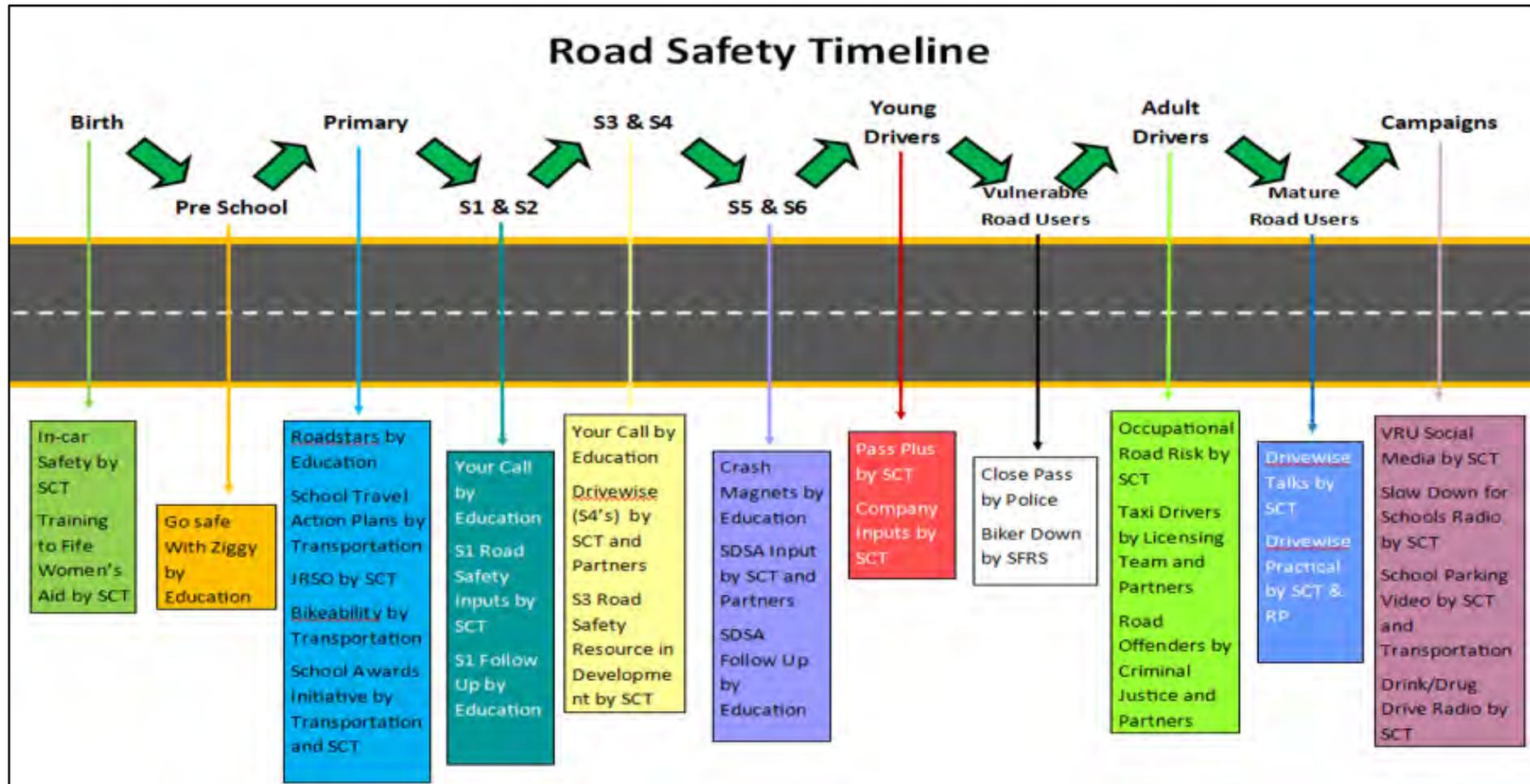
What could FCSSS do better?

(No comments made).

Scottish Housing Regulator Guidance for Landlords (March 2023)

Antisocial Behaviour

<p>Indicator</p> <p>15</p> <p>(Updated)</p>	<p><i>Percentage of anti-social behaviour cases reported in the last year which were resolved.</i></p> <p>(i) Number of cases of anti-social behaviour reported in the last year. Of those at (i):</p> <p>(ii) Number of cases resolved in the last year.</p>
<p>Definition</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where the landlord has taken appropriate measures, as set out in its ASB policies and procedures, to address the cause of the anti-social behaviour complaint and has advised the complainant of the outcome; or • where the landlord does not have the authority or powers to resolve, and it has provided a full explanation of the landlord's position to the complainant. <p>A Case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A case is opened when a tenant or service user reports an incident of ASB to their landlord. • A case can be made up of a single report/complaint of ASB; or • Multiple reports/complaints about the same party, made whilst a case is still ongoing. Such further reports/complaints would not be counted as a further new case. • Once a case is resolved and a further report/complaint of ASB is received, this should be treated as a new case.



Road Safety Initiatives

In Car Safety



Clinics and Individual checks – SCT staff continue to carry out child car seat clinics, especially to coincide with National Child Safety week. In 22/23 we hosted three clinics, one in Dalgety Bay (SWF), one in Leuchars (NEF) and one in conjunction with Police Scotland at Leven Prom.

Fife Women's Aid Training – Our staff are also in the process of carrying out training to Fife Women's Aid to assist them with the knowledge of how to fit their car seats safely when transporting children for their work.

Primary

Roadstars Competition – To promote the new national Roadstars road safety resource SCT partnered with Transportation services to launch a Fife-wide Primary School competition. To encourage entries we pulled together our own version of what we were asking schools to do with a number of partnering agencies and the Provost ([Roadstars Song Partnership Version 2](#)) A number of schools from across Fife entered and the eventual winner was Carleton Primary ([Carleton Roadstars - YouTube](#)), who were awarded £500 to place towards road safety resources at their school. They have chosen to use these funds to place markings in their playground to carry out Bikeability training (photo to show their design). The current Transport Minister awarded the school with their prize on 20th February.



Don't Park Here Campaign – Just before the end of the 2021/22 school year, we again partnered with Transportation to run a new initiative called Don't Park Here. The aim being to produce short videos to discourage adults from parking irresponsibly around the gates of schools and especially on yellow zig zags. We worked with three schools in Cowdenbeath, Dunfermline and Leven to produce these videos that schools could use on their social media in the new academic year.

JRSO Initiative – Our team continue to support the Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) initiative across all Fife Schools. During this financial year we have visited 6 primary schools to help establish JRSO's within their schools. The following schools were visited – Auchtertool, Burntisland, Dunnikier, Klinghorm, Strathallan and Torbain

Leuchars Event – SCT were invited to Leuchars Army Base to attend a primary school event. Over 400 P6/7 pupils from schools across Fife attended an engagement day organised by Leuchars. We hosted a couple of workstations at the event, one was focussed on road safety using our reaction timers and snakes and ladders game, the other station was based around responsible recycling and was run by two SCO's.

Individual Inputs – In November we were invited into Hill of Beath Primary to talk to all of their pupils about road safety during two assemblies. This is a service we offer if there has been an issue at the school around road safety. As this was a cycling issue, we partnered up with the Bikeability Co-ordinator from Transportation.



Secondary

S1 Talks – Our project officers have continued to carry out S1 talks within the Kirkcaldy area, as we cannot provide this input to all schools we looked to where our resources are needed most, and this area has the highest number of statistical evidence for need for inputs. In 22/23 we carried out 25 class talks to 625 S1 Pupils at Balwearie HS (10 classes / 261 pupils), Kirkcaldy HS (9 classes / 220 pupils) and St Andrews HS (6 classes / 144 pupils).

St Andrews HS - In December 2022 a S2 pupil was unfortunately involved in a road traffic collision on coming out of school. The school then invited us in to deliver a short input at year group assemblies to S1-S4 (647 Pupils) and then we also talked to individual S1 (6 classes / 144 pupils) and S2 classes (6 classes / 145 pupils).

S3 Project with Kirkcaldy HS – We were approached by the Guidance team in Kirkcaldy HS to help them create a suitable road safety resource that will engage their S3 pupils. We are working with them on this and hope to have something in place for the new academic year.

SDSA

Inputs and follow Up Resource – We have now fully moved the SDSA programme away from Rothes Halls and are taking the input directly to each school. This is still a partnership project but is led and co-ordinated by Safer Communities. All 18 high schools received the SDSA input and this year we also were able to deliver to St Leonard's Private School in St Andrews. A total of 2480 pupils received the input.

We have also produced a follow up resource for the guidance staff to use within PSE classes. This enables the teachers to gain discussion with the pupils.

SDSA Future – This year we have also filmed other partners so that we can keep the film up to date with the most relevant content. We are also in discussions with Education to pursue the option of SDSA being a set part of the curriculum rather than an opt in programme.

Pass Plus

We continue to support and fund new drivers to gain additional driving knowledge and experience. This financial year we have held 4 online courses with a total of 12 new drivers attending. This project continues to have support from a Fife Road Policing officer. Numbers are not high in this project as funding is limited.

Road Traffic Offenders

Course – This 5 week course is run by Criminal Justice, but we are invited to present an input during week 1 and then present SDSA in week 5. This financial year only one course has taken place with 12 participants from across Fife. The next course is planned for May 2023.

New Project – Criminal Justice have contacted us about developing a new resource for Fife residents who they need to work with but are not in the system long enough to attend one of the above courses. We have had an initial meeting with them to discuss this and hope to create something for later this year.

Taxi Drivers - The Taxi Driver course has not run since early 2020 due to covid. Licencing have recently brought together all the partners to discuss setting up the courses again and they are due to start in April 2023. Safer Communities presents a generic road safety input at each of these dates.

Older Drivers

Talks – We currently offer talks to older groups about how to stay driving safely for longer. This financial year we have given 5 talks.



Practical Days – Last year we introduced the new Drivewise 65+ days. This is a practical session for older drivers who attend a venue and go on a drive observed by a Road Policing officer. They are then given hints and tips to help keep them safe and driving for longer. We held two events during the last financial year.

Radio Campaigns

Slow Down for Schools – We produced this radio campaign to encourage drivers to think about their speed when they are driving near to schools when the pupils are starting and finishing. The messages were recorded by safer Communities staff and Police Scotland. The plan is to have two campaigns running during the year, one at the start of the academic year in Aug/Sept and one when the pupils go back after Christmas. Due to funding, we did not hold this campaign in Aug 2022 but created a partnership with Ford in Dec 2022 and they supported our Jan 2023 campaign.

Partnership with Ford

We formed a partnership with Fife Ford in Dec 2022 and as part of this they are funding our radio campaigns for Slow Down for Schools, and we also hope to hold future radio campaigns on other subjects in 2023.

Youth Justice activities

Our officer's co-ordinate or take part in activities and provided advice, guidance and information to young people, their parents/guardians, and professionals from other agencies, all of which is designed to support young people and to prevent them becoming involved in problematic behaviour, lifestyles, or situations.

Listed below are some of the activities our Youth Justice Officers (YJO) were involved in during 2022-23:

- No Knives Better Lives inputs at Viewforth High School, Inverkeithing High School and Wade Academy.



- Anti Social Behaviour inputs at Auchtermuchty PS, St Johns PS, Kings Road PS, Methilhill PS, Rimbleton PSS, St Columbas HS, Warout PS.
- Diversifire at Dunfermline, Lochgelly and Methil.
- F24 program at Auchmuty High.
- Leading a Park Golf diversion in Kirkcaldy in partnership with Fife Golf Trust and Dunnikeir Golf Club.

- Part of a partnership response to youth ASB in Cupar, Dunfermline and Glenrothes (supporting Clued Up and Cupar Youth Café).
- Supporting the Creative Change Collective Tic Tok program over 12 weeks delivered in Kirkcaldy.



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- We have also supported young people both individually and in groups at Inverkeithing HS, Woodmill HS, St Columbas, Auchmuty HS, Madras College, Lochgelly HS.
- Co facilitating Ask/Tell Suicide Prevention training with Fife Health and Social Care Partnership.

- YJOs are part of the following initiative/projects:
 - Fife Suicide Prevention Network (co-ordinated by Fife Social Care Partnership)

- Brighter Futures Health Hub
- YAP Group.

We asked our Youth Justice Officers to answer the following questions about work they took part in during 2022-23:

Why did you get involved in specific projects?

We attend regular meetings such as YOMG, youth work meetings, strategy groups, MVP strategy group amongst others, as a result of attending these meetings it identifies opportunities to offer support.

Who, or which agencies, asked for your help and who have you helped?

Partners such as Education, Police Scotland and SFRS mainly. Other third sector partners we have approached directly - this is for support with their expertise, such as BRAG with their F24 experience or Clued Up to support programs with their inputs.

What partnership working took place?

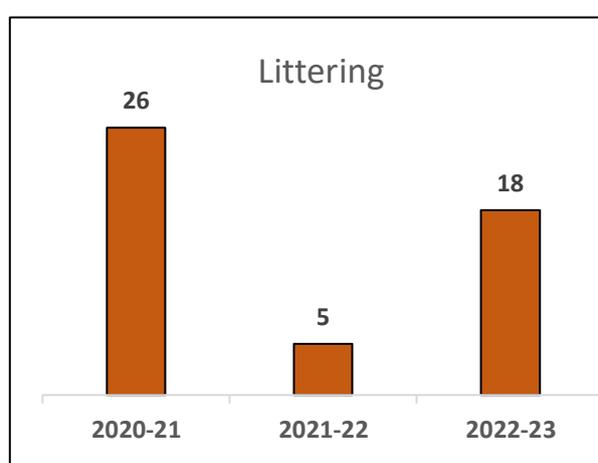
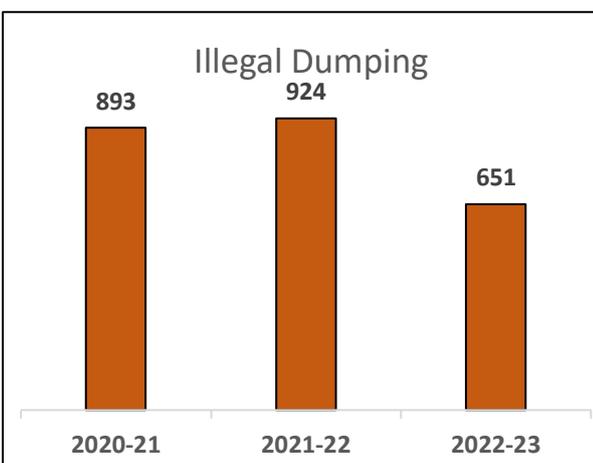
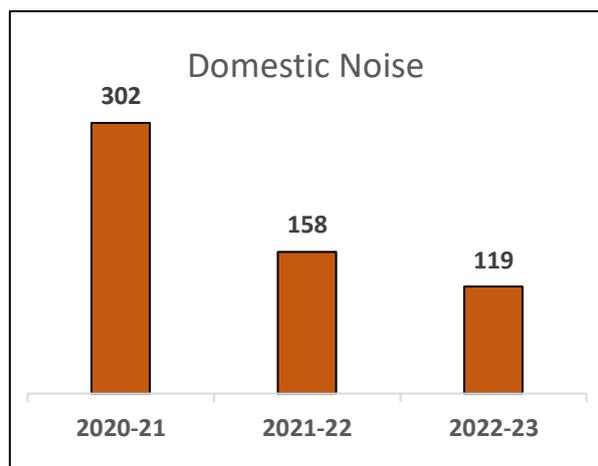
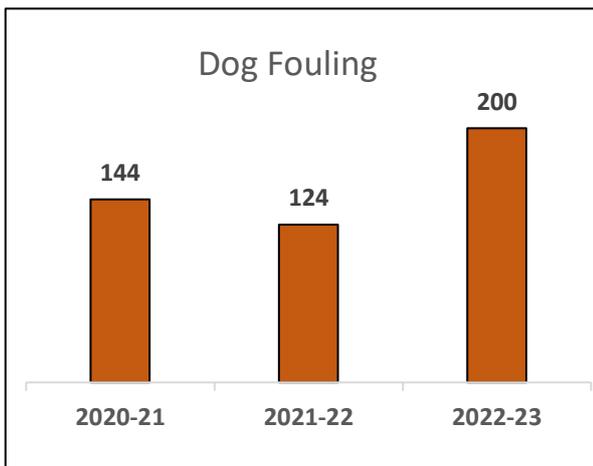
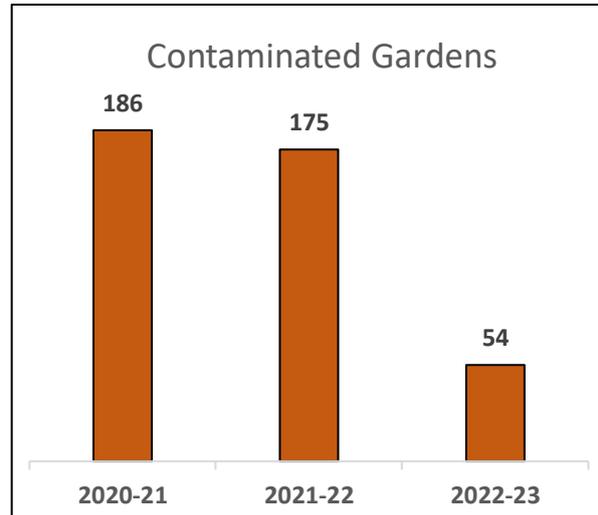
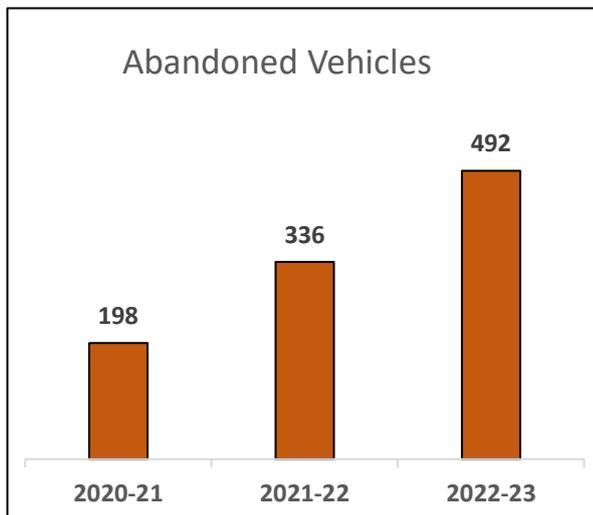
Each partner plays to their strengths and knowledge base, e.g. – at Diversifire, SFRS lead the ‘drill yard’ element and YJO’s are responsible for identifying and supporting the young people to complete the course successfully. Police Scotland lead an Anti-Social Behaviour input as well as provide an officer for the week to show the human side of Policing. Clued Up deliver a harm reduction input surrounding alcohol and substance use.

What was the outcome of your involvement with young people?

It’s really difficult to measure an outcome for preventative work. However, the aim is that we provide an opportunity for young people to be educated and supported in a way that allows them to gain insight and understanding about the impact of their behaviour in their local community, as well as knowledge about supportive agencies.

**Environmental Enforcement Reports received by Safer Communities Team
by Type and Year**

(Kirkcaldy 2020-2023)



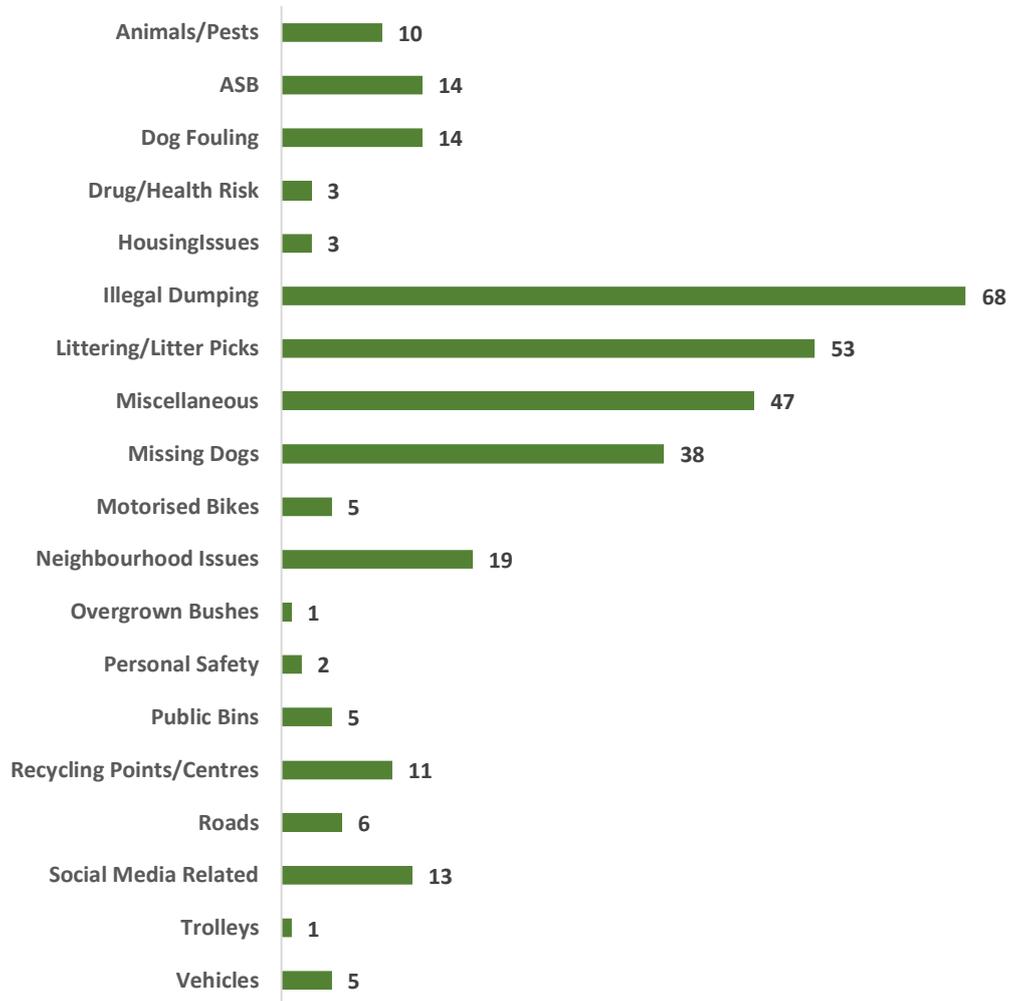
Safer Communities on Facebook

- During 2022-23, the Safer Communities Team social media platforms:
 - attracted a total of 8,533 **followers**
 - received 1,229 **new page likes**
 - attracted an **audience** comprised mainly of women aged between 35-44 (77.6% women and 22.4% men)
 - **reached** a total of 685,709 people.
- The **top five towns** our followers reside in are
 - Dunfermline (19.9%),
 - Kirkcaldy (15.8%),
 - Glenrothes (13.4%),
 - Leven (9.5%)
 - Cupar (5.9%)
- Our **highest reaching, highest reactions** and most shared post was in relation to a stray dog, which received a reach of 35.7k reach, 257 reactions, 75 comments and 489 shares.

The screenshot shows a Facebook post featuring a photo of a small, fluffy brown dog. The post text reads: "UPDATE...A massive thank you to everyone who shared ... March 7, 2023 at 9:26 AM ID: 521438436838860". Below the text, interaction counts are shown: 257 reactions, 75 comments, and 489 shares. A "Boost post" button is visible at the top right. Below the post, a "Performance" section provides analytics: Reach (Total: 35,656, Worst to Best bar chart), Reactions, comment... (Total: 821, Worst to Best bar chart), and Results (Total: --, Link clicks: --). Each metric includes a note: "This post reached more Accounts Center accounts than 100% of your 50 most recent Facebook posts and stories." or "This post received more reactions, comments and shares than 100% of your 50 most recent Facebook posts and stories."

- Posts about lost and stray dogs are always very popular and are our top 5 **highest hitting** posts.
- Our **most commented** on post was in connection to the new lids on milk bottles, with 219 reactions and 86 comments. It had a reach of 17,324.
- 318 messages were sent to us via our **Social Media Messenger** account. The following diagram shows the number of messages received by this method and the subject they related to. The majority of messages received were about illegal dumping (68 messages). The miscellaneous category accounted for a variety of subjects, including unsafe walls, speeding, cuckooing, and fireworks.

Social Media Messages Received



6 June 2023

Agenda Item No.09

Report on Educational Outcomes - 2021/22

Report by: Carrie Lindsay, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services

Wards Affected: 9, 10, 11, 12

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Kirkcaldy Area Committee with details of the attainment outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's schools during the school year 2021/22. This report also provides an overview of the range of strategies being developed to support our key priority to raise attainment.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to note:

1. the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2021/22; and
2. the strategies being implemented to raise attainment.

Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. However, there is the need to continue to raise the awareness of school leaders, local authority officers and elected members to maximise the potential of data, new systems and approaches to inform future actions to support school improvement.

Impact Assessment

An EqlA has not been completed and is not necessary as no change or revision to existing policy is proposed.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Our ambition is to improve attainment and to provide an appropriate curriculum for all learners. This report specifically relates to those pupils in the senior phase of their learning i.e. S4-S6 and what they have attained. In addition, it reports on how they have performed in securing a positive destination.

- 1.2 The senior phase of the curriculum also provides us with the opportunity to:
- improve employability skills
 - increase levels of sustained positive destinations
 - contribute to a prosperous Fife economy and improve life chances for all
- 1.3 Attainment information in Scotland is focused on the use of the senior phase benchmarking tool known as Insight. This national attainment database has two key release dates. An initial release in September provides information on all qualifications sat by young people within the Scottish Credit and Qualifications framework for the previous session. This Local Benchmarking data provides details on the performance of year groups S4, S5 and S6. The National Benchmarking data is updated in February with details of the destinations of all young people who left school in the previous session. The February data allows analysis of how young people have performed by the time they leave school.
- 1.4 In terms of analysis of attainment and achievement performance, the Education Service now publishes two statistical reports to schools. The first of these, the School Attainment Report, is sent to schools in early October, after the formal September Insight release, and discussion centres on the school's local benchmark data which shows how well each stage cohort S4 to S6 has performed across the range and level of qualifications. Discussions at individual school meetings feed into school planning and target setting.
- 1.5 At the end of March a second report, the School Outcome Report, goes to schools and focuses on the National Benchmarks which show how well the school's leavers have performed. The discussions with schools at this point focus on areas such as literacy and numeracy to see how well-equipped leavers are to go onto sustained and positive destinations, as well as considering overall levels of attainment and the types of destinations young people are achieving. This report also looks at attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- 1.6 This report considers the data for 2021/22. The measures used include the tariff points (a measure of the quantity and quality of awards) associated with the awards achieved by young people and the levels of literacy and numeracy achieved by young people by the time they leave school. The post school destinations of young people are also provided.
- 1.7 As per national guidance, we take an 'outcomes'-based approach to attainment with the focus on all our young people at the point of exit rather than individual 'year on year' attainment.
- 1.8 The increased emphasis on 'outcomes' means we are more focussed on the 'destination', 'employability' and range of appropriate qualifications achieved by the time our young people leave school rather than the overall attainment of any year group.
- 1.9 However, in terms of breadth and depth of attainment, the key measures in the attainment report (Appendix 1) include the percentage of young people achieving multiple qualifications at Levels 4 and 5 (National 5) in S4 and the percentage of young people achieving multiple qualifications at Level 6 by the end of S5.

1.10 We continue to improve our data sharing with schools through the Power BI platform.

2.0 Our Vision

2.1 Our shared vision across Fife, which also takes account of the key recommendations in the 15 to 24 Learner Journey Report, is to improve the opportunities for all learners by improving attainment.

2.2 This vision is being realised through jointly delivering on the following:

- a greater depth in work towards understanding and interrogating data
- ensuring sharing of practice at Headteacher events and across Local Authorities including visits to other schools outwith Fife
- the review of subject choices and offers at school level
- development of curricular pathways
- more collaborative approaches across our secondary schools and the college to provide a relevant, coherent and appropriate curriculum for all learners, informed by local context and need
- allowing all young people across Fife access to more curricular options and opportunities including all levels of apprenticeships based on a policy of equity and equality
- collaborative working with subject specialists to ensure greater understanding of subject areas

2.3 As a result of the above, during the current school session, the Directorate has a focus on improving the following outcomes:

- **Attendance** - Improving attendance is a key factor in raising attainment. Lower levels of attendance are a significant barrier to learning for many disadvantaged groups of pupils (e.g. those living in poverty, those with particular support needs – like young carers). Improving attendance will be a key factor in closing the attainment gap.
- **Attainment**, with a particular focus on literacy and numeracy. Literacy and numeracy are educational outcomes for which performance was relatively strong in the period leading up to the Covid pandemic. Many elements of Fife's approach (e.g. our use of the Model for Improvement, Workshop for Literacy, Conceptual Understanding of Numeracy) continue to be held in high regard nationally. Re-establishing these approaches and ensuring that they are used rigorously across Fife's school system will be a key element in supporting further improvement in literacy and numeracy. This will be a key enabler for further improving wider attainment.
- **Positive Destinations** – by ensuring that the curriculum design of schools supports the needs and aspirations of all learners, and by identifying and supporting appropriate pathways into post school opportunities.

3.0 The context of the local area

- 3.1 School context is known to have a significant influence on educational outcomes. Two factors have a particular influence on outcomes at a cohort level:
- Socio-economic factors, including household poverty (measured by registration rates for free school meals) and area deprivation (most commonly measured by SIMD, the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation).
 - The Additional Support Needs (ASN) of pupils, including: learning, physical and communication support needs (these can usually be addressed through support for learning within the classroom), and family, emotional and mental health needs (these are related to socio-economic factors in many cases, and often require a partnership approach to support).
- 3.2 Appendices 1A and 1B provide an overview of key data relating to these factors. As may be noted, schools in the Kirkcaldy area:
- Have a higher level of Free School Meal Registration than Fife and Scotland.
 - Have pupils living in areas of moderate and significant disadvantage, with a significant proportion of pupils living in SIMD deciles 1 to 6.
 - Shows a higher than average level of recorded need across a range of support needs.

4.0 Attainment

Attainment in literacy by the end of stage S4

- 4.1 Literacy is a key skill for employability and a foundational skill for wider learning and attainment. Improving the development of literacy throughout the 3-18 curriculum is a key priority to help improve overall attainment and to close the attainment gap. Appendix 1C provides an overview of attainment in literacy by the end of stage S4 for Fife and the local area.
- 4.2 Levels of attainment for literacy at SCQF level 4 have seen a general improvement across Fife in recent years, with some evidence of a closing of the attainment gap.
- 4.3 Overall attainment at SCQF level 4 in the Kirkcaldy area has generally been close to the Fife average over recent years, although it has seen some fluctuations from year to year. This has been true for overall attainment and for learners in SIMD Quintiles 1 and 5.
- 4.4 Generally, levels of attainment for literacy at SCQF level 5 have shown no sustained improvement across Fife in recent years. However, outcomes for pupils living in SIMD Quintile 1 saw an improvement in 2021/22.
- 4.5 Overall attainment at SCQF level 5 in the Kirkcaldy area has generally been close to the Fife average over recent years, although tending to be slightly higher for learners in SIMD Quintile 1 and overall.

Attainment in numeracy by the end of stage S4

- 4.6 Numeracy is a key skill for employability and a foundational skill for wider learning and attainment. Improving the development of numeracy throughout the 3-18 curriculum is a key priority to help improve overall attainment and to close the attainment gap. Appendix 1D provides an overview of attainment in numeracy by the end of stage S4 for Fife and the local area.
- 4.7 Levels of attainment for numeracy at SCQF level 4 have been broadly constant across Fife in recent years, in each SIMD quintile.
- 4.8 Overall attainment at SCQF level 4 in the Kirkcaldy area has generally been close to the Fife average over recent years, but has tended to show a gradual improvement and is now above Fife levels of attainment. This has been true for overall attainment and for learners in SIMD Quintiles 1 and 5.
- 4.9 Generally, levels of attainment for numeracy at SCQF level 5 have shown been broadly constant across Fife in recent years.
- 4.10 Overall, attainment at SCQF level 5 in numeracy for the Kirkcaldy area have been similar to the Fife average over recent years, although it has seen some fluctuations from year to year. This has been true for overall attainment and for learners in SIMD Quintiles 1 and 5.

Wider attainment by the end of stage S4

- 4.11 Wider attainment by the end of stage S4 provides a foundation for leaving school, or for further study and achievement in stages S5 and S6.
- 4.12 Appendix 1E provides an overview of attainment at SCQF level 4 by the end of stage S4. Outcomes at SCQF level 4 have shown some improvement since 2018/19 at Fife level. Outcomes for the Kirkcaldy area have seen a significant improvement over the past two years and now match the virtual comparator of the local area and the Fife average.
- 4.13 Appendix 1F provides an overview of attainment at SCQF level 5 by the end of stage S4. Outcomes at SCQF level 5 have been broadly constant at Fife level. Outcomes for the Kirkcaldy area have fluctuated from year to year. They have generally been close to the Fife average, but below those of the virtual comparator.
- 4.14 Appendix 1G provides an overview of attainment at SCQF level 6 by the end of stage S5. Outcomes at SCQF level 6 for the Kirkcaldy area have fluctuated over recent years and dropped significantly last year. They are now below levels of attainment for the virtual comparator and the Fife average.

Overall attainment of school leavers

- 4.15 Overall attainment of school leavers can be measured by two different scales of tariff points:
- Total tariff points reflect the total achievement across the course of the senior phase. They reflect: the number of awards achieved in different subjects, the grades achieved in each award, and the SCQF level of the awards in question.

- Complementary tariff points reflect the key qualification set of each school leaver. They are based on the tariff points of a core set of qualifications most likely to influence their post school life chances.
- 4.16 Appendix 1H provides an overview of the complementary tariff awards for Fife and the local area. Appendix 1I provides an overview of the total tariff awards for Fife and the local area. In each case, tariff points are shown for three groups of pupils:
- The bottom 20% - those pupils whose outcomes are furthest from attainment.
 - The top 20% - those pupils with the greatest overall attainment outcomes.
 - The middle 60% - the remaining pupils, representing the majority of the cohort.
- 4.17 It should be noted that these groupings are relative to the schools' own rolls, rather than any wider population of school leavers. Hence, the social context of pupils in each grouping will vary with local area.
- 4.18 As measured by both tariff scales, the attainment of Kirkcaldy area school leavers is:
- Slightly lower than attainment across Fife as a whole, for all groups of leavers.
- 4.19 The difference in outcomes between the Kirkcaldy area and Fife may reflect:
- The lower levels of wider attainment at SCQF level 6.

5.0 Destinations of School Leavers

- 5.1 Skills Development Scotland (SDS) tracks the post school destinations of pupils who leave school each year. In conjunction with the Scottish Government, they publish data on the initial destinations of school leavers, as well as information relating to the sustained destinations of school leavers, 6 months later.
- 5.2 Appendix 1J provides an overview of the initial positive destinations of school leavers for Fife and the local area. This includes destinations by stage of leaving, as well as destinations of key groups of pupils (those living in SIMD Quintile 1, those with Additional Support Needs).
- 5.3 The level of positive destinations in the Kirkcaldy area has improved since 2019/20 but remains a percentage point lower than the destination rate for Fife as a whole.
- 5.4 The initial post school destinations of school leavers from SIMD Quintile 1 and with Additional Support Needs in the Kirkcaldy area have also improved since 2019/20. Outcomes for Looked After school leavers relate to a small number of school leavers.
- 5.5 Appendix 1K shows destinations of school leavers, by category of destination.
- 5.6 The range of positive destinations which school leavers in the Kirkcaldy area entered in 2021/22 demonstrates the main destinations are continuing education (with 64.2% entering either higher or further education), and employment (with 25.1% entering employment directly from school). Destinations for school leavers in the Kirkcaldy area broadly resemble those in Fife as a whole, with a significant proportion

progressing to Further Education, rather than Higher Education, directly from school (in contrast to the national average).

6.0 Action Planned to Further Raise Attainment

What will bring about further improvement and more consistency across all schools?

- 6.1 Effective self-evaluation is at the heart of continuous improvement and 'How good is our school? 4 (HGIOS4) provides a basis for schools to reflect and undertake self-evaluation. The framework underpinning self-evaluation in HGIOS4 supports the Directorate and school leaders to work together and challenge teachers to:
- Ensure educational outcomes for all learners are improving
 - Address the impact of inequity on well-being, learning and achievement
 - Consistently deliver high quality learning experiences
 - Embed progression in schools for learning, life and work from 3-18
- 6.2 We have reflected on the way we engage with schools and agreed to increase our level of scrutiny through a focus on attainment in October. These focused Secondary Headteacher meetings on specific areas of attainment build capacity for improvement via sharing of good practice from within and outwith the Local Authority.
- To continue to provide all secondary schools with an opportunity to engage in collective scrutiny with Education Managers and Heads of Service
 - Support schools to improve attainment continuously over time and/or maintain consistently ambitious standards of attainment for all learners through Insight training
 - Support schools in closing the attainment gap, in our joint work with the Education Scotland Attainment Adviser.
- 6.3 In schools, this is undertaken through a rigorous process of review of attainment in SQA exams involving curriculum leaders and class teachers. Each school's attainment report and action plan are discussed with Heads of Service and Education Managers and form the basis for the School Improvement Plan. Evaluation of progress with the plan is carried out in April time.
- 6.4 Headteachers will attend Area Committee workshops to share information with Elected Members in their wards.
- 6.5 Schools are also expected to take part in Learning Partnerships. These involve working with and learning from other schools to inform school improvement.
- 6.6 A round of scrutiny will take place in April following the publication of the updated Insight outcomes as noted in this report.

A strengthened performance framework supporting improvement

- 6.7 The Directorate has undertaken a review of support arrangements for performance management and its use of data to support improvement. Work is being undertaken

through collaborative working with school leaders, via engagement with key groups of primary headteachers and a new Collaborative Network with a focus on performance and improvement in the secondary sector. Key elements in this approach are:

- A revised approach to benchmarking performance. This is being used to refresh the Directorate's approach to setting stretch targets, ensuring that the Directorate and schools have improvement goals that are ambitious but achievable.
- New modelling approaches, to help better understand the impact of multiple barriers to learning on the equity gap. This will enable better targeting of support for learners and provide a basis for more systematic monitoring of the impact of improvement activity. It will also ensure that the Directorate has a more systematic approach to addressing the challenges of poverty and disadvantage in closing the attainment gap.
- Updated performance reports for schools. Power BI is being used to update a range of performance reports, improving the support that data can provide for tracking the progress of pupil learning. New reports are also being developed to better identify the value-added in closing the attainment gap throughout the 3-18 curriculum.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The evidence in Appendix 1, summarised in sections 3-5, shows that:

- Pupils in the Kirkcaldy area are more likely to live in household poverty or areas of deprivation than pupils in the rest of Fife.
- Attainment outcomes are relatively strong for S4 learners at SCQF level 4 and (in the past year or two) at SCQF level 5. Attainment of school leavers is relatively strong for the bottom 20% of attainment, but less strong for other school leavers.
- Positive destinations have shown a sustained improvement over recent years.

7.2 Given the local context (with relatively small numbers of learners living in SIMD Quintile 5, for example), it is difficult to provide a robust and statistically significant measure of progress in closing the attainment gap. However, current outcomes indicate improvements for learners in SIMD quintile 1 across a range of measures.

7.3 There remains scope for further improvement, particularly for numeracy at SCQF level 4 and wider attainment for school leavers in the middle 60% and top 20%. Work to ensure that further improvement is achieved will be supported by increased scrutiny of attainment and the further development of collaborative approaches, including improving the curriculum offer with partnership support.

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Background Papers

The following paper was relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:

- **Education and Children’s Services Directorate Improvement Plan 2021-23** (available at: www.fife.gov.uk/ECSplan)
- Know Fife briefing: **SIMD 2020 Focus on Kirkcaldy** (see: https://know.fife.scot/_data/assets/pdf_file/0030/177663/SIMD-2020v2-Focus-on-Kirkcaldy)

Sources of evidence

The information provided in this report is based on analysis of data from several sources, including Scottish Government Statistics and the Insight benchmarking tool February 2023 update.

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Appendix 1A – School Context Information

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Secondary Schools Context

Area School Rolls - from the September census.

School Roll			
Year SchoolName	2021/22		
	Female	Male	Total
Balwearie High School	820	812	1632
Kirkcaldy High School	704	735	1439
St Andrew's R C High School	417	419	836
Viewforth High School	369	368	737
Total	2310	2334	4644

Percentage of pupils with FMR

The table below displays the proportion of pupils on the school roll who are registered for free school meals (FMR). Data is taken from the annual Healthy Living Survey and the annual pupil census.

Percentage of Pupils with FMR				
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Area	18.8%	18.4%	20.5%	22.2%
Fife	16.4%	17.1%	17.9%	19.3%
National	14.0%	15.0%	17.0%	18.6%

The following information is taken from the September Pupil Census return. The table shows any additional support needs recorded for all pupils on the school roll. A pupil may have more than one need. Figures shaded indicate significantly higher need rates for the area compared to all of Fife.

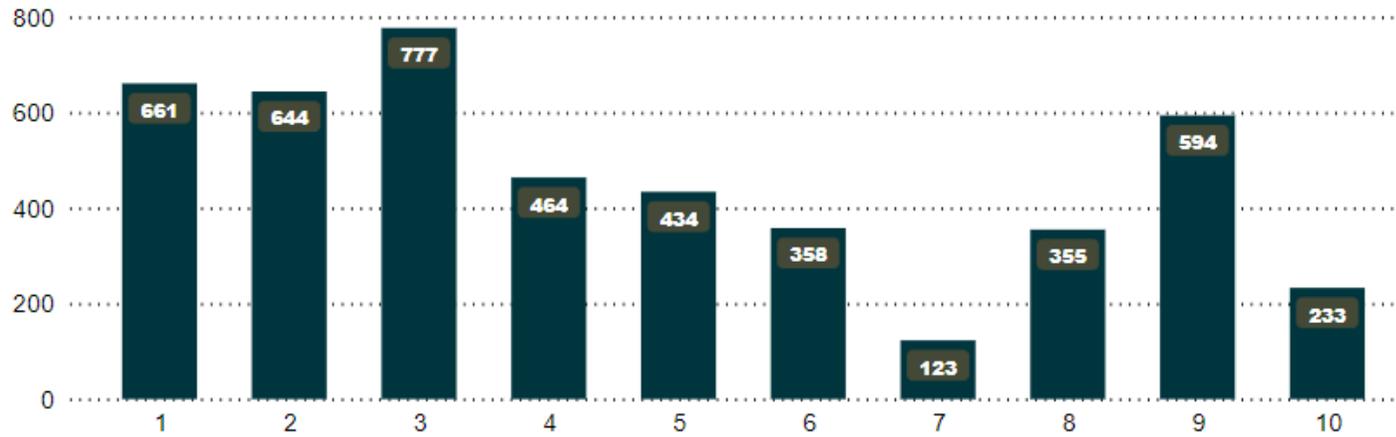
Support Need	Year NeedType	2021/22	
		Area	Fife
	Students with at least one need	48.3%	39.2%
Learning	Autistic Spectrun disorder	3.1%	3.1%
	Dyslexia	9.2%	9.7%
	Learning Disability	3.4%	3.3%
	Other Specific Learning Difficulty (eg numeric)	5.1%	3.6%
	Other Moderate Learning Difficulty	4.7%	3.7%
	More Able Pupil	0.3%	0.6%
Physical	Physical or Motor Impairment	1.4%	1.9%
	Physical Health Problem	4.0%	3.6%
Family/Emotional/Mental Health	Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulty	13.2%	10.4%
	Mental Health Problem	5.3%	3.0%
	Young Carer	1.8%	1.6%
	Berevement	1.0%	0.9%
	Substance Misuse	0.1%	0.2%
	Family Issues	3.4%	2.9%
	Looked After	2.6%	1.9%
Communication	Communication Support Needs	0.2%	0.4%
	Language or Speech Disorder	1.6%	1.6%
	Hearing Impairment	0.8%	0.8%
	Visual Impairment	0.8%	0.7%
	Deafblind	0.0%	0.0%
	English as an Additional Language	8.4%	4.1%
Absence	Risk of Exclusion	0.7%	0.5%
	Interrupted Learning	6.1%	3.7%
Other	Other	1.3%	1.5%

Appendix 1B – SIMD Profile of the Area Pupils (pupils in stages S1-S6)

Kirkcaldy

SIMD

Number of Pupils per SIMD Decile (2021/22)



SIMD

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
2021/22											
Roll	661	644	777	464	434	358	123	355	594	233	4643
% of Roll	14.2%	13.9%	16.7%	10.0%	9.3%	7.7%	2.6%	7.6%	12.8%	5.0%	100.0%
% of Fife	9.6%	12.3%	11.1%	10.1%	11.2%	7.7%	7.0%	11.7%	8.6%	10.7%	100.0%

Appendix 1C – Attainment of Literacy by the End of Stage S4

SQA Attainment - S4 Literacy

Subject Choice

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Literacy and Numeracy

Stage

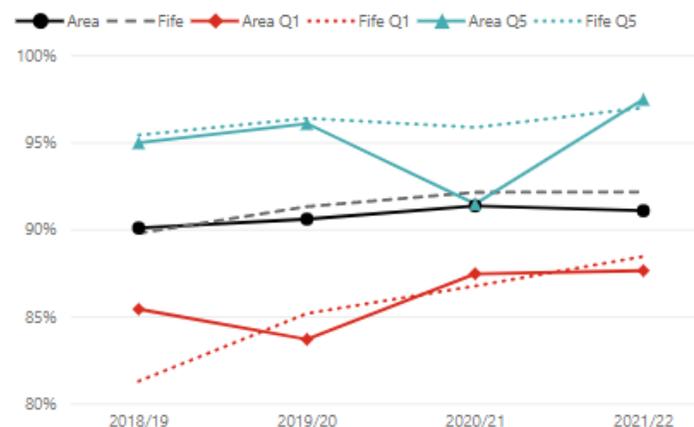
- S4
- S5
- S6

Measure	Literacy Level 4+							
	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1	85.4%	81.3%	83.7%	85.2%	87.4%	86.7%	87.6%	88.4%
2	89.3%	88.1%	93.0%	89.0%	91.2%	91.9%	87.3%	89.7%
3	91.2%	91.2%	89.7%	92.1%	93.6%	92.5%	91.0%	91.1%
4	95.1%	94.2%	97.8%	95.1%	98.6%	94.5%	97.9%	95.2%
5	95.0%	95.4%	96.1%	96.4%	91.5%	95.8%	97.5%	97.0%
Total	90.1%	89.8%	90.6%	91.3%	91.3%	92.1%	91.1%	92.1%

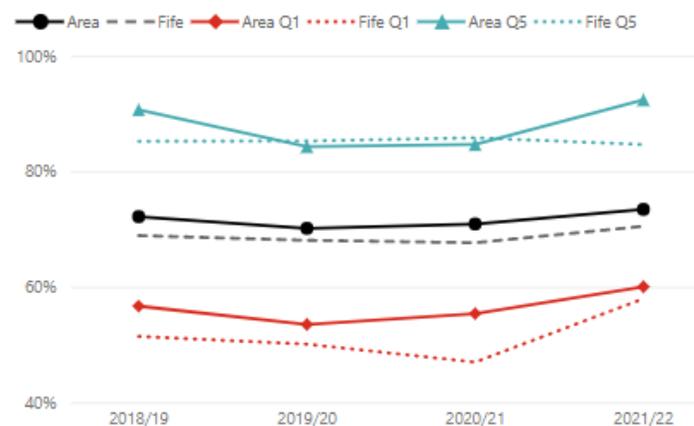
Measure	Literacy Level 5+							
	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1	56.7%	51.4%	53.5%	50.1%	55.3%	47.0%	60.0%	57.9%
2	75.1%	63.6%	67.3%	60.5%	65.1%	60.6%	66.0%	62.5%
3	68.6%	66.9%	78.5%	71.0%	80.9%	71.4%	76.1%	72.8%
4	82.9%	80.1%	90.3%	76.7%	91.9%	77.4%	86.3%	77.2%
5	90.6%	85.2%	84.3%	85.2%	84.6%	85.8%	92.4%	84.6%
Total	72.1%	68.9%	70.1%	68.0%	70.9%	67.6%	73.4%	70.5%

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% of Pupils with Level 4+



% of Pupils with Level 5+



Appendix 1D – Attainment of Numeracy by the End of Stage S4

SQA Attainment - S4 Numeracy

Subject Choice

- Literacy
 Numeracy
 Literacy and Numeracy

Stage

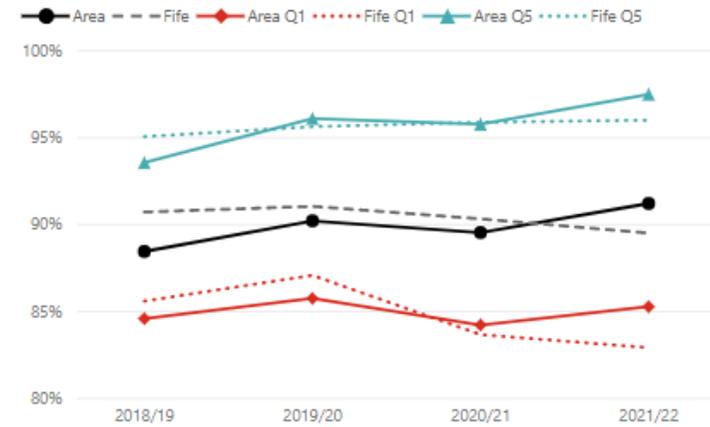
- S4
 S5
 S6

Measure	Numeracy Level 4+							
	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1	84.5%	85.6%	85.7%	87.0%	84.2%	83.6%	85.2%	82.9%
2	88.2%	89.8%	89.5%	88.8%	86.5%	88.7%	89.3%	86.5%
3	87.3%	90.5%	89.7%	91.6%	93.6%	90.6%	93.5%	89.8%
4	92.7%	93.2%	95.7%	92.8%	95.9%	93.9%	94.7%	93.5%
5	93.5%	95.0%	96.1%	95.6%	95.7%	95.8%	97.5%	96.0%
Total	88.4%	90.7%	90.2%	91.0%	89.5%	90.3%	91.2%	89.5%

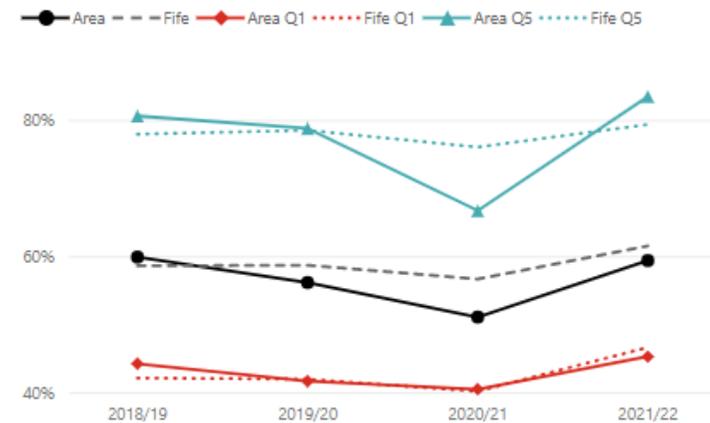
Measure	Numeracy Level 5+							
	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1	44.2%	42.1%	41.6%	41.9%	40.5%	40.1%	45.2%	46.6%
2	57.4%	49.0%	49.7%	50.7%	42.3%	47.5%	50.0%	50.1%
3	61.8%	55.8%	60.7%	58.4%	53.9%	57.6%	60.6%	64.2%
4	72.0%	71.1%	69.9%	66.9%	77.0%	65.6%	72.6%	70.6%
5	80.6%	77.9%	78.7%	78.5%	66.7%	76.0%	83.4%	79.3%
Total	59.9%	58.6%	56.1%	58.7%	51.0%	56.6%	59.3%	61.5%

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% of Pupils with Level 4+



% of Pupils with Level 5+



Appendix 1E – Attainment at SCQF Level 4 by the End of Stage S4

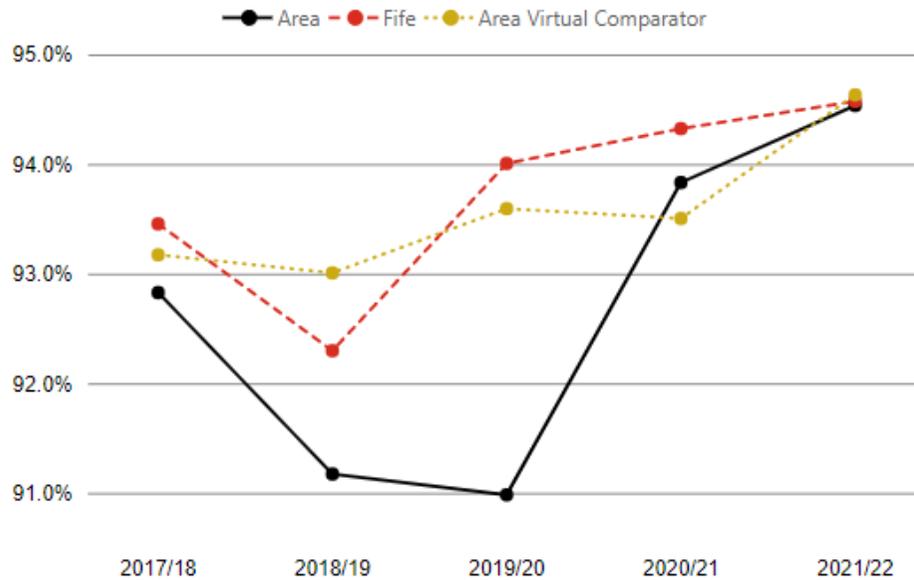
Breadth and Depth of Attainment

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Stage and Level

S4 Level 4	S5 Level 5	S6 Level 5	S6 Level 7
S4 Level 5	S5 Level 6	S6 Level 6	

Five year trend for 1 or more passes at National 4 for the school in S4 as a percentage of the S4 cohort.



Stage and Level	S4 Level 4										
	Year Awards	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
		Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1 or more	92.8%	93.5%	91.2%	92.3%	91.0%	94.0%	93.8%	94.3%	94.5%	94.6%	
2 or more	89.7%	89.5%	88.0%	89.4%	88.2%	90.5%	90.3%	91.7%	92.6%	91.8%	
3 or more	87.2%	86.5%	84.8%	86.3%	85.2%	87.5%	86.7%	88.7%	90.3%	88.9%	
4 or more	82.3%	82.3%	80.8%	81.7%	82.8%	84.3%	83.3%	85.5%	86.9%	85.3%	
5 or more	74.9%	74.7%	69.4%	74.1%	78.2%	79.9%	79.1%	81.2%	81.0%	80.2%	

Appendix 1F – Attainment at SCQF Level 5 by the End of Stage S4

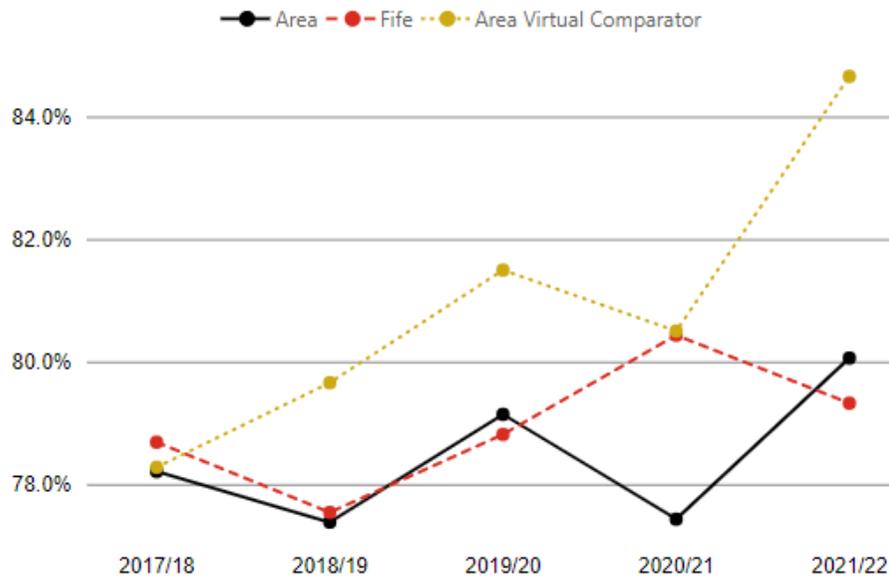
Breadth and Depth of Attainment

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Stage and Level

S4 Level 4	S5 Level 5	S6 Level 5	S6 Level 7
S4 Level 5	S5 Level 6	S6 Level 6	

Five year trend for 1 or more passes at National 5 for the school in S4 as a percentage of the S4 cohort.



Stage and Level Year Awards	S4 Level 5									
	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1 or more	78.2%	78.7%	77.4%	77.5%	79.1%	78.8%	77.4%	80.4%	80.1%	79.3%
2 or more	66.6%	69.4%	67.2%	68.5%	69.9%	70.4%	67.5%	71.3%	68.2%	69.3%
3 or more	55.7%	59.9%	58.9%	60.8%	61.1%	63.1%	57.9%	63.9%	57.4%	60.9%
4 or more	47.7%	51.6%	52.0%	52.7%	54.5%	56.3%	50.0%	56.6%	51.3%	53.4%
5 or more	39.6%	43.0%	41.0%	43.9%	48.6%	48.8%	41.5%	48.4%	44.5%	46.4%

Appendix 1G – Attainment at SCQF Level 6 by the End of Stage S5

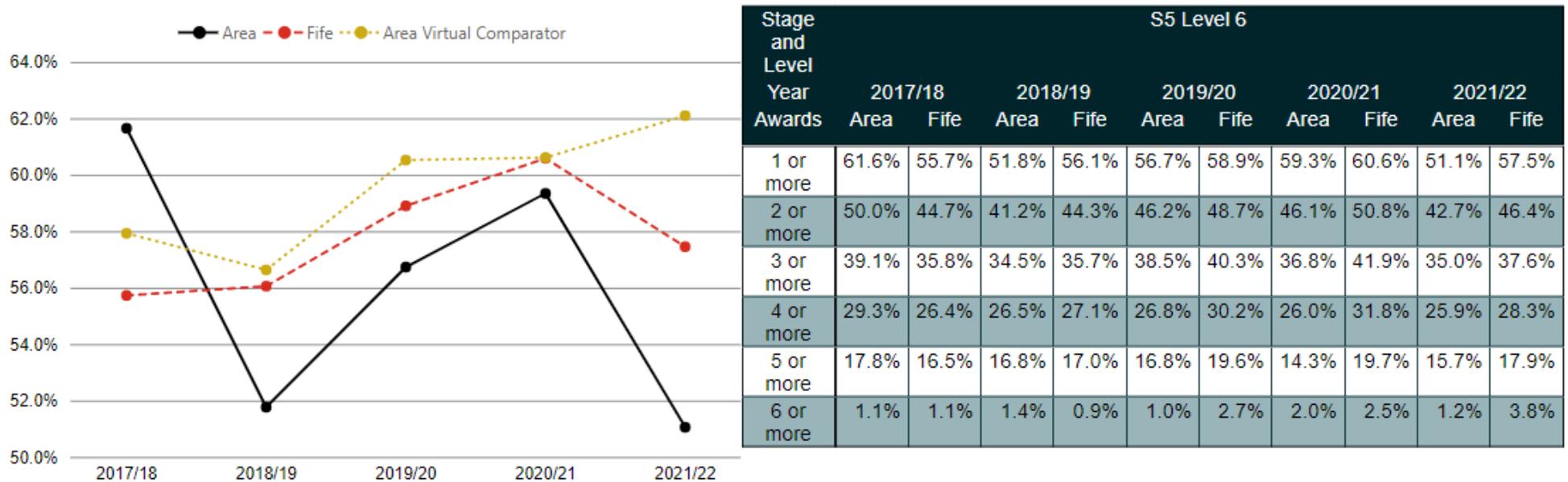
Breadth and Depth of Attainment

Kirkcaldy

Stage and Level

S4 Level 4	S5 Level 5	S6 Level 5	S6 Level 7
S4 Level 5	S5 Level 6	S6 Level 6	

Five year trend for 1 or more passes at National 6 for the school in S5 as a percentage of the S4 cohort.



Appendix 1H – Overall Attainment of School Leavers (Complementary Tariff)

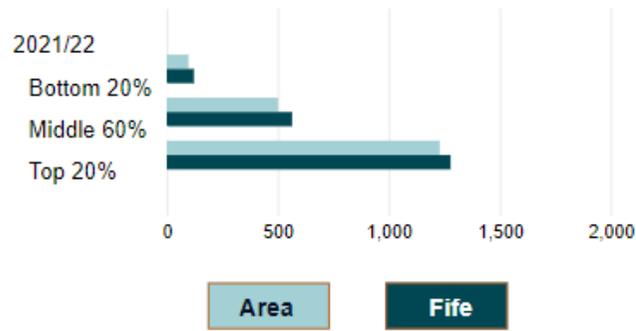
Average Tariff Points for Leavers

Kirkcaldy ▼

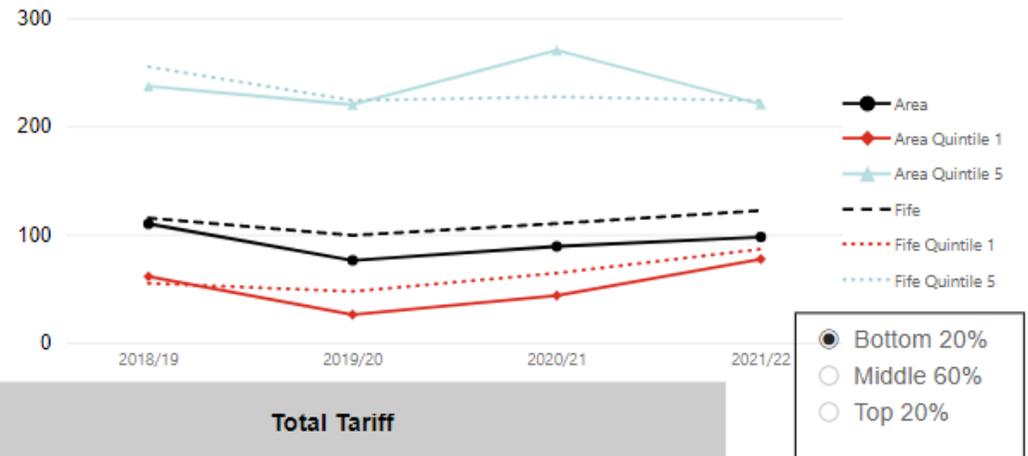
Average Complementary Tariff for Leavers, split into Top 20%, Middle 60% and Bottom 20% of pupils by Tariff

Average Tariff for Leavers	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Complementary Tariff				
Bottom20	110	76	89	98
Middle60	578	557	608	501
Top20	1,249	1,272	1,329	1,230

Average Tariff for Area Leavers by SIMD Quintile	Quintile		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Complementary Tariff	1	Bottom20	61	26	43	77
		Middle60	364	341	422	363
		Top20	1,111	1,040	1,133	1,099
	5	Bottom20	237	220	270	220
		Middle60	846	847	862	768
		Top20	1,313	1,376	1,437	1,400



Average Leavers Complementary Tariff for Bottom 20%



Complementary Tariff

Total Tariff

Appendix 11 – Overall Attainment of School Leavers (Total Tariff)

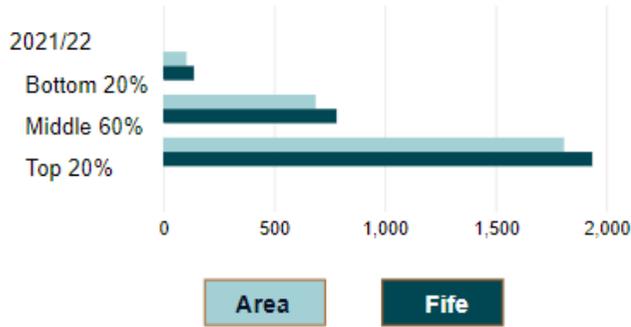
Average Tariff Points for Leavers

Kirkcaldy

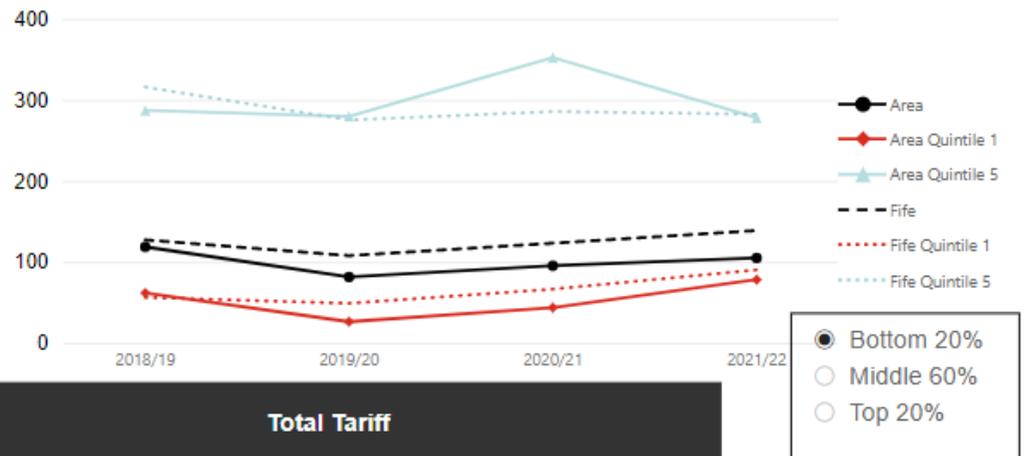
Average Total Tariff for Leavers, split into Top 20%, Middle 60% and Bottom 20% of pupils by Tariff

Average Tariff for Leavers	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total Tariff				
Bottom20	119	81	95	105
Middle60	756	730	827	688
Top20	1,810	1,827	1,947	1,809

Average Tariff for Area Leavers by SIMD Quintile	Quintile		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total Tariff	1	Bottom20	62	26	44	78
		Middle60	461	434	540	493
		Top20	1,598	1,460	1,612	1,541
	5	Bottom20	287	280	352	278
		Middle60	1,149	1,172	1,220	1,128
		Top20	1,885	1,916	2,122	2,133



Average Leavers Total Tariff for Bottom 20%



Complementary Tariff

Total Tariff

Appendix 1J – Staying on Rates and Overall Positive Destination Rates

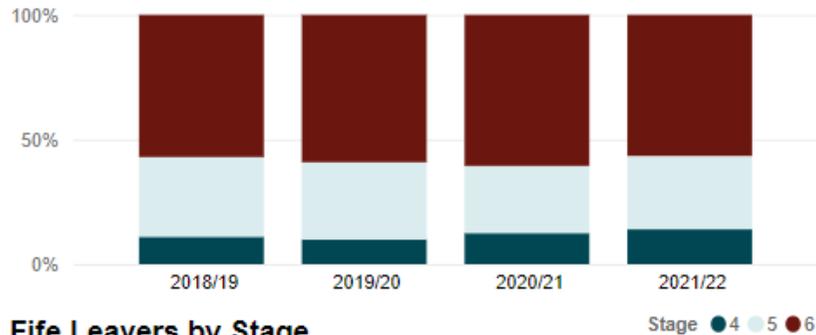
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Staying on Rates

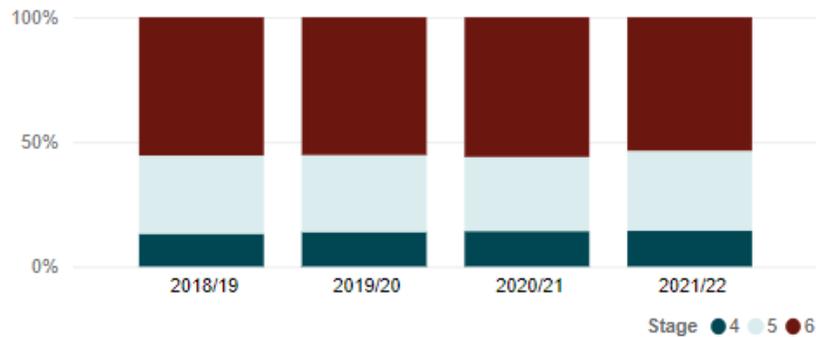
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Area S5	87%	86%	89%	87%
Fife S5	83%	85%	84%	84%
Area S6	69%	65%	70%	74%
Fife S6	66%	65%	67%	69%

S5 staying on rates represent the proportion of the prior year's S4 roll who were on the S5 roll in September.
S6 staying on rates represent the proportion of the prior year's S5 roll who were on the S6 roll in September.

Area Leavers by Stage



Fife Leavers by Stage



Initial Positive Destination Rates

Pupil Stage	S4		S5		S6		All Leavers	
	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
2018/19	77.8%	86.4%	91.9%	92.4%	97.1%	97.5%	93.3%	94.4%
2019/20	83.6%	87.7%	84.7%	87.6%	94.2%	95.3%	90.2%	91.9%
2020/21	85.2%	90.2%	86.8%	90.5%	95.8%	96.6%	92.1%	93.9%
2021/22	86.4%	91.0%	93.1%	93.8%	95.6%	96.5%	93.6%	94.8%

Year	Looked After		Most Deprived Quintile		Additional Support Needs		All Leavers	
	Area LAC	Fife LAC	Area SIMD Q1	Fife SIMD Q1	Area ASN	Fife ASN	Area All	Fife All
2018/19	90.0%	78.5%	89.7%	90.9%	88.2%	91.1%	93.3%	94.4%
2019/20	95.0%	86.9%	85.0%	86.6%	86.5%	87.6%	90.2%	91.9%
2020/21	82.6%	85.3%	90.1%	90.7%	87.9%	91.0%	92.1%	93.9%
2021/22	84.0%	86.2%	90.9%	93.4%	90.2%	92.8%	93.6%	94.8%

Appendix 1K – Initial Leaver Destinations by Category

Initial Leaver Destinations

Kirkcaldy

No. of Leavers 2019/20 2020/21 2021/22
 675 705 843

2019/20 2020/21 2021/22
 3404 3751 4088

2019/20 2020/21 2021/22
 47435 50719 55211

Kirkcaldy				Fife				National %			
Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Destination	Area	Area	Area	Destination	Fife	Fife	Fife	Positive	National	National	National
Positive	90.2%	92.1%	93.6%	Positive	91.9%	93.9%	94.8%	Positive	93.2%	95.5%	95.6%
Higher Education	36.1%	40.6%	31.6%	Higher Education	37.7%	39.4%	35.8%	Higher Education	44.2%	45.1%	41.3%
Further Education	37.2%	26.4%	32.6%	Further Education	35.7%	29.9%	32.0%	Further Education	28.1%	23.3%	25.5%
Training	4.1%	5.7%	3.4%	Training	3.9%	4.1%	3.0%	Training	3.7%	3.7%	2.9%
Employment	11.7%	18.9%	25.1%	Employment	13.7%	19.9%	23.4%	Employment	16.2%	22.6%	25.1%
Personal Skills Development	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	Personal Skills Development	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	Personal Skills Development	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%
Voluntary	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%	Voluntary	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	Voluntary	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
Not Positive	9.8%	7.9%	6.4%	Not Positive	8.1%	6.1%	5.2%	Not Positive	6.8%	4.5%	4.4%
Unemployed Seeking	5.9%	4.1%	3.1%	Unemployed Seeking	4.8%	3.4%	2.4%	Unemployed Seeking	4.1%	2.5%	2.3%
Unemployed Not Seeking	1.6%	2.7%	2.4%	Unemployed Not Seeking	2.0%	2.2%	2.2%	Unemployed Not Seeking	1.8%	1.7%	1.5%
Unknown	2.2%	1.1%	0.9%	Unknown	1.3%	0.6%	0.6%	Unknown	0.8%	0.3%	0.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Appendix 2 – Glossary of Education Terms

This appendix defines some of the key terms referred to in the paper.

Insight is a benchmarking tool designed to help bring about improvements for learners in the senior phase (S4 to S6). The system is updated twice annually, around September for attainment results, and February for school leavers' data. It is particularly valuable to inform improvement planning and provides schools with a range of information to help support school improvement.

Insight uses **Tariff Points** to measure the overall attainment of school leavers. The overall attainment of each school leaver is assigned a number of tariff points that depends on: the number of awards achieved, the SCQF level of each award achieved, the grade of each award (if graded), and the number of credit points assigned to the award (which reflects the number of hours typically needed to complete that particular award). Two summary measures are reported at school level:

- **Total tariff points** – which provide a measure of the total attainment achieved by school leavers during the senior phase.
- **Complementary tariff points** – which reflect the key qualification set achieved each school leaver – the core set of qualifications most likely to influence their post school opportunities and life chances.

The **virtual comparator** is a sample-based benchmark that reflects pupils with similar characteristics to those of a given school. This allows for the influence of a range of factors on school attainment, including: social context (SIMD), levels of recorded additional support needs (ASN), and stage of leaving.

SCQF levels indicate the general level of difficulty of an award, enabling broad comparisons to be made between the skills and learning required to achieve a range of different qualifications.

Appendix 3 – The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation). SIMD is the Scottish Government's standard approach to measuring relative levels of deprivation across Scotland. It provides information about a range of resources and opportunities available to families living in a local community. These relate to income, employment, education, health, access to services, crime and housing.

The current version of SIMD has been in use since an update in 2020. Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.scot/collections/scottish-index-of-multiple-deprivation-2020/>

Within education, there are two common classifications used to measure the social context of school pupils; these are SIMD Quintiles and SIMD Deciles. Both reflect the overall level of multiple deprivation recorded by SIMD for the area where pupils on the school roll live.

SIMD Quintiles. Each local area in Scotland is classified as being within one of five families, called SIMD quintiles.

- SIMD Quintile 1 (often abbreviated to **SIMD Q1**) refers to the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland, as measured by SIMD.
- SIMD Quintile 5 (often abbreviated to **SIMD Q5**) refers to the 20% least deprived areas, as measured by SIMD.

SIMD Deciles. Each local area in Scotland is classified as being within one of ten families, called SIMD deciles.

- SIMD Decile 1 refers to the 10% most deprived areas in Scotland, as measured by SIMD.
- SIMD Decile 10 refers to the 10% least deprived areas, as measured by SIMD.

SIMD Deciles 1 and 2 combined make up SIMD Quintile 1.

For the purposes of SIMD, Scotland is divided into 6,976 local areas, named datazones. These are designed to group together households with a similar social context. The table below shows the 20 local areas within the Kirkcaldy Committee area that lie within SIMD Quintile 1.

Data_Zone	Name	Total population	Working age population	SIMD20 Rank	Fife Rank	SIMD Quintile	SIMD Decile
S01009534	Sinclairtown Central	861	559	69	2	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009471	Linktown East	599	372	78	3	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009535	Gallatown West	747	486	187	7	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009460	Burntisland Docks	791	508	400	17	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009506	Templehall North Eastern	690	436	469	22	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009505	Templehall	796	506	480	23	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009473	Linktown Central	845	583	522	26	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009540	Sinclairtown North	782	518	584	29	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009524	Pathhead North West	704	453	624	31	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009504	Kirkcaldy Valley West	680	451	646	35	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009531	Mitchelston and Randolph	854	501	751	44	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009523	Hayfield North	573	348	824	52	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009472	Linktown North	1013	585	866	59	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009474	Linktown South and Seafield North	936	636	879	60	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009508	Templehall North	842	516	907	63	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009532	Overton	828	470	1047	77	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009525	Hayfield South	514	316	1062	78	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009533	Sinclairtown West	930	559	1106	80	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009538	Dysart Central	819	534	1164	83	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009509	Kirkcaldy Valley East	979	654	1167	84	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2

Further information regarding the SIMD profile of the Kirkcaldy area can be found in the Know Fife briefing: **SIMD 2020 Focus on Kirkcaldy** (see: https://know.fife.scot/_data/assets/pdf_file/0030/177663/SIMD-2020v2-Focus-on-Kirkcaldy.pdf)

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Agenda Item No. 10

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Report by: Alan Paul, Head of Property Services

Wards Affected: 9, 10, 11 and 12

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of action taken using the List of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising from these transactions, as any expenditure is contained within the appropriate Service budget.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications arising from these transactions.

Impact Assessment

An EqIA is not required and is not necessary for the following reasons: the items in this report do not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

All consultations have been carried out in relation to this report.

1.0 Background

- 1.1** In dealing with the day to day business of the Council there are a number of matters relating to the purchase, disposal and leasing of property and of property rights. This report advises of those transactions dealt with under powers delegated to officials.

2.0 Transactions

2.1 Acquisitions

2.1.1 12 Caithness Place, Kirkcaldy

Date of Acquisition: 17 March 2023
Price: £62,000
Seller: George Cook

2.1.2 22 Stewart Crescent, Kirkcaldy

Date of Acquisition: 10 March 2023
Price: £100,000
Seller: Ross Scott Galloway

2.1.3 75 Howard Place, Dysart

Date of Acquisition: 30 March 2023
Price: £77,000
Seller: Ian Lister

2.2 Leases by the Council – New Leases

2.2.1 Newsvendor’s Kiosk, Kirkcaldy Bus Station, Hunter Place, Kirkcaldy

Term: 3 years from 18 November 2022
Rent: £5,000 per annum
Tenant: Azam Chaudhry

2.2.2 Hot & Cold Food Concession, Burntisland Links, Burntisland

Term: 5 years from 1 April 2023
Rent: £50,000 per annum
Tenant: Mrs Raina Miller

2.2.3 Ice Cream, Bouncy Castle and Putting Green Concession, Burntisland Links, Burntisland

Term: 5 years from 1 April 2023
Rent: £20,100 per annum
Tenant: Mrs Beryl Gamble and Mrs Raina Miller

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1** These transactions are reported back in accordance with the List of Officers Powers.

List of Appendices

1. N/A

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:

N/A

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Agenda Item No. 11

Kirkcaldy Area Committee Workplan

Report by: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services

Wards Affected: 9, 10, 11 & 12

Purpose

This report supports the Committee's consideration of the workplan for future meetings of the Committee.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Committee review the workplan and that members come forward with suggestions for specific areas they would like to see covered in any of the reports.

Resource Implications

Committee should consider the resource implication for Council staff of any request for future reports.

Legal & Risk Implications

Committee should consider seeking inclusion of future items on the workplan by prioritising those which have the biggest impact and those which seek to deal with the highest level of risk.

Impact Assessment

None required for this paper.

Consultation

The purpose of the paper is to support the Committee's discussion and therefore no consultation is necessary.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Each Area Committee operates a workplan which contains items which fall under three broad headings: items for decision, supporting the Local Community Plan and Scrutiny/Monitoring. These items will often lead to reactive rather than proactive scrutiny. Discussion on the workplan agenda item will afford members the opportunity to shape, as a committee, the agenda with future items of business it wishes to review in more detail.

2.0 Conclusions

- 2.1 The current workplan is included as Appendix one and should be reviewed by the committee to help inform scrutiny activity.

List of Appendices

1. Kirkcaldy Area Committee Forward Work Plan

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:-

None

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Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 29 August 2023			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Putting People First: Kirkcaldy Test of Change	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Julie Dickson	Agreed at KAC meeting 20.9.22 that follow up report was required. Deferred to Aug 2023 meeting as per Community Manager.
Area Housing Plan Annual Update	Housing Services	Elaine Campbell	Annual Update - last presented June 21. Elaine Campbell advised report would be presented to August 2023 meeting as not available for June 2023 meeting.
Area Roads Programme 2022-23 Final Report	Assets, Transportation and Environment	Neil Watson	Original report approved at KAC meeting 25.1.22 . Progress report to be presented after April 2023, post summer recess.
Kirkcaldy Area Local Community Plan - Plan 4 Kirkcaldy Area 2023-2026 Progress Report	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Julie Dickson	6 monthly progress reports to be submitted. Last report 7.2.23.
Supporting the Plan 4 Kirkcaldy Area - Funded Projects Progress Report	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Julie Dickson	6 monthly progress report required on projects awarded funding at meeting on 7.2.23. As requested by members.

Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 31 October 2023			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Complaints Annual Update	Communities	David Thomson-CRM	Report last presented 25.11.22.
Town Centre Car Parking Kirkcaldy - Simplifying Charges	Roads & Transportation	Andy Paterson-ts	Report requested at the meeting 24.8.21 as part of submitted motion. Andy Paterson advised 23.5.23 report would be available for October 23 Committee.

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Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 19 December 2023			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Service Annual Review	Environment & Building Operations (AT&E)	Alexander Anderson-Es	Report last presented 25.11.22.
Grounds Maintenance Service Annual Review	Environment & Building Operations (AT&E)	Scott Clelland	Report last presented 25.11.22.
Common Good and Settlement Trust Annual Report 2022-23	Finance and Corporate Services	Eleanor Hodgson	Annual report to be presented after year end.

Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 27 February 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Local Area Economic Profiles Annual Report	Business and Employability	Peter Corbett	Update report required for KAC. Last presented February 2023.
Supporting the Local Community Plan - Kirkcaldy Area Local Budgets 2023/24	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Julie Dickson	Annual Report - last presented 7.2.23.

Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 30 April 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Area Housing Plan Annual Update	Housing Services	Elaine Campbell	Annual Update. Last report due to be presented April 2023.

Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 25 June 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Common Good and Settlement Trust 2023-24 Annual Report	Finance and Corporate Services	Eleanor Hodgson	Annual progress report to be presented post April 24.

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Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 25 June 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Update Report	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service		Report due to be presented June 23 and June 2024. Contact: Michael Henderson, Station Commander.
Operational Briefing on Policing Activities within Kirkcaldy Area	Police Scotland		Annual report due to be presented June 2023 and June 2024. Contact: Inspector Nicola Black.
Safer Communities Team Annual Update Report	Housing Services	Dawn Jamieson, Suzanne Scobie	Annual update report due to be presented June 23 and then June 24.

Unallocated			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Pupilwise, Parentwise and Staffwise Survey Report	Education and Children's Services	Deborah Davidson, Shelagh McLean, Jackie Funnell	Confirmed with Shelagh Maclean that next surveys will be carried out in 2024 with report to committee after that.
Member Update on Skills Development Scotland reporting of Positive Destinations	Business and Employability	Gordon Mole	Agreed report required at meeting of KAC 19.1.21.
Multi-Storey Car Parks Kirkcaldy - Report on Market Assessment	Roads & Transportation	David Grove	Details of outcome of commissioned market assessment to be issued to Committee. As agreed at meeting 7.2.23. Briefing note issued w/c 22.5.23.
Area Roads Programme 2023-24 Final Report	Assets, Transportation and Environment	Neil Watson	Original report approved at KAC meeting 7.2.23. Progress report to be presented after April 2023, post summer recess.