



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF POLICE, FIRE and COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022
VIA DIGITAL MEETINGS FACILITY**

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor N Hampshire (Convener)
Councillor J McMillan (Depute Convener)
Councillor S Akhtar
Councillor L Allan
Councillor C McGinn
Councillor G McGuire
Councillor L Menzies
Councillor T Trotter

Police Scotland

Local Area Commander J O'Connor
Superintendent A Clinkscales

East and Midlothian Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Ms H Sangster, Area Commander
Mr D Girrity, Group Commander

Other Councillors Present

Councillor R Bennett
Councillor C McFarlane

Council Officials Present:

Mr D Proudfoot, Executive Director for Place
Ms S Saunders, Head of Communities
Mr P Vestri, Service Manager – Corporate Policy and Improvement
Mr C Grilli, Service Manager – Legal and Procurement
Ms L Crothers, Service Manager – Protective Services
Mr K Black, Safer Communities Team Leader
Ms L Gillingwater, Team Manager – Democratic and Licensing
Ms B Crichton, Committees Officer

Clerk:

Ms S Birrell

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

None

1. POLICE SCOTLAND SCRUTINY REPORT – THE LOTHIAN AND SCOTTISH BORDERS – Q3 AND Q4 2021/22

Police Scotland had submitted a scrutiny report to update members on their work during Quarters 3 and 4, 2021/22.

Local Area Commander Jocelyn O'Connor, Police Scotland, spoke in detail to the report, highlighting the local policing priorities of:

- i) Protecting the most vulnerable people;
- ii) Reducing violence & anti-social behaviour;
- iii) Reducing acquisitive crime;
- iv) Improving Road Safety; and
- v) Tackling serious and organised crime,

and providing a thorough outline of the report's contents.

In response to three questions from Councillor Trotter, Commander O'Connor and Supt Clinkscales confirmed replacements to the local team, advising that it was difficult to quantify the number of officers on duty at any one time, partly due to the number of court appearances that officers were regularly called to attend, most of which would not last for a full shift. A further breakdown on what constituted a 'youth' anti-social behaviour incident would be requested from Police Scotland's analyst.

In response to a question from Councillor Akhtar, Commander O'Connor advised that Police Scotland would support national campaigns around domestic abuse reporting, provide visibility at local events, and in the future hoped to educate at secondary school level as to what constituted acceptable behaviour in a relationship, working to change archaic attitudes around domestic abuse.

In response to three questions from Councillor McMillan, Commander O'Connor confirmed that the PSYV programme would restart in the autumn, with a small group of selected young people from across East Lothian. Officers would prioritise attendance at Community Area Partnership meetings, but Commander O'Connor agreed to send the report under discussion to all Community Councils for their information. Far from receiving repeat complaints from a small number of individuals, Commander O'Connor indicated that under-reporting was more of an issue, particularly when incidents were posted multiple times on social media but not brought to the attention of the Police.

In response to two questions from Councillor Menzies, Commander O'Connor and Supt Clinkscales agreed to speak further with her regarding gathering information on encouraging the reporting of sexual crimes from survivor groups, and that collaboration with LRT buses to minimise anti-social behaviour was a possibility during the summer months.

In response to three questions from Councillor McGinn, Commander O'Connor and Supt Clinkscales agreed that arrangements allowing officers to retire after 25 years service had impacted the local team but that senior teams were more likely to be affected. The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland, which informed individuals of the risk of domestic violence in existing or new relationships was difficult to quantify in terms of success, but children involved in these relationships would be carefully monitored. It was confirmed that the service was open to any member of the public, including family/friends of a person suspected of being at risk.

In response to two questions from Councillor Allan, Commander O'Connor explained that roads policing was divided between policing of the A1 and fast county roads; and quieter

roads in and around towns and villages, with a focus on those around schools. In response to a supplementary question from Councillor Menzies, she stressed that it would not be possible for Police Scotland to enforce the 20 mph limits in East Lothian towns and villages at this time.

In response to three questions from the Convener, Commander O'Connor and Supt Clinkscales agreed to bring information on 999 and 101 call response times to a future meeting, and confirmed that 999 calls were usually answered within the target time of 15 seconds. Removing bus passes from individuals suspected of travelling in order to participate in anti-social behaviour was rejected as contravening the human rights of young people. After a further suggestion from Councillor Menzies, Supt Clinkscales agreed to provide the services of a liaison officer to discuss potential fly-tipping issues with travelling communities in the East Lothian area.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the Scrutiny Report.

2. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE STRATEGIC PLAN, 2022-2025 (VERBAL UPDATE)

Hilary Sangster, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Area Commander, gave a verbal update on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan, 2022-2025.

She highlighted that the Strategic Plan, which set out the vision and priorities for the service, was out for consultation until 9 July 2022, and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service would welcome feedback, particularly on the use of clear language within the plan.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the verbal report.

3. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE, LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR EAST LOTHIAN, Q1 AND Q2 2021/22

David Girrity, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Group Commander, presented a report on the performance of the Fire and Rescue Service in East Lothian over Quarters 1 and 2 of 2021/22. He spoke in detail to the report, highlighting the six key Fire & Rescue indicators of:

- i) All accidental fires;
- ii) All fire casualties (fatal and non-fatal);

- iv) Special Service: Road Traffic Collisions;
- v) Special Service Casualties: all; and
- vi) False Alarms: Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals,

and providing a thorough outline of these parts of the report.

In response to a question from the Convener, it was confirmed that it was not possible to separate A1 trunk road incidents from others in the East Lothian area.

David Girrity continued his report, drawing the Committee's attention to Prevention and Protection Activities carried out by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in East Lothian,

including Fire Safety Enforcement Audits, Home Fire Safety Visits and Partnership Working. He gave background information concerning the new plans around unwanted Fire Alarm Signals, which would come into force in April 2023, whereby an automatic fire alarm would be challenged by Fire & Rescue, and teams would only be mobilised after confirmation was received. This change would not apply to any buildings with sleeping facilities, such as hospitals and care homes, and it was hoped would save a significant amount of resources mobilised for unwanted and unnecessary signals.

In response to a question from Councillor Menzies, the Convener confirmed that East Lothian Council ran a care and repair service through East Lothian's Housing Association, and this team was able to install required fire safety equipment, which had been described as: a smoke detector in every hallway and the main living area, usually a living room, all of which should be networked to each other either by hardwiring or Bluetooth/battery.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the performance report.

4. TACKLING ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Executive Director for Place had submitted a report to advise the Committee on the number, type and geographical breakdown of antisocial behaviour complaints received by East Lothian Council during the reporting period (1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022) and to advise on actions taken in response to same.

Kenny Black, Team Manager - Safer Communities Team, spoke to the report in detail, highlighting the overall number of Antisocial Behaviour Complaints, the number of repeat complaints, the overall downward trend in the number of complaints received since 2012, themes for complaints (noise, youth, drug misuse, and others including shouting, swearing and neighbour disputes), a breakdown of complaints by place, comparisons to the equivalent reporting period in 2020/21, the work of Problem Solving Partnerships, that there were 8 live Antisocial Behaviour Orders in East Lothian and 67 adult and child cases receiving multi-agency monitoring, the planned refresh of the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy, that 31 parental advisory letters had been sent within the reporting period, the work of the Night Time Noise Service including the planned purchase of a noise app for individuals to record noise levels, and the work of the Community Warden Team.

In response to a question from Councillor McGinn, Mr Black confirmed that the primary use for the noise app would be measuring and recording antisocial noise.

In response to a question from Councillor McMillan, Mr Black advised that there was flexibility built into local Community Warden Teams, who could be sent to a particular area if required during busy periods.

Councillor Akhtar praised the work of early intervention, diversionary and prevention projects via joint working with outside agencies.

The Convener thanked Mr Black for his report and the work of the Antisocial Behaviour Team, highlighting that the majority of young people in East Lothian were well behaved, and only a few individuals required intervention from the unit.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the terms of the report.

5. PFCSSC DRAFT ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

A draft annual work programme was presented to Committee.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the programme.

Signed

Councillor Norman Hampshire
Convener of the Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee



LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

FOR EAST LoTHIAN



SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
Working together for a safer Scotland

Quarter 1 and 2 Report, 1st April – 30th September, 2022

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DISCLAIMER

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

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



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Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within East Lothian for Quarter 1 and 2 of 2022-23 (1st April – 30th September 2022) including information on the year to date figures.

The Scottish Government provides an overarching vision for public services. This vision supported by 11 National Outcomes, which demonstrate commitment to creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable growth. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes for East Lothian by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the area.

The national priorities for the SFRS are set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. The SFRS Strategic Plan 2019-2022 outlines how the SFRS will deliver against these priorities and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured.

The priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for East Lothian 2021 contribute towards the priorities within the Single East Lothian Plan.

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

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for East Lothian 2021 identifies the following five objectives as the main focus for service delivery locally:

Local Priorities:

- As part of a Community Partnership approach, we will make people safer in their homes.
- We will promote Community Resilience whilst contributing to improved outcomes for people involved in non-fire emergencies.
- Together with our Community Partners, we will contribute to making roads in East Lothian safer.
- As part of a Community Partnership, we will challenge anti-social behaviour.
- In partnership, we will aim to reduce the occurrence and impact of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Area Commander Hilary Sangster

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Performance Summary

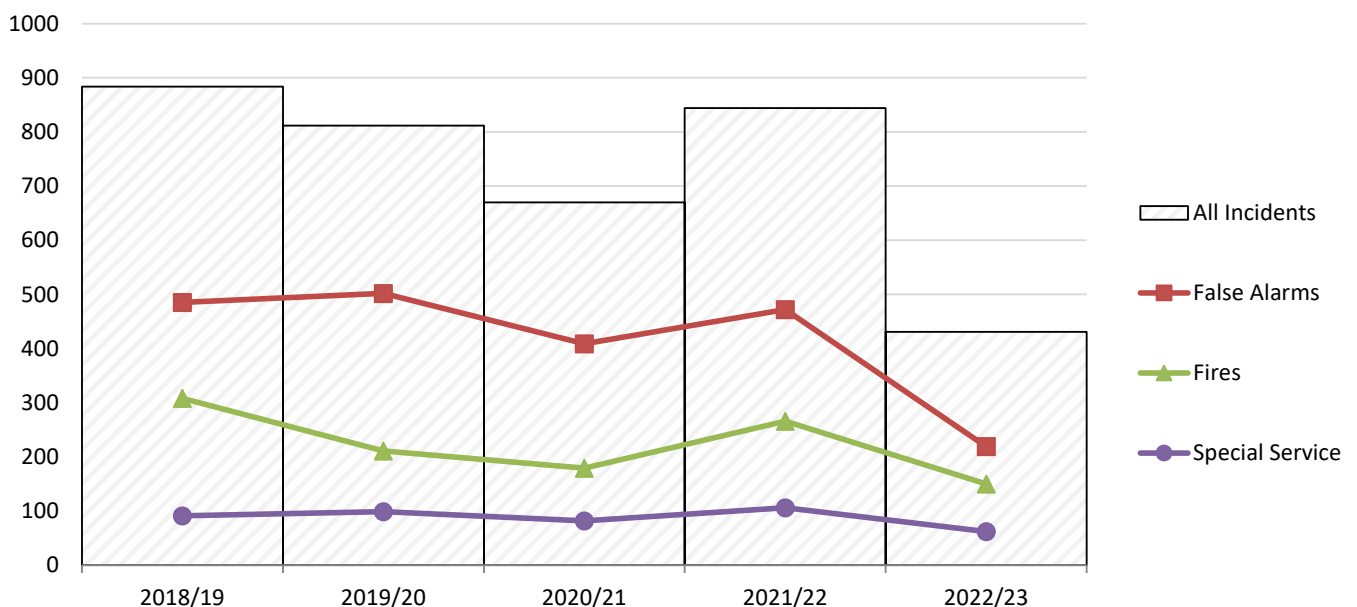
We measure how well we are meeting our priorities using 6 key indicators, depicted below

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Sep					RAG rating
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	37	23	20	41	26	●
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	4	3	3	4	5	◆
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	170	116	90	153	160	▲
Special Service - RTCs	24	16	11	18	23	◆
Special Service Casualties - All	33	19	15	15	19	◆
False Alarm - UFAs	252	289	218	262	296	◆

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

Note
<p>Quarterly comparison RAG Rating = the reporting period compared to the average of the three previous quarterly reporting periods. Year to Date RAG Rating = the cumulative total of all quarterly performance in current year compared to cumulative total of all quarterly performance in previous year.</p>
Incident Overview
<p>Year to date (1st April 2022 – 30th September 2022), the SFRS, responded to 431 incidents in East Lothian.</p>

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within East Lothian council over the last 5 fiscal years



Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities

Local Risk Management and Preparedness

The Service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.

We said we would:

- train our staff to deal with our local risks
- gather and analyse risk information
- work with partners to mitigate risks
- deal with major events

Train our staff to deal with our local risks

All of our operational staff undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training.

Gather and analyse risk information

All of our operational staff gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence, used in our preparations to resolve incidents.

We conduct Post Incident Debriefs to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency events.

We use Urgent Operational Intelligence Briefings to inform our operational staff of any safety critical information.

Work with partners to mitigate risks

We continue to be an active member of the East Local Resilience Partnership.

We share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders (e.g. Police Scotland) to ensure emergency event risks are mitigated.

Deal with major events

There were no major fire events or significant emergency events in this reporting period.



Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling fires'

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

Results

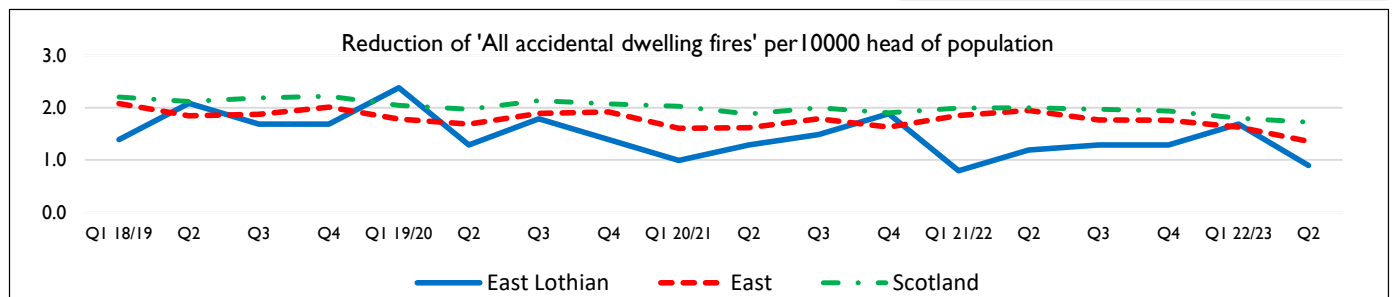
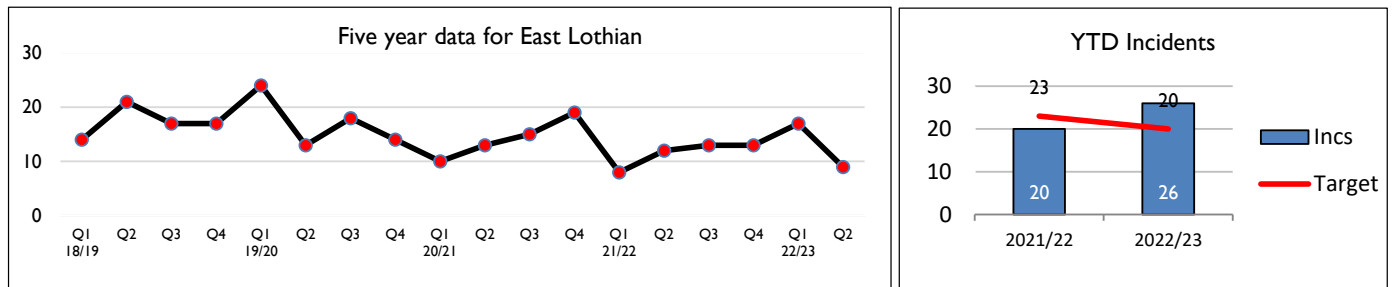
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in East Lothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 26 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is an increase of 6 incidents compared with the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows East Lothian performing below of the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend lines.

Reasons

Of the 26 accidental dwelling fires attended, 14 occurred in single occupancy households. The main cause of fire is cooking (46%). 12 of the 26 fires had no fire damage, 10 fires were limited to the first item ignited and/or confined to the room where the fire started and therefore, relatively minor in nature. It is clear from this evidence to continue to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households and to ensure those properties have working smoke detection. Unfortunately, 10 of the 26 domestic properties did not have working smoke alarms fitted.

Actions

During this reporting period, 228 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out within East Lothian. SFRS continue to work in partnership to educate and inform people about fire and safety, in the home. Appendix I 'East Lothian Prevention & Protection Activities' provides further details on our prevention activities.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 4	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Sparklines
East Lothian	37	23	20	41	26	
Musselburgh	10	6	6	7	10	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	4	6	5	9	3	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	6	5	1	7	3	
North Berwick Coastal	7	1	2	8	1	
Haddington & Lammermuir	7	5	5	8	6	
Dunbar & East Linton	3	0	1	2	3	

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

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

Results

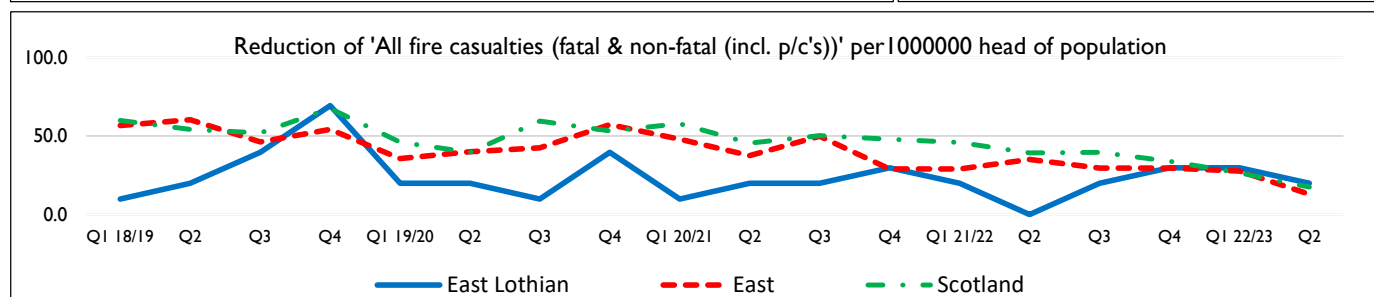
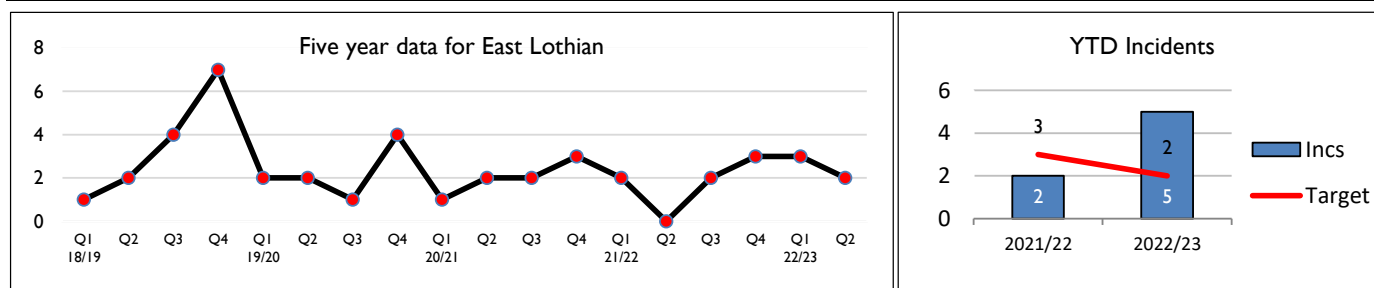
Sadly, there was 1 fire fatality in the 6-month reporting period as a result of a Road Traffic Collision. We aim to reduce Fire Casualties in East Lothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 4 casualties in residential properties. The figures show an increase of 3 when compared with the same reporting period last year. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows East Lothian is performing level with the Scottish average.

Reasons

Historically East Lothian has low numbers of casualties from fires and the trend remains low.

Actions

During this reporting period, 228 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out. We continue to work with our partners in East Lothian Council and seek opportunities with social work and NHS to target those most vulnerable and at risk from fire. In response, we received 52 Home fire safety visit referrals from partners. We have provided 13 referrals for support to partner agencies. Appendix 1 'East Lothian Prevention & Protection Activities' provides further details on current activities.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - I	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Sparklines
East Lothian	4	3	3	4	5	
Musselburgh	1	0	0	1	2	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	0	2	0	2	1	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	0	0	1	0	0	
North Berwick Coastal	2	0	1	0	0	
Haddington & Lammermuir	1	1	1	1	1	
Dunbar & East Linton	0	0	0	0	1	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

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

Results

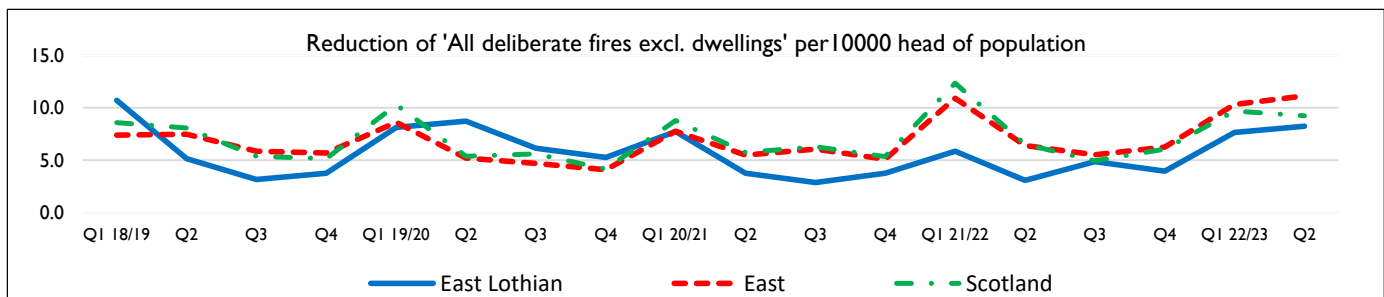
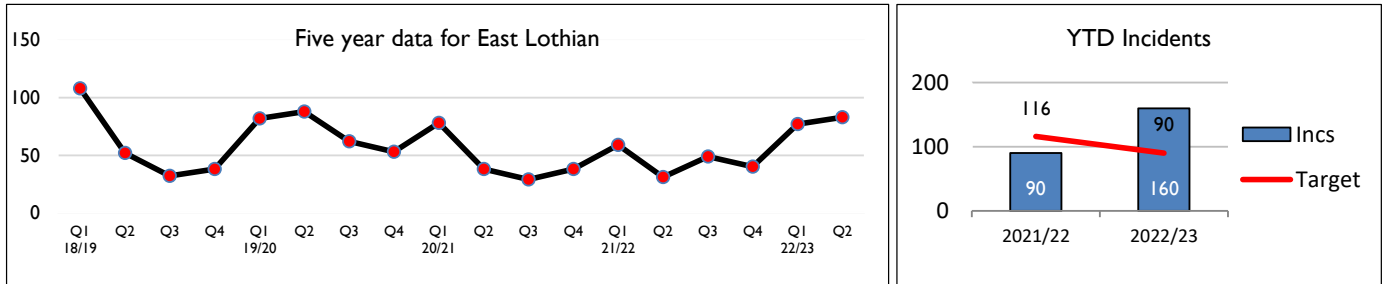
There were 160 deliberate fires within the reporting period, which is a increase of 70 when compared to the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows East Lothian performing below both the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend line.

Reasons

Of the 170 deliberate fire incidents, 96 (56%) of incidents were 'deliberate secondary fires' mainly, waste or scrubland, wood or crop; 21 primary fire incidents involving trees; 28 involved refuse/bins including wheelie bins and recycling bins; 10 incidents involved vehicles.

Actions

The SFRS continue to work with our Partners and any emerging themes are managed in Partnership with relevant intervention and prevention activities carried out. Various on-going preventative activities have been undertaken throughout the year targeting the issue of deliberate fire-raising. This includes various youth engagement events, thematic actions, information sharing/visits to schools and other partnership work.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 27	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Sparklines
East Lothian	170	116	90	153	160	
Musselburgh	26	48	24	42	25	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	41	20	11	34	30	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerrie	49	18	37	26	49	
North Berwick Coastal	7	4	3	7	2	
Haddington & Lammermuir	32	11	8	31	24	
Dunbar & East Linton	15	15	7	13	30	

Reduction of 'Special Service - RTCs'

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

Results

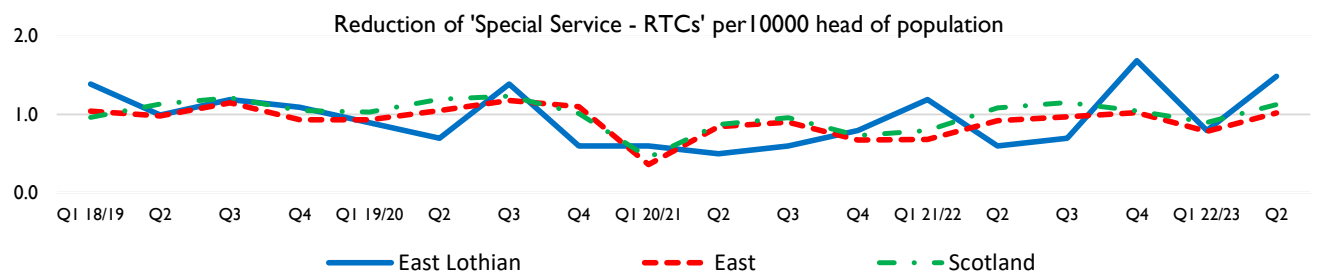
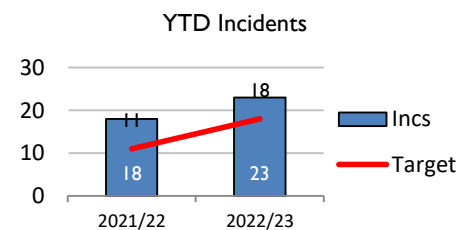
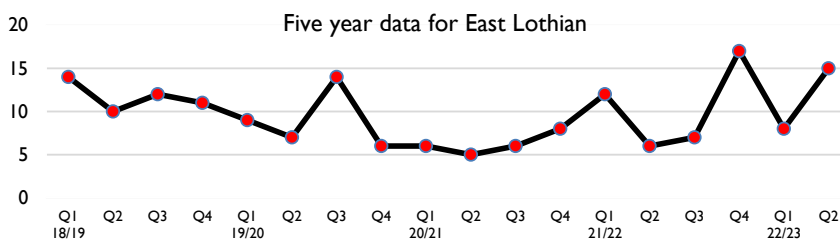
We attended 23 Road Traffic Collisions during this period, which is an increase of 5 when compared with the same reporting period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, East Lothian is performing above the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend lines.

Reasons

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

Actions

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



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 4	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Sparklines
East Lothian	24	16	11	18	23	
Musselburgh	3	6	2	2	2	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	3	4	1	0	3	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	5	2	1	1	2	
North Berwick Coastal	6	0	0	4	3	
Haddington & Lammermuir	1	3	1	4	8	
Dunbar & East Linton	6	1	6	7	5	

Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

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

Results

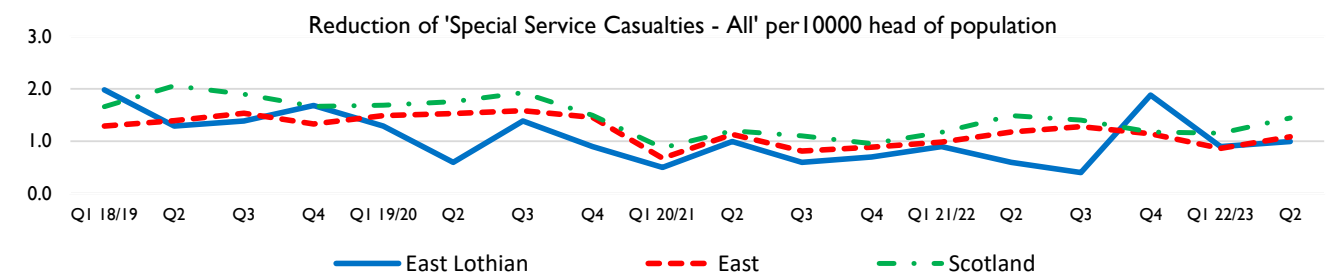
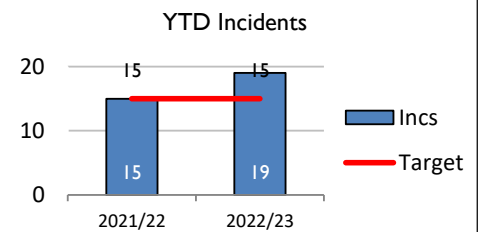
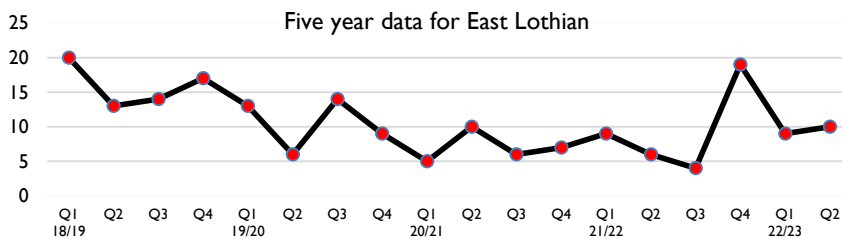
We attended special service incident types in the last quarter with a total of 19 casualties (3 fatal and 16 non-fatal casualties). This is an increase of 4 special service casualties when compared with the same reporting period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, East Lothian is performing below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend lines.

Reasons

There were 2 fatal casualties from co-responding or assisting other agencies incidents. There were 16 non-fatal casualties (11 from RTC incidents and 1 from a light aircraft crash).

Actions

The SFRS in East Lothian will continue to respond to the communities needs in terms of other non-fire emergencies with the overall objective of reducing casualty and fatality rates within East Lothian.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 3	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Sparklines
East Lothian	33	19	15	15	19	
Musselburgh	2	7	5	1	2	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	4	2	0	3	2	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	3	2	1	0	2	
North Berwick Coastal	10	4	0	1	1	
Haddington & Lammermuir	3	3	1	4	7	
Dunbar & East Linton	11	1	8	6	5	

Reduction of 'False Alarm - UFAs'

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

Results

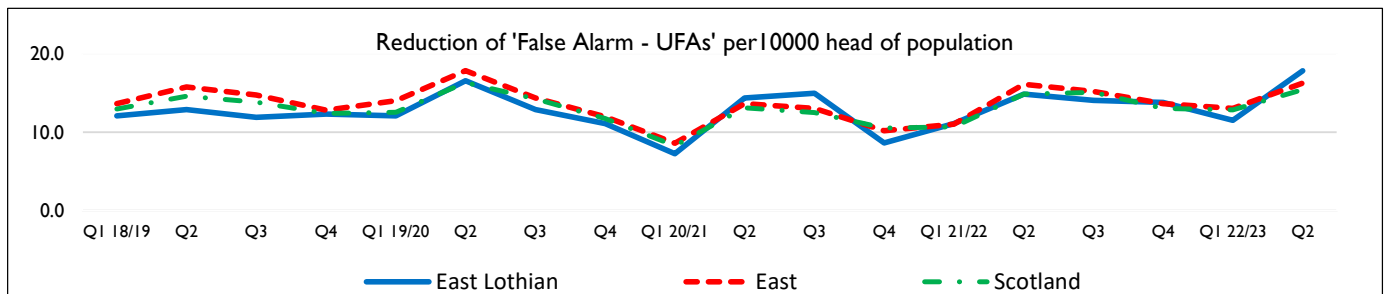
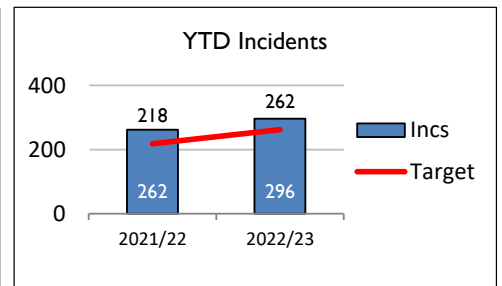
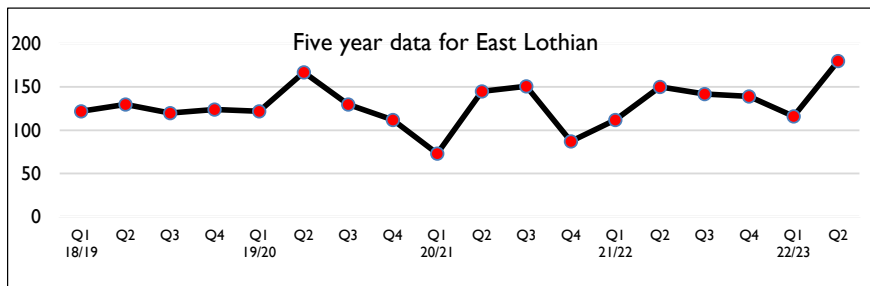
SFRS attended 296 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is an increase of 34 incidents when compared to the same reporting period last year. East Lothian trend line was performing below the Scotland and the East delivery area trendline in Q1 but in Q2, the trend line was above both East and Scottish average.

Reasons

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals were caused by the following: 31% faults, 13% due to contaminants (dust/insects/steam/aerosol) and 13% faulty apparatus.

Actions

We continue to monitor Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents. In East Lothian, we are currently engaging with various premises giving advice to prevent further occurrences. Note: Appendix I 'East Lothian Prevention & Protection Activities' provides further details.



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Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	46	36	26	34	55	
North Berwick Coastal	44	45	31	40	39	
Haddington & Lammermuir	45	71	53	48	63	
Dunbar & East Linton	27	36	30	33	40	

Appendix 1

East Lothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1: 1st April– 30th Sept 2022

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is the enforcing authority for the Fire Scotland Act 2005 and Fire Safety Regulations 2006. The act applies to specific non-domestic premises and requires duty holders to comply with relevant aspects of the Act and Regulations. SFRS responsibilities as the enforcing authority are captured within an Enforcement Framework. The Framework identifies and assigns priority to premises type with those premises deemed as higher risk given priority for auditing purposes. Premise providing sleeping accommodation such as hospitals, care homes, houses of multiple occupation, hostels and hotels receive an annual audit. Other premises that are subject to audit but deemed lower risk will be visited every three or five years. Within East Lothian we have one Officer who plans and carries out these duties. The Officer is also available to provide Fire Safety advice, consulting with partners such as Local Authority Building control functions and the wider public with Fire Scotland Act 2005 responsibilities.

EAST LOTHIAN AUDITS 22/23	APRIL- SEPT	YTD
	49	49

Home Fire Safety Visits

The delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) is the corner stone of the SFRS Community Safety Engagement framework. By visiting households to provide fire safety advice and smoke alarms, the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. Requests for HFSVs are generated in several ways, including self-referral, SFRS partners referring and visits carried out after SFRS have attended a domestic fire incident. This is known as Post Domestic Incident Response (**PDIR**), offering a HFSV to the properties and occupants impacted directly by the fire and the wider neighbourhood area.

When a HFSV is generated, the risk within the property is calculated by asking the occupant a number of specific questions. The outcome will be either, High, Medium or Low risk. This outcome determines priority in relation to carrying out the visit and the frequency for future re-visits. The table below highlights the number of visits carried out in East Lothian for this reporting period.

EAST LOTHIAN	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	TOTALS	PREV QRTs 22/23	YTD
Ward						
Dunbar & East Linton	10	3	1	14	NA	14
Fa'side	20	16	5	41		41
Hadd & Lammermuir	16	5	2	23		23
Musselburgh East & Carberry	22	17	7	46		46
Musselburgh West	11	16	14	41		41

North Berwick Coastal	12	7	2	21		21
Preston/Seaton/Gosford	15	21	6	42		42
TOTALS	106	85	37	228	NA	228

Home Fire Safety Referrals

The table below details how HFSVs were generated.

Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR)	42	
East Lothian Community Access Team	15	
Care & Repair	3	
NHS	10	
East Lothian Housing	3	
Police Concern	3	
Self-referral	134	
EMPPO	3	
Social Services	10	
Women's Aid East & Mid	5	
Total	228	

Partnership Working/Youth Engagement

During this reporting period the Community Action Team (CAT) has been closely working with Primary and Secondary schools on various safety and engagement topics including fire safety, water safety, & road safety. In addition to this we have worked closely with council and education services to provide engagement informing young people of the role of the fire service and how to perform CPR. Education and discussion around new smoke detector legislation and fire safety for older members of the community has also been carried out.

Safeguarding

During this period our teams continued to identify and refer adults at risk of harm and/or in need of support. This has resulted in **13** referrals being processed to Social Services.

Partner agencies have also requested **2** Enhanced Home Fire Safety Visits through Police concern reports or direct requests from social services.

Other Work Completed or In Progress

Our Local Community Action Team have also been involved with delivery and promotion of the following initiatives during the reporting period;

- UN World Drowning Prevention
- World Suicide Prevention
- Gas safety
- Chimney Safety
- Motorbike Safety
- Deaf awareness
- Mental Health
- Hoarding awareness
- Child Safety
- Loneliness awareness

The Local CAT attends various multi-agency forums within East Lothian. This includes Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC). We have also been working with partners across the LA area to ensure that we meet our Corporate Parenting responsibilities



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East Lothian Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders



Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Quarters 1 and 2 – 2022/2023

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. This report has been generated to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents and the management of crime enquiries, there is likely to be differences between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. It would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in this report as official statistics.



Our Vision

Sustained excellence in service and protection.

Our Purpose

To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

Our Values

Integrity, Fairness and Respect.

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Your local policing priorities across THE LOTHIANS AND SCOTTISH BORDERS

Our vision
Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland

Our values
Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Human Rights

Our purpose
Working in partnership for the safety and wellbeing of communities in the Lothians & Scottish Borders

Protecting the most vulnerable people

- Protect vulnerable people to prevent abuse, neglect & exploitation.
- Implement a delivery model supporting a Violence Against Women & Girls Prevention Strategy.
- Implement the National Missing Persons Framework for Scotland.
- Proactively target domestic abuse offenders.
- Develop partnership approaches to improve public confidence to report incidents of harm & abuse.

Reducing violence & anti-social behaviour

- Work collaboratively to identify and target violent offenders.
- Increase awareness of the impact of violence & antisocial behaviour.
- Work in partnerships to reduce alcohol related criminality.
- Collaborate to capture the under reporting of violence & explore preventative approaches (i.e. Navigator).
- Develop night time economy plans with licensed premises & promote participation in 'Best Bar None'.

Reducing acquisitive crime

- Focus on domestic housebreaking.
- Raise awareness of current crime trends & prevention tactics.
- Tackle emerging acquisitive crime patterns to identify & target prolific offenders.
- Work to prevent acquisitive crime.
- OFFICIAL** In partnership, maximise support for victims of acquisitive crime.
- Work with Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC).
- Use Police Scotland Youth Volunteers to deliver crime prevention information.

Improving road safety

- Collaborate on the engineering of the roads through our communities to improve road safety.
- Detect offenders who disregard road traffic laws & endanger others.
- Support partnership driver education programmes.
- Raise awareness of the consequences of speeding, not wearing a seat belt, drink or drug driving & using a mobile phone while driving.

Tackling serious & organised crime

- Work to divert people from becoming involved in serious & organised crime & using its products (drugs, counterfeit good etc).
- Use social media to raise awareness and educate about human trafficking.
- Work to prosecute those involved in serious organised crime, including online, 'cuckooing' & 'county lines'.
- Maximise the disruption of serious organised crime groups.
- Target the production, cultivation & supply of illegal drugs.

Police Scotland Strategic outcomes

- Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service
- The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery
- Public, communities and partners are engaged, involved and have confidence in policing
- Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public
- Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges

Logos: East Lothian Council, Midlothian, Scottish Borders Council, West Lothian Council, OFFICIAL, POLICE SCOTLAND (Keeping people safe, POILEAS ALBA)

Introduction

Crimes and offences are grouped under recognised categories for statistical purposes. The Scottish Government defines these categories, as follows;

- Group 1 – Non Sexual Crimes of Violence
- Group 2 – Sexual Crimes
- Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty
- Group 4 – Fire-raising, Malicious Mischief etc.
- Group 5 – Other (Pro-activity) Crimes
- Group 6 – Miscellaneous Offences
- Group 7 - Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles

Police Scotland publishes management information on an annual and quarterly basis by local authority and police division, as well as at a national level. These reports are produced to demonstrate Police Scotland's commitment to transparency. Police Scotland publishes all of these reports on the 'Our Performance' section of the Police Scotland website. The reports can be accessed here:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

The East Lothian Policing Plan uses the following Police performance indicators, and these have been mirrored in the Scrutiny Report to maintain parity of understanding:

1. Protecting the most vulnerable people;
2. Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour;
3. Reducing acquisitive Crime;
4. Improving road safety;
5. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime.

All figures quoted in this report are for the period April 2022 to September 2022 and are compared against the same reporting period from the previous year. Where figures are quoted on rate per 10,000 population, these are based on East Lothian's population of 107,090 in 2019 (Scottish Government figures, published April 2020).

East Lothian Performance Summary

East Lothian Performance Summary Report
Reporting Period: April 2022– September 2022

Total Crime: (Group1-5) 1,936 Crime increase 1.47%

Protecting the most vulnerable people

Drug Supply Cases

+60.55%



Q2 – 35
(+13.2%)

Domestic Bail

Detections
+10.8%



41 (4 more)

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

Serious Assault

-12.37%



17 (-2.4 less)

Antisocial Behaviour Incidents

-17.01%



2,571 (527 less)

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Crimes of Dishonesty

-4.32%



895 (40.4 fewer)

All Housebreaking

-12.4%



106 (15 fewer)

Improving road safety

Drink /Drug Driving

Detections
98.39%



7.58% more

Road Casualties

-13.7%



10 less

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Executive Summary

I am delighted to present this year's scrutiny report which covers the period 1st April 2022 – 30th September 2022.

As COVID restrictions have been lifted our community policing team and other local officers have worked with partners to support the successful return of community events such as the Musselburgh Festival and Fringe by the Sea. Officers from East Lothian were also involved in supporting the Genesis Scottish Open at the Renaissance in July and the AIG Women's Open at Muirfield in August.

Following the death of Her Majesty the Queen on 8th September 2022 Police Scotland activated Operation Unicorn which was the multi-agency response in Scotland, planned over many years. On Sunday 11th September 4,000 officers were deployed to Operation Unicorn, as over 100,000 people gathered along the 175 mile route from Balmoral to the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh. On Monday 12th September over 2,500 officers were deployed as His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal Family undertook the procession from Holyroodhouse to St Giles Cathedral with tens of thousands of people lining the street. Officers from across East Lothian were involved in Operation Unicorn and their dedication and commitment was key in contributing to the overall success of the operation whilst maintaining an effective service to the communities across East Lothian.

The lifting of COVID restrictions has allowed our school link officers to restart crime prevention inputs across our schools with the current focus on raising awareness of hate crime. We have also successfully relaunched our Police Scotland Youth Volunteer (PSYV) scheme with 10 youngsters from across the county currently half way through their initial 12 weeks training. We will be looking to launch another recruitment campaign in January 2023 to provide further opportunity for our young people to develop their own skills whilst contributing to the safety and wellbeing of their communities.

Over the summer we have worked with our partners to ensure the safety of hundreds of thousands of visitors to our coastal towns and beaches whilst minimising disruption to local residents. This has included joint patrols with the Countryside Rangers, SFRS and campaigns on water safety.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) continues to be a concern for many communities across the county and I am delighted to report a reduction in youth and ASB calls this reporting period which can be attributed in part to our Problem Solving Partnerships (PSPs) in Haddington and Prestonpans which have recently drawn to a close. We will continue to monitor this and are currently planning an operation with colleagues from Midlothian to target the anti-social use of off-road bikes which I look forward to reporting on next period.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Missing Persons
<p>The exact figures for missing persons are not available for this reporting period due to staff absence.</p> <p>The Lothians & Scottish Borders (J) Division and the communities of East Lothian recognise that protecting people, particularly those considered vulnerable, is a policing priority. Within the remit of protecting people is the work and investigations carried out to trace people who are reported missing. To put the scale of this work into context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Scotland, on an annual basis undertake over 22,000 investigations into missing people; • In the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division this equates to the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2017 / 2018 – 2390 missing person investigations; • Year 2018 / 2019 – 2581 missing person investigations; • Year 2019 / 2020 – 1786 missing person investigations. • Year 2020 / 2021 – 1468 missing person investigations. <p>Recognising the vulnerability associated with missing people, particularly those that are young or suffering from mental health challenges, Police Scotland has adopted a rigorous investigation structure and management approach to incidents involving missing people.</p> <p>In East Lothian we review the circumstances of every missing person report to identify any vulnerability and we will then link in with partners to ensure appropriate support is provided to keep that individual safe. We recognise that a large proportion of young people who are reported missing in East Lothian are care experienced with around 30% living in Young Persons Units and 4% in foster placements. Many of these young people have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences and through no fault of their own can be placed far away from their families and friends which can be a contributing factor in them absconding. We have continued to work with care establishments to support the development of individual care plans and with statutory agencies in EL and other local authority areas to ensure young people are placed in the most appropriate unit.</p> <p>We have continued to raise awareness of the Herbert Protocol to protect those individuals where Dementia/Alzheimer’s is a factor in them going missing. This protocol applies to individuals living in a care setting and in their own homes.</p> <p>During this reporting period we have been able to draw on national resources such as Air and Marine Support and our partners including Her Majesty’s Coastguard and Mountain Rescue teams to safely trace a number of High Risk missing persons.</p>	

Protecting the most vulnerable people.

Domestic Abuse Incidents

	5yr Average	Q2 2021/22	% Change
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents	581.2	631	8.57
Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	325.4	333	2.34
Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime	40.43	37.72	-2.72
Total crimes and offences detection rate	69.71	60.36	-13.41
Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	31.4	41	30.57

Domestic Abuse definition (Taken from the COPFS joint protocol on domestic abuse).

Any form of physical, verbal, sexual, psychological or financial abuse which might amount to criminal conduct and which takes place within the context of a relationship. The relationship will be between partners (married, co-habiting, civil partnership or otherwise) or ex-partners. The abuse can be committed in the home or elsewhere, including online.

In this reporting period we have seen an increase of 43 reported domestic abuse incidents and a decrease of 6 domestic incidents where a crime has been reported compared to the same reporting period last year. We have seen a decrease of 10.7% in detection rates compared to the same reporting period last year.

Tackling domestic abuse is a priority in East Lothian and we have robust scrutiny arrangements in place with every domestic incident reviewed on a daily basis by the Local Area Commander and Detective Inspectors from the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and Public Protection Unit. We have multi-agency partnership arrangements in place to both manage high risk offenders and provide appropriate support to vulnerable/repeat victims and survivors.

We continue to proactively target offenders who breach bail conditions set for domestic abuse cases and we have seen an increase of 4 such detections compared to the same reporting period this year.

We continue to promote the use of the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS) which gives people the right to ask about the background of their partner to see if they have been abusive in the past. It

also allows concerned families and friends and professionals such as midwives and social workers to make a referral to the scheme. DSDAS gives Police Scotland the power to tell people they may be at risk even if they have not asked for the information themselves. This allows people to make an informed choice about whether to remain in a relationship and gives them access to support services from partners. DSDAS also allows partners involved in the scheme to work together to address linked concerns such as child and adult protection and wider safeguarding issues.

This summer, Dunbar Grammar School was chosen as one of a handful of schools across Scotland to pilot a new Police Scotland domestic abuse education toolkit and after a successful evaluation it is hoped this will be rolled out across all our high schools in forthcoming months.

This autumn our community team attended fresher's week at Queen Margaret University to provide advice on personal safety including issues around consent in intimate relationships.

Later this year officers from across East Lothian will support the 16 days of action for the Violence Against Women and Girls and we continue to support other national campaigns such as "DON'T BE THAT GUY" aimed at encouraging peers to challenge abusive and unacceptable behaviour.

East Lothian			
	5 year average	Q2 2022/23	Q2 Per 10,000
Hate Incidents	58	79	7.38
Hate Crimes *	53.6	57	4.95
Hate Crime Detection Rate	79.85	49.06	

Hate Incident definition

Any incident which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group but which doesn't constitute a criminal offence.

Hate Crime definition

A hate crime is a crime which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group.

Social Groups

There are currently five social groups protected under hate crime legislation: disability or presumed disability: race or presumed race (including Gypsy traveller groups): religion or presumed religion: sexual orientation or presumed sexual orientation and transgender identity or presumed transgender identity.

In this reporting period there has been an increase of 5 reported hate incidents and a reduction of 3 reported hate crimes compared to the same period last year. A number of these hate incidents and hate crimes have been related to ongoing neighbour disputes and we have worked together with the ELC Safer Communities Team to find longer term solutions to such disputes which can cause considerable stress and anxiety to those involved. Of the 57 hate crimes, 12 have been perpetrated against a police officer whilst dealing with an incident.

A further breakdown of the hate crimes against protected characteristics is set out below.

- Race – 27
- Sexual Orientation – 14
- Disability – 10
- Religion – 6
- Transgender identity - 4

We have continued to promote “Keep Safe” which is a partnership initiative developed with Police Scotland and “I Am Me” community led charity to raise awareness and increase reports of Disability Hate Crime. “Keep Safe” works with local businesses to create a network of safe places for disabled, elderly, and vulnerable people to go if they are lost, scared, need help, or if they are the victim of crime. We now have 16 businesses signed up to “Keep Safe” in East Lothian and will continue to encourage more to come on board over forthcoming months.

With COVID restrictions being lifted our school link officers have been able to address assemblies and year groups with a number of hate crime inputs being delivered in recent weeks with further to follow.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.

Sexual Crimes (Group 2)

Crime Type	5 Year average	Q2 2022/23	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2022/23 Detection Rate
Group 2	107.6	105	-2.42%	9.8	54.29%
Rape & Attempt Rape	20	20	-	1.87	45.00%
Indecent/Sexual Assault	45.4	34	-25.11%	3.17	41.18%
Other Group 2	42.2	51	20.85%	4.76	66.67%

There has been a decrease of 42 in overall Group 2 crime compared to the same reporting period last year. The overall detection rate for Group 2 crime has reduced by just over 4% compared to last year.

A number of these reported crimes relate to historical enquires (more than 1 year old when reported) and can be complex and protected in nature. We recognise that sexual offences are under reported and have continued to work closely with our partners to support and encourage victims to report crimes. We also recognise that many of these crimes are committed in the context of an intimate personal relationship which can make it even more difficult for the victim to come forward.

Our community teams have attended Fresher's events at Queen Margaret University to provide personal safety information and in support of the wider Violence Against Women and Girls Agenda. Our school link officers also work closely with education to support our young people to understand the issues around consent and how to keep themselves safe on-line.

Protecting the most vulnerable people.	Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation
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Drugs Supply	5 year average	Q2 2022/23	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2022/23 Detection Rate
Drugs Supply, Production and Cultivation	21.8	35	60.55%	3.27	85.71%

There has been an increase from 14 to 35 in terms of drug supply/production/cultivation cases in this reporting period compared to the same reporting period last year. This can be attributed in part to the operational limitations last year arising from COVID 19 and our policing commitment to COP 26.

The Proactive Crime Team (PCT) and the East Lothian Community Action Team (ELCAT) continue to target those involved in the supply of controlled drugs to our communities in East Lothian. This includes targeting those individuals from across the country involved in county lines activity, including “cuckooing” whereby criminals take over vulnerable persons homes for the storage and distribution of controlled drugs. Our enforcement activity also includes a particular focus on those who seek to supply drugs to our young people.

We are very grateful to local communities who continue provide us with the intelligence required to crave and enforce drugs warrants in EL.

In addition to targeting those who supply drugs we also remain committed to reducing harm to those involved or effected by the misuse of drugs. This includes working with the Mid and East Lothian Drug and Alcohol Partnership to ensure we have the most up-to-date information to circulate to our officers regarding drug trends in our area.

We continue to refer individuals who have taken a near or non-fatal overdose to partner services and to participate in the Drugs Deaths Review Group which considers any learning points for all agencies involved.

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Crimes of Violence (Group 1)
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Crime Type	5 year average	Q2 2022/23	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2022/23 Detection Rate
Group 1	45.4	68	49.78%	6.35	63.24%
Serious Assault	19.4	17	-12.37%	1.59	82.35%
Robbery	8.4	8	-4.76%	0.75	100.00%
Common Assault	381.8	487	27.55%	45.48	62.63%

*Common assaults are not recorded as group 1 crimes.

There has been an increase of 13 group 1 crimes recorded this year compared to the same reporting period last year. There has been 49.78% increase compared to the 5 year average.

The number of serious assaults has increased by 2 and minor assaults by 68 compared to the same reporting period last year.

Robberies have decreased by 3 compared to the same reporting period last year.

The increase in group 1 crimes can be attributed in part to Domestic Abuse Scotland Act (DASA) offences which was introduced in 2019 and the increase of cyber-enabled threats and extortion offences commonly termed “sextortion” whereby individuals resident in East Lothian are targeted on a wide range of social platforms whereby they are enticed to share intimate images and are then threatened with these being shared with family and friends unless money is paid. The majority of offenders reside overseas making these offences virtually impossible to detect. Our priority is to support victims of such offences and signpost them to partner agencies as appropriate. The majority of victims for these offences are young men and we continue to promote awareness using all our social media platforms.

We continue to monitor public space violence and disorder and will direct our patrols accordingly. We also have weekend patrol plans in place to maximise visibility and provide reassurance to our communities.

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour	Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
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Indicator	5 Year Average	2022-23 Q2	Change	TYTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2022/23 Detection Rate
Antisocial Behaviour Incidents	3098	2571	-17.01		
Vandalism (Including Malicious Mischief)	351.8	380	8.02%	35.48	14.74%
Fire-raising	20.6	29	40.78%	2.71	13.79%
Breach of the Peace and S38 CJ&L(S) A 2010	355	341	-3.94%	31.84	74.19%

We have continued to see a decrease in ASB incidents over a 5 year period. COVID restrictions and the recording of breaches of these restrictions make it difficult to compare statistics over the last 2 years but the continued downward trend is very positive.

We have recently ended the Problem Solving Partnerships (PSPs) in Haddington and Prestonpans as our partnership response has seen a significant decreased in reported ASB and youth related calls in these areas. We will, together with the ELC Safer Communities Team, continue to monitor these areas and the ELCAT and Community Wardens will continue to carry out proactive patrols in known hot spot areas.

Over the summer months our community teams carried out joint patrols with the Countryside Rangers and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRC) to reduce ASB and accidental fires associated with the numerous visitors and wild campers who flocked to our coastal areas. Wild camping around Yellowcraigs in particular remains a concern due to the impact on the vulnerable coastal environment and we will continue to meet with our partners to consider our plans and strategy for next year.

Throughout the summer months we continued to promote messages in relation to water safety both through our social media channels and through engagement with young people whilst patrolling our beaches, harbours and inland waters. Sadly we had two incidences of drowning at Tynningham and we will with partners review any measures that can be taken to prevent such tragedies moving forward.

Our priority over forthcoming weeks will be fireworks season and we have a well-established operational plan (Operation Torsion) in place to target hotspot areas.

The anti-social use of off-road bikes continues to be an issue across various parts of the county and we will shortly be launching Operational Jewel in partnership with our Midlothian community policing colleagues to target this issue in East and Midlothian.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Dishonesty (group 3)
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5 Year Average	Q2 2022/23	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2022/23 Detection Rate
935.4	895	-4.32%	83.57	24.58%

Overall we have seen an increase of 60 group 3 crimes compared to the same reporting period last year. Detections for this group is down slightly (less than 1%) compared to the same period last year. Given the current financial crisis we would expect to see an associated increase in acquisitive crime including theft of fuel and this is proving to be the case.

Fraud continues to account for a large proportion of Group 3 crimes which is a national trend with most of it being cyber-enabled making it complex to detect as criminals use new and increasing sophisticated techniques.

We continue to promote awareness of fraud through our social media accounts. Our community officers continue to provide face-to-face crime prevention talks to elderly and vulnerable residents.

We also continue to work with Trading Standards to provide elderly victims of fraud with Truecall Machines to filter out known scammers and with Trusted Traders to provide residents with advice re bogus workers.

We also work with the Scottish Business Resilience Centre (SBRC) to raise awareness of the support available to local businesses in terms of business resilience and cyber security. This included staff from the SBRC visiting 25 businesses in September to provide advice and reassurance as well as handing out the "Little Book of Big Scams" which provides information of some of the ever-evolving methods criminals use to scam the public out of hard earned money.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime	Housebreaking
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Crime Type	5 Year Average	Q2 2022/23	Change	YTD Per 10,000 population	Q2 2022/23 Detection Rate
Dwelling HB	39.2	23	-41.33%	2.15	34.78%
Non Dwelling (Sheds, garages) HB	43	51	18.60%	4.76	25.49%
Other (Business) HB	38.8	32	-17.53%	2.99	56.25%
All HB	121	106	-12.40%	9.9	36.79%

Domestic Dwellings (Houses)

We have seen a decrease of 26 (46.9%) theft by housebreaking of domestic homes compared to last year however we have also seen a decrease in detection rates of 21%.

Non-dwellings

Theft by housebreaking to non-dwellings which includes sheds, garages and outbuildings has increased by 3 with the detection rate increased by 23.41%

Business

Theft by housebreaking to business premises has decreased by 1 compared to last year with the detection rate increased by 25.95%

East Lothian is also one of the fastest growing local authorities with a large number of building developments which despite security measures in place are frequently targeted for theft of tools and plant. Our crime prevention officer continues to provide crime prevention advice to such sites.

We also continue to work with building developers to ensure that new developments are secure by design.

Our community and response teams continue to robustly enforce bail curfews for recidivist offenders with key offenders being included on our daily briefings to ensure they are disrupted at every opportunity.

Improving road safety	Road Casualties
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	Q2 2021/22	Q2 2022/23	Change
Fatal	1	4	300%
Serious	19	17	-11%
Slight	53	42	-21%
Total	73	63	-13.7%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	0	-
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	3	1	-67%

	5 Year Average	Q2 2022/23	Change
Dangerous driving	29	33	13.79%
Disqualified driving	10.6	11	3.77%
Driving Licence	54	44	-18.52%
Insurance	125	131	4.80%
Drink/Drug Driving Detections	52.2	62	18.77%

There were tragically 4 fatalities reported on our roads in the last reporting period which is an increase in 3 from last year. There has been a small decrease in serious and slight injuries over this reporting period with only one child being seriously injured.

Making our roads safer is a key priority in East Lothian. Our specialist Roads Policing officers who are based at Dunbar and Dalkeith continue to carry out speeding enforcement on the A1 and fast roads. Over the last reporting period they have also been involved in National Campaigns targeting the Fatal 5 (leading causes for fatal and serious injury accidents)

- Speeding
- Use of mobile phones

- Non wearing of seatbelts
- Careless driving
- Drink/drug driving

Our community teams have carried out speed and other road checks in response to priorities identified through the Community and Police Partnerships (CAPPs).

We have seen an increase of 8 drink/driving detections this reporting period and the continued increase can be attributed to the increased use of “drugs swipes” where we suspect a driver is impaired through the use of controlled drugs.

National campaigns will continue throughout the year with the next focus for local officers being the annual festive drink/drug driving campaign.

Tackling Serious & Organised Crime	Tackling Serious & Organised Crime
<p>The National Terror Threat level is currently SUBSTANTIAL meaning an attack is likely.</p> <p>Every elected member in East Lothian has been offered crime prevention surveys of their home and office which have been widely taken up.</p> <p>Our divisional Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer has delivered a number of Counter Terrorism and Prevent awareness inputs to a number of partners in East Lothian. This included 6 presentations to ELC Maintenance Department staff covering CT/Prevent Awareness and Serious Organised Crime (Cannabis Cultivations, Cuckooing and County Lines).</p> <p>East Lothian Partnership Against Rural Crime (ELPARC).</p> <p>Our officers continue to work with other ELPARC partners to raise awareness of wildlife crime and other rural crimes, including the theft of quad bikes all of which are frequently linked to serious and organised crime. As a result of our proactivity in this area we have seen a significant reduction in reports of hare coursing in East Lothian.</p> <p>We continue to share information with partners in relation to concerns regarding human trafficking and modern slavery and carry out joint visits as required to establish any criminality or other vulnerabilities requiring addressed.</p> <p>Our proactive crime team and ELCAT continue to investigate and report those involved in organised crime including the theft of high value vehicles.</p>	

Complaints

April 2022 – September 2022				
	Number of Complaints about the Police		Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents	
Complaints received about the Police	46		34.11	
	On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
Total Allegations Recorded	42	-	23	55

The breakdown above details the total number of Complaints about the Police, received in relation to the East Lothian area command as at 30th September 2022.

The breakdown below provides further detail on the Allegation Category and Type. As can be seen there has been a 32.3% decrease in the overall number of Complaints about the Police when comparing LYTD and YTD.

Area	Allegation Category and Type	LYTD	YTD	% change
East Lothian Council	Off Duty - TOTAL	4	0	-100%
	Incivility	1	0	-100%
	Other	3	0	-100%
	On Duty - TOTAL	48	42	-12.5%
	Assault	2	0	-100%
	Excessive Force	7	3	-57.1%
	Incivility	17	15	-11.8%
	Irregularity in Procedure	17	21	23.5%
	Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	1	1	0.0%
	Other - Non Criminal	1	0	-100%
	Traffic Irregularity/Offence	3	2	-33.3%
	Quality Of Service - TOTAL	44	23	-47.7%
	Policy/Procedure	12	5	-58.3%
	Service Delivery	8	8	0.0%
	Service Outcome	24	10	-58.3%
	Grand Total	96	65	-32.3%

Police Scotland's ability to function effectively is reliant upon the trust of the public and their belief that we can carry out our duties in a fair and impartial manner. It is accepted that on occasions things may go wrong and mistakes will be made. Police Scotland's national Professional Standards Department oversee all complaints made against officers in East Lothian with robust processes in place to ensure that when members of the public wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about either the quality of the policing service provided or the actions of an officer, their concerns will be listened to and appropriate action taken. In Lothians and Borders Division there is a focus on learning from complaint investigation to ensure that we can continuously improve our service.

The East Lothian Community Action Team is a partially council funded team of 7 police Constables. Six of these are operational officers deployed in line with local priorities and the seventh officer is based within George Johnston Centre, working alongside the Council Safer Communities Team.

Remit

- The provision of a flexible police response based on identified incidents and intelligence;
- The provision of a high profile police presence within East Lothian to help deter crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour;
- Liaison with the East Lothian Safer Communities Team in crime prevention and reduction strategies;
- Liaison with, and sharing of information with the Council's solicitors, under the current information sharing agreement (ISA), required to support applications to the court made by the Council under the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 and the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.

These operational officers work alongside Community Policing officers to collectively deliver the best outcomes for the communities of East Lothian aligned to the Local Policing Plan priorities.

Over the reporting period the ELCAT have been involved in the PSPs in Prestonpans and Haddington and also provided a high profile presence at other ASB hotspots including Dunbar and Musselburgh.

They have carried out quad bike patrols in more remote areas including the summer coastal patrols

The ELCAT assisted in the policing of a wide range of community and sporting events such as the Musselburgh Festival and Fringe by the Sea, Musselburgh Races Ladies Day and the Scottish Open Golf.

The ELCAT have worked with the community officers across East Lothian to tackle CAPP priorities including speeding. They have also carried out intelligence led and proactive road checks and vehicle stops across the county resulting in a number of detections for no insurance and other road traffic offences including disqualified driving and taking and driving away.

They have continued to target violent and recidivist offenders through vigorously enforcing bail curfews and pursuing those wanted on outstanding warrants and/or for domestic offending.

They have investigated and reported prolific shop lifters and solved a number of business and domestic housebreakings including a series of break-ins to 8 sheds in the Gullane area.

Moving forwards the ELCAT will be involved in Operation Jewel to target the anti-social use of off-road bikes.

Appendix

Lothian and Scottish Borders Divisional Crime Overview

Lothian and Scottish Borders Division	5 Year Average	2022/23 Q2	Per 10,000 Q2 2022/23	Detection Rates 2022/23
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	301.4	391	7.85	58.06
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	1.6	1	0.02	100.00
Culpable homicide (at common law)	0	0	0	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	1.6	2	0.04	100.00
Attempted murder	8.4	11	0.22	90.91
Serious assault	133.8	133	2.67	72.93
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	43.8	38	0.76	76.32
Domestic Abuse (of female)	0	73	1.47	69.86
Domestic Abuse (of male)	0	4	0.08	50.00
Domestic Abuse (Total)	0	77	1.55	68.83
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	38.6	29	0.58	79.31
Threats and extortion	26	76	1.53	6.58
Other group 1 crimes	19.2	24	0.48	29.17
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	554.4	516	10.36	52.13
Rape	100.6	96	1.93	56.25
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	3.4	9	0.18	55.56
<i>Rape and attempted rape - Total</i>	104	105	2.11	56.19
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	7.4	1	0.02	200.00
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	158.2	149	2.99	53.69
Lewd & libidinous practices*	51.6	31	0.62	19.35
<i>Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total</i>	217.2	181	3.63	48.62
<i>Prostitution related crime - Total*</i>	0.4	0	0	-
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	26.4	32	0.64	100.00
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	44.8	47	0.94	61.70
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	19.8	7	0.14	28.57
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	18.4	17	0.34	52.94
Public indecency (common law)	7	5	0.1	100.00
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	77.4	73	1.47	38.36
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	9.2	8	0.16	37.50
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	29.8	41	0.82	34.15
Other Group 2 crimes	0	0	0	-
<i>Other Group 2 crimes - Total</i>	232.8	230	4.62	53.04
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	4379.6	4086	82.02	23.23
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	190	138	2.77	15.94
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	167.4	149	2.99	16.11
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	191.4	118	2.37	43.22
<i>Housebreaking (incl. Attempts) - Total</i>	548.8	405	8.13	23.95

Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	110.4	81	1.63	7.41
Theft of a motor vehicle	224.6	199	3.99	33.67
Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	290.8	147	2.95	10.88
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	19	14	0.28	21.43
<i>Motor vehicle crime - Total</i>	644.8	441	8.85	20.86
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	67.4	67	1.34	10.45
Common theft	1192.6	1300	26.1	16.15
Theft by shoplifting	1166.6	948	19.03	41.46
Fraud	431.2	688	13.81	12.06
Other Group 3 Crimes	328.2	237	4.76	28.27
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	2110.6	2004	40.23	22.75
Fireraising	125.8	146	2.93	20.55
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	1870	1728	34.69	21.12
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	3.4	2	0.04	50.00
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	106	124	2.49	48.39
Other Group 4 Crimes	5.4	4	0.08	0.00
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	2174.6	1960	39.34	89.80
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	78.4	93	1.87	92.47
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	76.8	87	1.75	88.51
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	69.8		1.1	65.45
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	43.4	30	0.6	56.67
<i>Total offensive/bladed weapons</i>	268.4	265	5.32	81.51
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	38	23	0.46	82.61
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	112.4	120	2.41	62.50
Bringing drugs into prison	11	6	0.12	83.33
<i>Supply of drugs - Total</i>	161.4	149	2.99	66.44
Possession of drugs	928.8	746	14.98	95.71
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	7.2	9	0.18	55.56
<i>Total drugs crimes</i>	1097.4	904	18.15	90.49
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	1	1	0.02	100.00
Bail offences (other than absconding)	424	440	8.83	90.00
Other Group 5 crimes	383.8	350	7.03	94.00
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	5086.4	5090	102.18	64.58
Common Assault	2054.4	2336	46.89	55.39
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	208.4	197	3.95	103.05
<i>Common Assault - Total</i>	2262.8	2533	50.85	59.10
Breach of the Peace	98.8	34	0.68	102.94
Threatening & abusive behaviour	1883.4	1722	34.57	69.22
Stalking	50.6	37	0.74	78.38
<i>BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total</i>	2032.8	1793	35.99	70.05
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	71.4	29	0.58	100.00
Drunk and incapable	25.8	12	0.24	100.00
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	26.6	10	0.2	90.00
Other alcohol related offences*	18	17	0.34	105.88

<i>Drunkness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)</i>	70.4	39	0.78	100.00
Wildlife offences*	19.6	31	0.62	203.23
Other Group 6 offences	629.4	665	13.35	60.60
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	3636.2	3607	72.41	80.93
Dangerous driving offences	129.2	131	2.63	74.05
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	270	326	6.54	92.33
Driving while disqualified	364.8	139	2.79	100.00
Driving without a licence	64	44	0.88	90.91
Failure to insure against third party risks	299	232	4.66	97.84
Driving Carelessly	732	623	12.51	99.84
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	71.8	57	1.14	100.00
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	93.2	78	1.57	100.00
Other Group 7 offences	298.2	353	7.09	84.42

East Lothian Recorded Crime Overview

East Lothian	5 Year Average	2022/23 Q2	Per 10,000 Q2 2022/23	Detection Rates 2022/23
GROUP 1: NON SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE	45.4	68	6.35	63.24
Murder (excluding culpable homicide at common law)	0	0	-	-
Culpable homicide (at common law)	0	0	-	-
Culpable homicide (under statute including RTA, sec. 1)	0.2	0	-	-
Attempted murder	1.2	6	0.56	100
Serious assault	19.4	17	1.59	82.35
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	8.4	8	0.75	100
Domestic Abuse (of female)	0	11	1.03	63.64
Domestic Abuse (of male)	0	0	-	-
Domestic Abuse (Total)	0	11	1.03	63.64
Cruel & Unnatural treatment of children	3.8	10	0.93	60
Threats and extortion	3.4	13	1.21	7.69
Other group 1 crimes	3.2	3	0.28	33.33
GROUP 2: SEXUAL CRIMES	107.6	105	9.8	54.29
Rape	20	18	1.68	44.44
Assault w/i to rape or ravish	0	2	0.19	50
Rape and attempted rape - Total	20	20	1.87	45
Sexual assault (pre-SOSA 2009)*	2.6	0	-	-
Sexual assault (SOSA 2009)*	31.4	29	2.71	27.59
Lewd & libidinous practices*	11.4	5	0.47	80
Indecent/Sexual Assault - Total	45.4	34	3.17	41.18
Prostitution related crime - Total*	0	0	-	-
Taking, distribution, possession of indecent photos of children	4.6	7	0.65	114.29
Communicating indecently (SOSA 2009)*	9.4	11	1.03	72.73
Communications Act 2003 (sexual)	3	4	0.37	0
Sexual exposure (SOSA 2009)*	2.4	5	0.47	80
Public indecency (common law)	1.6	0	-	-
Other sexual crimes (SOSA 2009)*	14.8	13	1.21	61.54
Other sexual crimes (non-SOSA 2009)*	1.2	2	0.19	50
Threatening / Disclosure of intimate image*	5.2	9	0.84	55.56
Other Group 2 crimes	0	0	-	-
Other Group 2 crimes - Total	42.2	51	4.76	66.67
GROUP 3: CRIMES OF DISHONESTY	935.4	895	83.57	24.58
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house	39.2	23	2.15	34.78
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non dwelling	43	51	4.76	25.49
Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises	38.8	32	2.99	56.25
	121	106	9.9	36.79
Opening Lockfast Places - Motor Vehicle	27.8	17	1.59	11.76
Theft of a motor vehicle	49.8	39	3.64	30.77

Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Insecure etc.)	52	37	3.46	13.51
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	5	5	0.47	0
Motor vehicle crime - Total	134.6	98	9.15	19.39
Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle	14.8	21	1.96	14.29
Common theft	246	268	25.03	17.91
Theft by shoplifting	248.2	170	15.87	45.88
Fraud	90.2	158	14.75	13.92
Other Group 3 Crimes	80.6	74	6.91	14.86
GROUP 4: FIRE-RAISING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF etc.	396.2	434	40.53	16.13
Fireraising	20.6	29	2.71	13.79
Vandalism (including malicious mischief)	351.8	380	35.48	14.74
Reckless conduct (with firearms)	0.8	1	0.09	100
Culpable and reckless conduct (not with firearms)	21.2	24	2.24	37.5
Other Group 4 Crimes	1.8	0	-	-
GROUP 5: OTHER (PRO-ACTIVITY) CRIMES	423.4	434	40.53	89.4
Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)	15.6	15	1.4	73.33
Handling bladed/pointed instrument	13.6	24	2.24	95.83
Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*	7.6	8	0.75	75
Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)*	6.2		0.19	50
Total offensive/bladed weapons	43	49	4.58	83.67
Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs	4.2	1	0.09	200
Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)	17.6	34	3.17	82.35
Bringing drugs into prison	0	0	-	-
Supply of drugs - Total	21.8	35	3.27	85.71
Possession of drugs	187.6	185	17.28	86.49
Other drugs offences (incl. importation)	1	6	0.56	66.67
Total drugs crimes	210.4	226	21.1	85.84
Offences relating to serious and organised crime	0.2	0	-	-
Bail offences (other than absconding)	82.4	69	6.44	98.55
Other Group 5 crimes	87.4	90	8.4	94.44
GROUP 6: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES	878.2	945	88.24	67.94
Common Assault	349.8	448	41.83	58.93
Common Assault (of emergency workers)	32	39	3.64	105.13
Common Assault - Total	381.8	487	45.48	62.63
Breach of the Peace	12.6	6	0.56	100
Threatening & abusive behaviour	332	328	30.63	72.87
Stalking	10.4	7	0.65	114.29
BOP, S38 & S39 Crim Just & Lic (S) Act 2010 - Total	355	341	31.84	74.19
Racially aggravated harassment/conduct*	13	5	0.47	120
Drunk and incapable	4.4	2	0.19	100
Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law	10.2	2	0.19	100
Other alcohol related offences*	5	6	0.56	116.67
Drunkenness and other disorderly conduct (TOTAL)	19.6	10	0.93	110
Wildlife offences*	4.2	2	0.19	100

Other Group 6 offences	104.6	100	9.34	65
GROUP 7: OFFENCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES	594.8	657	61.35	81.28
Dangerous driving offences	29	33	3.08	63.64
Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen	52.2	62	5.79	98.39
Speeding offences	38.4	20	1.87	100
Driving while disqualified	10.6	11	1.03	100
Driving without a licence	54	44	4.11	100
Failure to insure against third party risks	125	131	12.23	100.76
Driving Carelessly	4.2	7	0.65	100
Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)	6.8	11	1.03	100
Using a motor vehicle without test certificate	53	69	6.44	85.51
Other Group 7 offences	4	6	0.56	100

**REPORT TO: POLICE, FIRE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE: 10 November 2022

BY: Executive Director for Place

SUBJECT: Tackling Antisocial Behaviour

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1 PURPOSE

To advise the Committee on the number, type and geographical breakdown of antisocial behaviour complaints received by East Lothian Council during the reporting period (1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022) and to advise on actions taken in response to same.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee notes the terms of the report.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The number of antisocial complaints received by East Lothian Council during the reporting period was 951. This compares to a figure of 973 received during the equivalent period in 2021 and represents a 2 % *decrease* in the number of complaints received. Comparisons with the 2020 figure (1295) show a 27% decrease; thereby, suggesting that the level of complaints are stabilising following upon the unprecedented dislocation caused by the pandemic.

3.2 Appendix 1 provides a linear analysis of antisocial behaviour complaints made to East Lothian Council from 2017 / 2018 to date.

3.3 Of the 951 complaints received, 417 related to antisocial noise, 154 were youth related, 127 to drug misuse with the remaining 253 consisting of, *amongst other things*, shouting, swearing, neighbour disputes and verbal abuse. The diagram at Appendix 2 offers a visual representation of the breakdown in terms of case type.

3.4 In terms of *loci*, 34% of the 951 complaints were from Musselburgh and the surrounding environs, 20% from Tranent, 12% from Dunbar, 17% from Prestonpans, 12% from Haddington and 5% from North Berwick. The

diagram at Appendix 3 offers a visual representation of geographical breakdown.

- 3.5 During the reporting period, 139 referrals were made to the mediation service. Following upon a review of the way in which lower level antisocial behaviour complaints were being processed on receipt, cases are now, at first instance, referred to the mediation service with a view to diverting parties away from traditional enforcement interventions.
- 3.6 Three multi-agency Problem Solving Partnerships (PSPs) closed during the period due to a reduction in the levels of antisocial behaviour in each of their respective areas of jurisdiction; the first had been established to address the antisocial behaviour being perpetrated by a small minority of young people within the Preston / Seton / Gosford ward, the second to address antisocial behaviour occurring in Haddington Town Centre and the third in relation to youth related antisocial behaviour issues in Dunbar. Actions taken included, *amongst other things*, joint police / council visits to the homes of youths identified as having behaved antisocially, increased hi-visibility community warden / police patrols of affected areas, multi-agency case based discussions taking place with regard to those identified as forming part of “the core groups”, the initiation of targeted one-to-one and group diversionary youth work, the provision of “open” youth facilities and outreach work, the deployment of mobile CCTV units and the use of communications to highlight the collaborative work being undertaken by each PSP. Membership across the PSPs included representatives from the Safer Communities Team, Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Education, Social Work, Housing, Sports, Countryside and Leisure, Connected Communities, Community Councils, Elected Members, Business Associations, local sports clubs, Tenants and Residents Associations and the third sector (including MYPAS, the Pennypitt Trust and “Heavy Sounds”).
- 3.7 There are 6 live Antisocial Behaviour Orders in East Lothian. There is currently one live eviction case before Edinburgh Sheriff Court. The Antisocial Behaviour Case Monitoring Group continues to meet on a 4 weekly basis to ensure that the more *serious, complex and persistent* cases are addressed from a multi-agency perspective; there are currently 52 cases being so monitored, 23 of which are drug related.
- 3.8 The Antisocial Behaviour Overview and Officer Groups, along with the weekly Tasking and Co-ordinating Group, met throughout the reporting period; the latter of these multi-agency groups informs the deployment of Police Officers, Community Wardens, Neighbourhood Outreach Youth Workers and mobile CCTV cameras, of which there are now 6, to antisocial behaviour “hotspots”, with said deployments being made on an analysis of complaint levels and received intelligence.
- 3.9 Officers continue to participate in the national Antisocial Behaviour Officers Forum, the Scottish Community Safety Network and the Scottish Mediation Network.

- 3.10 The Overview Group is currently overseeing a refreshing of the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy; a cross-service working group consisting of senior officers and police representatives is due to meet during November 2022 with a view to managing the consultation process through to final ratification in 2023.
- 3.11 During the reporting period, 87 joint Police / Council letters were sent to the parents of children whom the police had identified as being present in instances and areas affected by antisocial behaviour; all such letters were copied to Education, Children's Wellbeing, Police Scotland's Youth Justice Officer and to the relevant Area Housing Office where the child formed part of council tenancy household.
- 3.12 Street-based youth outreach work continued throughout the reporting period in the county's major towns with other forms of traditional generic and targeted face-face youth diversionary work reverting to pre-pandemic delivery models.
- 3.13 A review of the Night Time Noise Service, suspended in April 2020, has been incorporated in to the broader service review taking place within the council's Protective Services division. Police Scotland continue to supply East Lothian Council with a list of all noise complaints on a weekly basis. Council officers, within the context of the Antisocial Behaviour Policy, then follow up each individual complaint. An alternative method of capturing contemporaneous evidence continues in the form of noise monitoring devices. The planned use of the recently procured "Noise App", allowing complainers to contemporaneously record instances of noise and to send them to the safer communities' team for analysis, is in final stages of implementation subject to concluding data protection matters.
- 3.14 Within the context of formal antisocial behaviour investigations, normal face-to-face contact with complainers and perpetrators has resumed following upon the disruption caused by the pandemic.
- 3.15 The Community Wardens have maintained a high-visibility street presence throughout the reporting period. Apart from their routine duties of attending to fly-tipping, littering, graffiti, dog fouling and lower level antisocial behaviour complaints, officers participated in the multi-agency effort in managing the coastal areas throughout the summer months. Currently the team forms part of the multi-agency effort in promoting and protecting community safety in the lead up to both Halloween and Bonfire night.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 The subject of this report has been through the Integrated Impact Assessment process and no negative impacts have been identified.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – None.

6.2 Personnel - None.

6.3 Other – None.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

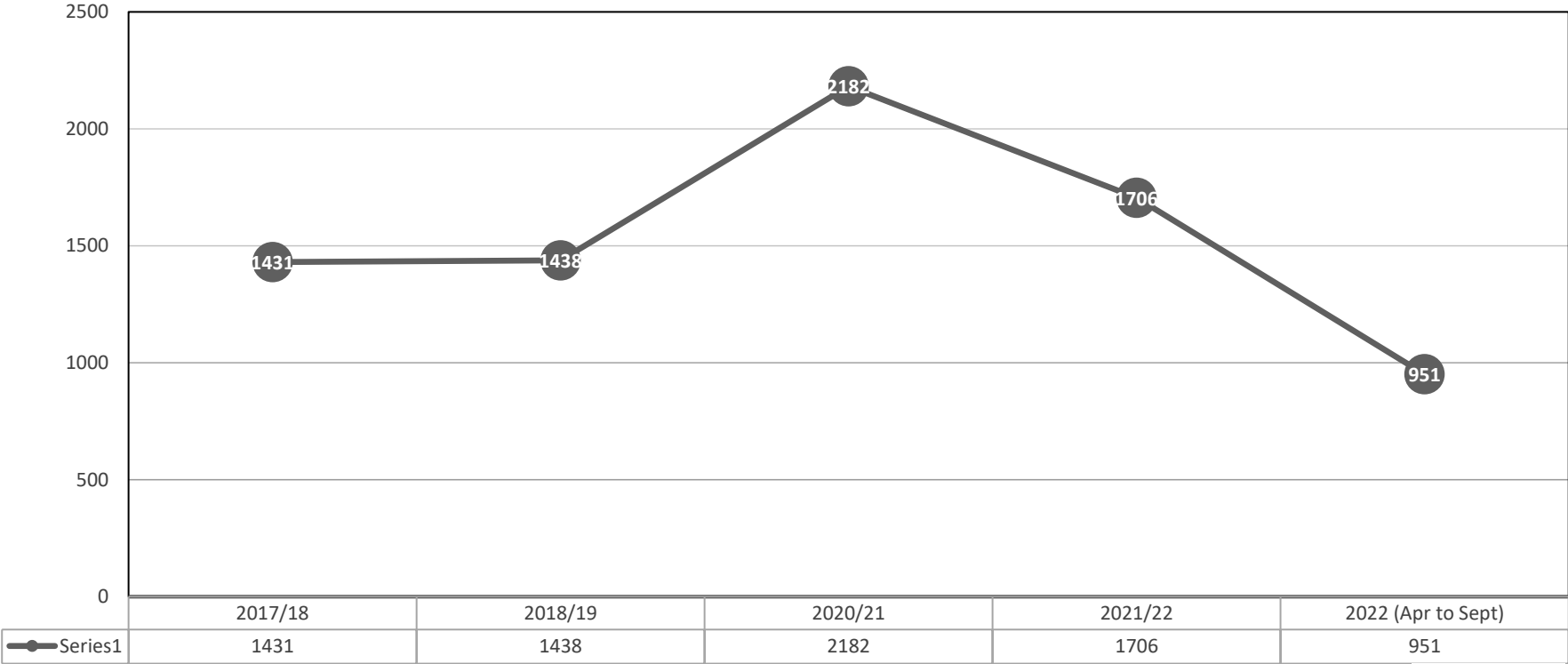
7.1 Appendix 1 Graph – Antisocial Behaviour Complaints made to East Lothian Council 2017-2022.

7.2 Appendix 2 Chart showing breakdown of case type (1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022).

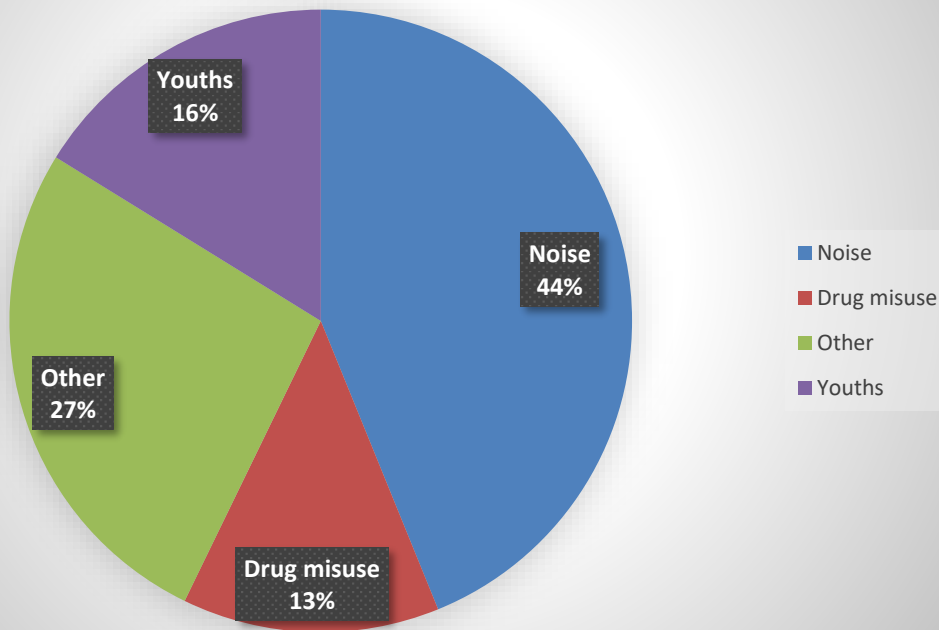
7.3 Appendix 3 Chart showing geographical breakdown (1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022).

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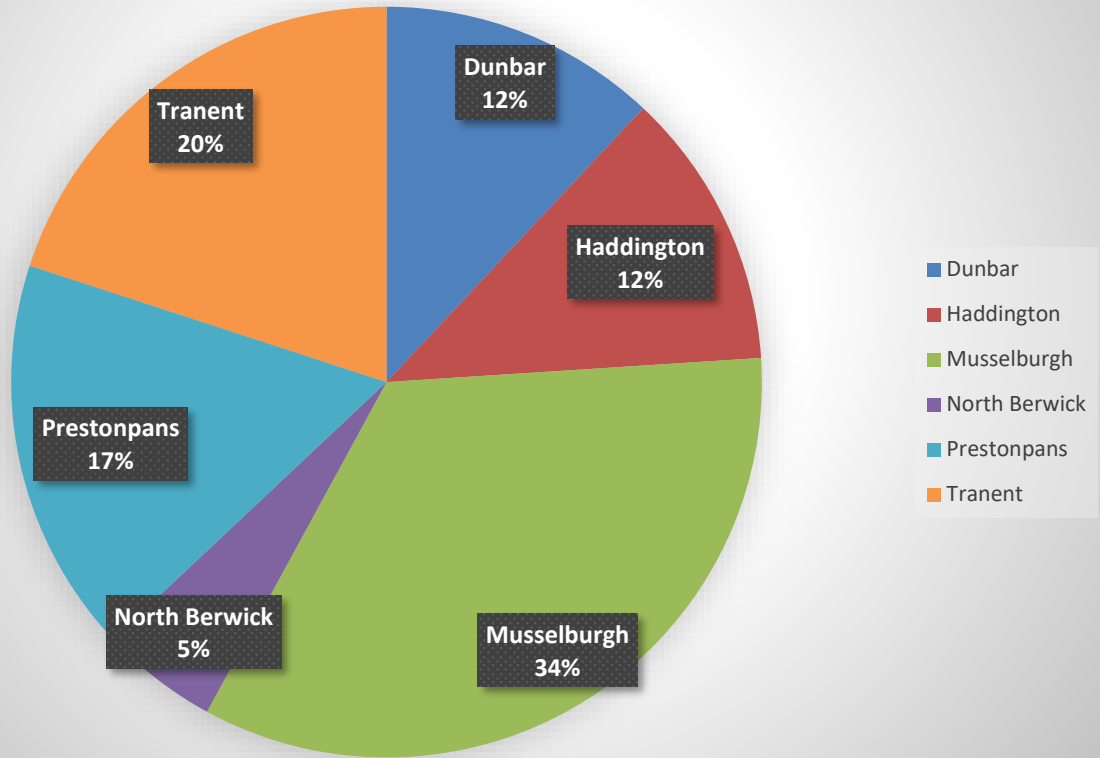
Number of Antisocial Behaviour Calls made to East Lothian Council



Complaint Type % 1st April - 30th September 2022



**Geographical Breakdown of
Antisocial Behaviour Cases %
1st April 2022- 30th September 2022**



Meeting Date	Performance Monitoring/ Inspection Reports	Other Reports / Reports Requested by Members	Deadline for Reports	Pre-Meet Date
Thurs 10th Nov 2022 (2.00pm)	Police Scotland Scrutiny Report Q1 and Q2 Fire Service Local Performance Report Q1 and Q2	ELC Antisocial Behaviour Report	Mon 31 st Oct 2022	Mon 7 th Nov 2022 (9.00am)
Thurs 11th May 2023 (2.00pm)	Police Scotland Scrutiny Report Q3 and Q4 Fire Service Local Performance Report Q3 and Q4	ELC Antisocial Behaviour Report	Mon 1 st May 2023	Mon 8 th May 2023 (9.00am)