

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 22 May 2018	15:00	Corporate Meeting Room 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

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Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Bill Binks: Councillor John Hood: Councillor Kenny MacLaren: Councillor Iain Nicolson:

Councillor Marie McGurk (Convener):

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To: POLICE AND FIRE & RESCUE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

On: 22 MAY 2018

Report by: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES

**Heading: SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE TRANSFORMATION
CONSULTATION – “YOUR SERVICE....YOUR VOICE”**

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is currently consulting on their Transformation Strategy entitled “Your Service... Your Voice”. The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is keen to engage with all partners and stakeholders that might have an interest in the future of fire & rescue services and is offering an opportunity to comment on their draft transformation plan via their website at:
<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/transformation/public-consultation.aspx>
- 1.2 The strategy sets out the vision for the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Transformational programme, looking at efficiencies and ensuring that Scottish Fire & Rescue Services can respond to current issues facing communities and future issues that they can see arising as communities develop and change. In particular, it looks at the future role of a firefighter being more extensive and formally including a number of areas of activity that are currently developing across fire and rescue services:
- Emergency medical response
 - Multi-Agency response (Terrorism)

- Response to environmental events
 - Wider youth and social prevention work
 - Inspection and enforcement responsibilities
- 1.3 The final date for submissions to the consultation was 14 May 2018, however, following agreement with the Local Senior Officer, this has been extended for Renfrewshire Council to allow the Council's response to be approved at this meeting.
- 1.4 In the attached proposed response, Renfrewshire Council welcomes the opportunity to review and respond to the Transformation strategy, in particular the focus contained in the strategy on emerging risks and on partnership working, including domestic abuse. The proposed response from the Council is attached for approval as Appendix 1.
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2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee:

- 1.1 Notes the consultation on the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Transformation consultation entitled – “Your Service...Your Voice”.
- 2.2 Approves the Council's response to the consultation as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service was formed in April 2013 and has statutory responsibilities set out by The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 as amended by the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. These statutory responsibilities include:
- Provision of advice and guidance relating to fire safety
 - Responsibility to respond to fires and road traffic collisions
 - Response to chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear incidents
 - Response to serious flooding
 - Response to serious transport incidents
 - Response to urban search and rescue in incidents of building collapse

- 3.2 The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is currently consulting on a proposed Transformation Strategy entitled “Your Service... Your Voice”. As part of this transformation consultation, the vision for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is:

“To deliver a modern, flexible and efficient fire and rescue service to meet the changing needs in our communities”.

- 3.3 The current Scottish Fire and Rescue Service model has served Scotland well, however it is acknowledged that it was originally designed to meet the needs of communities in the 1940’s. Since then there has been a decrease in the numbers of fires (including a 55% decrease since 1994) and a number of new and emerging risks have developed.

- 3.4 Some of these changing risks include the impact arising from:

- Severe weather
- International terrorism
- An ageing population

- 3.5 The proposed transformation strategy highlights that there is a need to change in order to protect the safety of firefighters and also the safety of the communities that they serve. To achieve this, it is proposed that firefighters will be trained in a wider emergency response role and they will be supported by the necessary training and equipment and improved working procedures.

- 3.6 The proposed transformational strategy is a four-year programme and looks at changing the role of the firefighter to being more extensive and formally including a number of areas of activity that are currently developing across fire and rescue services:

- Emergency medical response
- Multi-Agency response (Terrorism)
- Response to environmental events
- Wider youth and social prevention work
- Inspection and enforcement responsibilities

- 3.7 The transformational change in the strategy includes proposals that will extend and develop the involvement of fire and rescue service employees in partnership work, with a potential for there to be a significant impact on their role in promoting and supporting wider individual and public protection activities. The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is almost unique amongst uniformed professionals in the way in which it is welcomed into people’s

homes and businesses and this provides the opportunity, with appropriate training and support for Fire & Rescue Service personnel to identify and support those that might be vulnerable within our communities and alert relevant agencies to prevent unintentional harm happening to these vulnerable residents. This could have a significant impact and the proposals are focused on 3 key areas of activity:

Reducing demand across public services

- 3.8 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has a unique opportunity to contribute to improving wellbeing with access to over 72,000 properties per year. This focus would result in more preventative work and within that the Service is also looking to formalise their role in tackling anti-social behaviour, reducing reoffending and working in partnership to tackle domestic abuse.
- 3.9 The current operating model limits the time firefighters can spend on prevention, intervention and diversion work. A change to this operating model would see more availability of personnel and resources at the time required to conduct this work effectively, further reducing the risk of fires but also delivering real benefits in demand and cost reduction for wider services including health, social care and justice. This vision and focus is very much to be welcomed for the potential benefits it will bring for local communities. It aligns very well with the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership and hub model currently working within Renfrewshire and will support the developing Safer Greener Communities approach as it develops its work in relation to victims of unintended harm.

Operating more efficiently

- 3.10 The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service operating model was established 70 years ago and has remained fundamentally unchanged. This includes having the same level of firefighter capacity available irrespective of the time of day despite incident statistics showing that the majority of incidents now take place during daytime hours.
- 3.11 The transformation strategy looks at moving to a more flexible service model with for example, night time crews operating between 11pm and 7am. The service is also proposing to look at the numbers of firefighters deployed in a crew as Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is the only service in mainland UK to deploy designated 'first' appliances with a crew of five (all other fire and rescue services in England and Wales currently operate safely with 4).
- 3.12 The other strand of operating more efficiently would involve the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service in reviewing their property footprint across Scotland and looking at having fire stations located where they are most needed.

- 3.13 Advances in technology will also be used to allow the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service to react quicker in the first few minutes of a fire and to assist in the deployment of the right combination of vehicles to be sent to an emergency, to ensure the most effective and efficient response capability is sent to all incidents.

Take positive steps to improve the availability of Retained Duty Systems (RDS)

- 3.14 The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service has approximately 240 fire stations that operate as Retained Duty Systems (RDS). The transformation strategy looks at how the Service can take positive steps to improve the availability of RDS appliances in order to ensure that rural communities get the same level of protection as urban areas.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – None.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community Planning** –

Our Renfrewshire is safe – By focusing on key areas of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and setting their vision and transformation process, Renfrewshire should be a safer place to live, work and visit.
4. **Legal** – None.
5. **Property/Assets** – None.
6. **Information Technology** – None.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** – The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety** – None.
 9. **Procurement** – None.
 10. **Risk** – None.
 11. **Privacy Impact** – None.
 12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None.
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List of Background Papers – None

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Renfrewshire Council's response to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Transformation Consultation

Your Organisation: Renfrewshire Council

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation – Yes

Do you agree with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service overall vision for transformation – Yes

Please say what the main benefits for Scotland may be:

The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is almost unique amongst uniformed professionals in the way in which it is welcomed into people's homes and businesses and this provides the opportunity, with appropriate training and support for Fire & Rescue Service personnel to identify and support those that might be vulnerable within our communities and alert relevant agencies to prevent unintentional harm happening to these vulnerable residents.

Renfrewshire Council works closely with the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service locally as a key community planning partner and has seen the benefits of this approach through the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership and Hub. The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service attend Daily Tasking each week day, bringing issues highlighted in the past 24/48 hours and also taking away referrals from other partners. This has allowed closer partnership working to develop and is delivering real benefits for communities and individuals across Renfrewshire.

The proposed Transformation strategy aligns well with the priorities of Renfrewshire Council as set out in both the Council Plan and Community Plan. In particular, the focus aligns with the focus and remit of the Renfrewshire Community Protection Chief Officer Group and Community Protection Steering Group. Scottish Fire & Rescue Service are a member of both groups and are contributing effectively to influence the development of the public protection agenda across Renfrewshire. The vision and focus of the proposed transformation strategy will strengthen this work and is welcomed for the potential benefits it will bring for local communities. It aligns very well with the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership and hub model currently working within Renfrewshire and will support the Safer Greener Communities approach as it develops its work in relation to victims of unintended harm.

In particular, Renfrewshire Council welcomes the commitment set out in the Transformation Strategy to supporting partners in tackling wider issues of vulnerability and avoidable harm in a partnership approach. The fact that this includes tackling anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse is of particular relevance.

As detailed in the Transformational strategy, demographics and risks are changing across all communities and the focus on modernisation and on tackling and responding to these wider changes aligns well with the wider approach set out in the Renfrewshire Community Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

Statements

I trust Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to change its operating model – including station footprint – in ways that are safe for Scotland. **Agree**

Firefighters should be trained and equipped to meet the new and emerging risks Scotland faces. **Agree**

Changing the role of the firefighter to being more extensive and formally including a number of areas of activity that are currently developing across fire and rescue services including: Emergency medical response; Multi-Agency response (Terrorism); Response to environmental events; Wider youth and social prevention work; Inspection and enforcement responsibilities will require training and development for employees.

Firefighters should be rewarded for taking on an expanded role, and in accordance with the risks they take. **No comment**

Latest technology should be used where possible to improve firefighter and public safety. **Agree**

Firefighters could be trained to take on roles that would reduce the burden on other public services. **Agree**

A more flexible approach to crewing during the late evening and early morning hours would allow firefighters to do more during the day when demand is higher. **No comment**

Please say why you agreed or disagreed:

Renfrewshire Council welcomes the above statements and agrees with most of them as they align with Renfrewshire Council policies and plans. Where no comment is provided the statement relates to issues that require operational understanding and appropriate management information to be available and are felt to be outwith the remit of Renfrewshire Council to respond in relation to this transformational strategy. Where any specific proposals were being made in relation to operational changes that would impact on service provision within the Renfrewshire Council area the Council would expect the opportunity comment on and scrutinise the detailed proposals.

In particular:

- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service are the only ones that can know the exact model /footprint required to ensure the communities of Renfrewshire are safe. They will know frequencies and response time of calls and how manning stations will assist in tackling issues. As highlighted in the strategy, risks are changing therefore the locations of stations may need to change to be able to respond to different risks rather than a geographical spread to tackle fires. Where these proposals impacted on Renfrewshire Council area the Council would expect the opportunity to comment and ensure scrutiny of the detailed proposals being made.
- It is essential that all staff, including firefighters are trained in new risks, equipment, technology to ensure they can respond to any incident safely and effectively. If the role of firefighters is changing, training must be delivered to all staff. This should also be rolled out as appropriate to partner agencies to ensure their understanding of their role in supporting the Fire & Rescue Service in responding to incidents is understood.
- If modern technology can be used to improve outcomes for communities and reduce risks, it should be tested and if appropriate, used. This is both for communities and firefighters as depending on the incident, time is of the essence.
- Partnership working is essential to maximise efficiencies and prevent duplication. By working in partnership e.g. through the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership, partners can be disposed incidents that would previously have been tackled by different organisations e.g. anti-social behaviour could also be tackled by Police Scotland or the Renfrewshire Wardens. Close working means that only one agency would be the lead and tackle the issue appropriately.
- All public bodies should be looking at their roles, when incidents happen and be flexible to change management to target issues that arise. From the Transformation strategy, it appears that most incidents are during the day, therefore it is reasonable to expect that most resource is available during this time – however, this is one for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to review and assess with detailed operational and management information.

What single thing is most important to you about the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service?

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is a key partner within the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership and therefore their contribution is valued and respected. This close working and trusted relationship is most important to Renfrewshire Council. This allows the best outcomes for the communities with regards to the Public Protection agenda.

Do you think there is anything the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service should NOT do as part of transformation?

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service should look at best practice across Scotland and see how they can feed into and expand into other areas. The Service should continue to consult on and engage with partners as the detail of the strategy is developed and implemented

Do you have any final comments?

Renfrewshire Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Transformation strategy and will work closely with the local Scottish Fire & Rescue Service team to ensure that partnership working is maintained and Renfrewshire remains a safe place to live, work and visit.



To: POLICE AND FIRE & RESCUE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

On: 22 MAY 2018

Report by: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES

Heading: Consultation, Annual Review of Policing 2017/18 by Scottish Police Authority (SPA)

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 states that the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) must prepare an annual report as soon as practicable after the end of each reporting year. The most recent report was presented to the Scottish Parliament at the end of June 2017 and covers the 2016/2017 financial year.
 - 1.2 Susan Deacon, chair of the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) wrote to all Conveners/chairs of scrutiny committees on 26 April 2018 asking for the appropriate Boards to inform the development of the upcoming annual review of Policing (2017/18).
 - 1.3 To this end, the SPA is currently undertaking the review with consultation responses to be returned by Friday 29 June 2018. A copy of the proposed consultation response by Renfrewshire Council to the SPA is attached as Appendix 1 for the approval of the Board.
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2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee:

- 2.1 Notes the consultation on the Annual Review of Policing 2017/18 and the request for responses by 29 June 2018.
 - 2.2 Approves the draft response to the consultation detailed in Appendix 1.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 states that the Scottish Police Authority must prepare an annual report as soon as practicable after the end of each reporting year.
 - 3.2 The 2017/2018 Scottish Police Authority annual review will be the fifth since the single Police service came into force in Scotland.
 - 3.3 Renfrewshire Council responds to the review of Police Scotland on an annual basis.
 - 3.4 Police Scotland is a partner in the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership with a Police Sergeant acting as the Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) between Police Scotland and Renfrewshire Council.
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Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** – None.
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
- 3. **Community Planning**

Our Renfrewshire is safe – closer working with Police Scotland as part of the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership will lead to a safer Renfrewshire and improve the well-being of residents.

- 4. **Legal** – None.
- 5. **Property/Assets** – None.
- 6. **Information Technology** – None.

7. **Equality & Human Rights** – The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
 8. **Health & Safety** – None.
 9. **Procurement** – None.
 10. **Risk** – None.
 11. **Privacy Impact** – None.
 12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None.
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List of Background Papers – None

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Annual Review of Policing 2017/18: local scrutiny input

Name of Local Scrutiny Committee: Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee

1. 2017/18, how effective has Police Scotland's support for local scrutiny and engagement with your scrutiny committee been?

The dedicated Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee has now been in place for a year. Police Scotland are very active in assisting to prepare the agenda and in particular, bringing "spotlight" presentations to the scrutiny group that are topical - a recent example being the deployment of Armed Police Officers to discuss what their role within Police Scotland is. Attendance is always at a high level e.g. Divisional Commander or Superintendent which demonstrates buy in and commitment to the scrutiny process.

2. How well do you think your local police plan reflects community priorities?

The local Police plans are critical to reflecting community priorities and this has been particularly important in Renfrewshire. In particular, the move to the new Policing model on 4 April 2017 was very important to the communities as officers became more visible and this allowed communities to get to know and trust their community Police Officers.

The Local Police Plan (2017 – 2020) was consulted widely and highlighted five key priorities:

- Protecting People at Risk of Harm
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Violence, Antisocial behaviour, disorder and acquisitive crime
- Road safety and road crime
- Counter Terrorism and domestic terrorism

These were identified in conjunction with communities but also align with key Public Protection priorities within Renfrewshire Council and the Community Protection Chief Officers Group.

3. How effective do you think Police Scotland's reporting against local priorities been, in supporting your scrutiny?

Within Renfrewshire, the engagement by Police Scotland K Division senior officers at both our Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny sub-committee and local area committees has been well received by Elected Members and community representatives.

A detailed Police scrutiny report is presented by the Divisional Commander (or deputising Superintendent) at the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee at every meeting. This influences discussion and allows Elected Members present on the committee to question Police performance within the Renfrewshire Area.

At the Local Area Committees, the relevant Community Safety Police Inspector/Sergeant attends to update on local issues. There are 5 Local Area Committees within Renfrewshire and this significant commitment by Police Scotland gives comfort to residents, Community Councils and Elected Members that they have representatives that know the area and the problems therein. This is a perfect way for communities to understand Police priorities, but similarly for Police Scotland to clarify what is causing the communities concern. This two-way dialogue is a good example of scrutiny working as it should.

This close relationship also allows all Police information to be produced as part of regular Community Safety updates and highlights on-going partnership working.

4. What are the top three things about policing in your area which you think are working really well?

- Having Police Scotland and the Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) intrinsically embedded within the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership is critical for Daily Tasking and ensuring an early intervention approach to benefit the communities of Renfrewshire.
- The introduction of the revised Community Policing model has been successful and very well received by communities
- The aligning of priorities and strategies are critical to ensure the partnership works. This ensures that partnership resources can be deployed effectively to successfully tackle common issues e.g. anti-social behaviour where youth related incidents of anti-social behaviour are currently at an all time low.

5. What are your top three priorities for improvement?

Renfrewshire Council works very closely with Police Scotland therefore there is currently nothing that we would look to change, however, in relation to the scrutiny process there will be an increased focus on outcomes rather than simply statistics to allow a greater understanding for the scrutiny board of the issues and successes locally.

6. Are there any examples of good practice in your local area you want to highlight? Please provide details below.

Renfrewshire Council has a close and very positive working relationship with Police Scotland as an active and engaged partner in Community Planning; on the Public Protection Chief Officer Group; Adult Protection and Child Protection Committees and the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership Hub. With regards to the Community Protection Chief Officer Group, the Terms of Reference highlight that Police Scotland (Divisional Commander) is part of the core membership and on occasion the Divisional Commander has assumed the Chair of the meeting in the absence of the Chief Executive of the Council.

Police Scotland also provides a dedicated resource within the Community Safety Hub to allow quick and proactive liaison on all Community Safety issues. This Officer is part of the Daily Tasking process that brings together key partners including Housing, Social Work,

Adult Services, Children Services and Scottish Fire and Rescue as well as Police Scotland and Renfrewshire Council.

The involvement of Police Scotland is particularly important in the innovative and sector leading work that is being led by the Division on projects including Building Safer and Greener Communities and the Grey Space Group.

To ensure joint working at a strategic level, the Police Scotland Divisional Commander meets with the Renfrewshire Council Chief Executive and the Director of Environment & Communities on a monthly basis to discuss issues that have occurred and any planned joint working in the coming month.

There are a number of areas of partnership working to highlight within the Renfrewshire Council area and are similar to what was provided last year as they are still pertinent:

Daily Tasking

This partnership approach gets all key services (Police, Fire, Council, Mental Health, Housing, Adult Services, Social Work) together on a daily basis (9.30am) to review and allocate all incidents that have taken place in Renfrewshire within the past 24 hours. The Police Scotland Sergeant that acts as the LALO brings every relevant Police case report to tasking on a daily basis. The cases are referred to the service that can best assist with the problem and the processes supports early intervention and prevention. This process has been seen as an exemplar of best practice, with many other Councils and other public Services coming to see the Daily Tasking process in operation. The close partnership working allows cases to be resolved before they escalate to a higher level. If a partner can take away an action and resolve it, this leads to improved results for all partners. The process has supported a reduction in key youth crimes and anti-social behaviour of over 65% in vulnerable communities.

Building Safer and Greener Communities

A lot of work has also been taken forward locally by the Community Safety Partnership. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers have been active in the Renfrewshire area, and Police Scotland is taking the lead role in the Building Safer Greener Communities partnership approach which is linked directly to the national Building Safer Communities strategy to reduce victims of crime and victims of unintended harm across Scotland. To meet these demands, a multi-agency tasking group was introduced in Renfrewshire to develop the principles set out in the Building Safer Communities National Strategy. The aims are to reduce victims of crime and unintentional harm through multi-agency interventions in key communities. The project is Chaired and driven by Police Scotland with all partners feeding into 2 weekly meetings to focus on particular areas of need as identified by Police Scotland and the Community Safety Partnership analyst.

Since 2016, the project has visited 3 areas and completed appropriate action plans. These areas were Ferguslie, Gallowhill and Erskine, with lessons being learned and implemented for the next target area. The programme is always improving to improve areas both in the short and long term.

MARAC

The establishment of the Renfrewshire Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) in October 2015 was to bring together all partners and key stakeholders. The MARAC is chaired by Police Scotland, facilitated by Renfrewshire Council and is a collaboration of all agencies that have an input into domestic violence. The 4 weekly meetings are conducted on a case by case basis to reduce the potential for domestic violence to both the victim and the perpetrator. The Renfrewshire MARAC has been extremely successful with the learnings and development being used by other local authorities as an exemplar of good practice. The Renfrewshire MARAC has brought together key local services including a number of Council services such as Community Safety, Development & Housing Services, Social Work, Education and Community Justice as well as key partner agencies including, NHS, Police Scotland, and Woman's Aid. The meetings are designed to:

- Share information to increase the safety, health and well-being of victims and their children,
- Determine whether the perpetrator poses a significant risk to any particular individual or the general community,
- Construct and implement a risk management plan that provides professional support to all those at risk and that reduces the risk of harm,
- Reduce repeat victimisation,
- Improve agency accountability,
- Improve support for staff involved in high risk domestic violence cases, and
- Agencies to take ownership of tasks to help contribute to the safety around the victim and their household family.

In a single meeting, the MARAC combines up to date risk information with a timely assessment of a victims needs and links those directly to the provision of appropriate services for all those involved in a domestic violence case; victim, children, perpetrator and agency workers. At a MARAC meeting, high risk cases are discussed with a very brief and focused information sharing process. This is followed by the creation of an individualised multi-agency action plan which is put into place to support the victim and to make links with other public protection procedures. Issues relating to children such as conflict over child contact, pregnancy and perception of harm to children are key indicators of risk in the domestic abuse risk assessment process. Thus a substantial number of victims who become MARAC cases have children. Police Scotland and other bodies are now referring all the cases to MARAC who fulfil the MARAC criteria. Police Scotland chair MARAC and also MATAC which has a focus on perpetrators of crime and is closely aligned to MARAC.

7. What would you like to see the SPA to do more of, to help you in your role and to support better local outcomes?

As detailed above, partnership working and scrutiny is working well within Renfrewshire. It may be of assistance for the SPA to ensure this is replicated across other Divisions to ensure there is consistency for all local authorities.

About your local scrutiny arrangements

8. How would you describe your local scrutiny arrangements for policing?

- **Dedicated Policing or Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee or Sub Committee**
- **Scrutiny committee looking at wider range of services**
- **Community Safety Committee / Community Planning Sub Committee**
- **Full Council**
- **Political lead and strategic discussion at full council or committee, and local discussion at area / neighbourhood level**
- **Other – please describe**

The main local scrutiny committee for Renfrewshire Council is a dedicated Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee of the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board. However, papers can be presented to other groups for additional scrutiny as detailed below.

- Local Area Committees (covering all 43 Elected Members)
- The Community Planning Partnership Board
- Community Protection Chief Officers Group

9. How many elected members are regularly involved in your local scrutiny process?

The Police and Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee is the main forum for scrutiny of Police Scotland within Renfrewshire Council and consists of 6 elected members. It should be noted that attendance is on a rolling basis where Elected Members can be chosen from the wider Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board which consists of 15 Elected Members. As noted above in addition to this there is the opportunity for all local elected members to be involved in scrutiny at the Local Area Committees

10. Is there any additional information or feedback you would like to share?

Renfrewshire Council and Police Scotland have an excellent working relationship and a trust that allows a close working relationship. This is hopefully portrayed and highlighted in the responses above.

This response -

This response will inform the Annual Review of Policing, and local examples and comments will be included within the Review document.

Yes – Renfrewshire Council and the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee are happy for these comments to be included within the review document.

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback and information.

Responses should be sent to - SPACommunityAccountability@spa.pnn.police.uk by Friday 29th June 2018.

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Report to	Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee
Date report completed	30/04/2018
Subject	Police Scotland Scrutiny Board Report

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Inverclyde Council Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub Committee of Police Scotland's performance and activities during the reporting period April 2017 – February 2018.

PERFORMANCE

2. The management information provided in this report is supplemented by the appendix which provides statistical information relating to the period 2017/18, and relates to the specific key objectives detailed in the Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2017-2021.

A summary of the key performance indicators are provided below:

Murder has increased by 3, taking the total to 5 for the reporting period. 80% of these have taken place indoors and in the majority of cases, involve persons known to one another.

Although the number of serious assaults have increased by 6.5% in comparison to the same period last year, this figure is still below the 2016/17 yearly total. The detection rate has fallen by 11.8%. The shifting trend towards violence occurring in private settings poses difficulty in both the prevention and detection. Enquiries are often complex and protracted causing a delay in detection.

Common assaults have increased by 42, however the detection rate remains high, with only a slight decrease of 3% on last year's figure.

A number of these include assaults on police officers and other emergency workers. Assaults occurring between juveniles within education establishments/residential care, also account for a proportion.

Robberies fell to a 6 year low last year making this year challenging to match.

There have been 3 more crimes for this period bringing the total to 65 for the year to date. In the vast majority of these incidents, the victim and perpetrator are known to one another.

Hate Crime and offence detections remain high at 70% with only a small decrease on the same period last year.

There has been no further fatal road traffic casualties during the reporting period and a significant 30 less injured.

Housebreaking (including attempts) have increased by 13.4% compared to last year. Almost half of these incidents have occurred at non-dwelling or classified as 'other' premises (Includes garages and sheds).

POLICING PRIORITIES

3. Police Scotland is committed to working with its Community Planning partners in all sectors to keep the people of Scotland and its communities safe. Partnership working to achieve this goal is recognised as a critical element of our strategy.

Police Scotland Priorities
Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
Serious and Organised Crime
Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
Protecting People at Risk of Harm
Road Policing
Acquisitive Crime

Figure 1: Police Scotland Operational Priorities, 2017/18

Source: Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2017/18

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Renfrewshire Council are asked to note the contents of this report and the attached appendix.

VIOLENCE, DISORDER AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

5. Alcohol continues to be a factor in crimes of violence, we have a dedicated team of officers in our Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit who proactively police areas known to us for violence.

We work closely with our partners to educate and raise awareness of alcohol related violence, recently the 'One Punch' campaign ran nationally and many of the local license premises also assisted in this campaign.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

6. Within Renfrewshire & Inverclyde each Serious and Organised Crime group is managed by an officer of Chief Inspector or Inspector rank. Every officer in the division is briefed on these groups and are encouraged to submit intelligence in order for the division to manage the threat level. This also ensure that all officers are familiar with the members of Serious and Organised crimes groups.

COUNTER TERRORISM AND DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

7. Police Scotland is proud to support Counter Terrorism Policing's 'Action Counters Terrorism' (ACT Campaign) to encourage the public to help the police tackle terrorism and save lives by reporting suspicious behaviour and activity.

With the enduring terrorist threat, it is now more important than ever that everyone – including Police Scotland staff – plays their part in tackling terrorism.

Areas at increased risk of exposure to this type of incident continue to be patrolled daily.

PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK OF HARM

8. In March 2018 the social media campaign “**be greater than a hater**” was launched. It is designed to encourage and empower young people to recognise hate crime and report it.

The increasing usage of technology presents diverse and steadily increasing opportunities for criminality, particularly around child sexual abuse. This includes grooming for sexual purposes, online or webcam sexual extortion, live streaming of abuse and possession and sharing of indecent images of children.

On 27 March 2018 a public information campaign was launched on Online Child Sexual Abuse with the key aims of identifying and deterring perpetrators who pose a risk to children. The campaign is targeting perpetrators of online child sexual abuse and signposting them to relevant support pathways in order to prevent offending.

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

9. The Motorcycle Safety campaign was launched on 30 March 2018, running at varying periods throughout May – October. This campaign focuses on improving rider behaviour, particularly around the contributory factors which result in riders being killed or seriously injured on Scottish roads.

Officers will be adopting a proactive approach when dealing with dangerous and anti-social riding/driving practices.

During the month of May, Road Policing will be supporting sub-divisional officers within Renfrewshire operating days of action addressing local concerns and also working in partnership with Renfrewshire taxi enforcement officers.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

10. Pro-active patrols in key areas help deter offenders and we continue to promote safety advice and guidance via social media both locally and nationally, to ensure public maximise personal security at every opportunity.

APPENDIX

LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Renfrewshire
February 2018

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour					
		Apr 2017 - Feb 2018	Apr 2016 - Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
1	Total No Group1: Crimes of Violence	246	241	5 more	2.07%
2	Murder	5	2	3 more	150%
3	Attempted Murder	17	14	3 more	21.4%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	0	0	None	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	0	0	None	-
6	Serious Assault detection rate	68.5%	80.3%		-11.8%
7	Serious Assault	130	122	8 more	6.5%
8	Robbery detection rate	58.5%	93.5%		-35%
9	Robbery	65	62	3 more	-4.8%
10	Common assault detection rate	71.9%	74.9%		-3%
11	Common assault	1,611	1,560	42 more	2.68%
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	8,009	8,356	347 fewer	-4.1%

LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY BOARD - Renfrewshire
February 2018

Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour (continued)					
		Apr 2017 – Feb 2018	Apr 2016 – Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
13	Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported to the Police	1,965	2,029		-3.1%
14	Total Crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents	1,141	1,235		-7.6%
15	Percentage of Domestic Incidents that result in a crime being recorded	43.8%	43.8%		same
16	Total crimes and offences in domestic abuse incidents detection rate	65.2%	72.7%		-7.5%
17	Total Detections for Domestic Bail Offences	81	81		-
18	Ensure 95% of domestic abuse initial bail checks are conducted within a prescribed timeframe (24hrs)	92.6%	-		-
19	Hate Crime and offences detection rate	70.0%	74%		-4%%
Violence, Disorder & Antisocial Behaviour - Stop and Searches					
		Apr 2017 – Feb 2018	Apr 2016 – Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
20	Number of stop and searches conducted (total)	1,262	1,799		
21	Number of statutory stop and searches conducted	1,262	1,754		
22	Number of consensual stop and searches conducted	0	0		
23	Number of consensual stop and searches refused	0	-		
24	Number of seizures made	236	-		
<p>On the 11th May 2017 Police Scotland adopted a new code of practice on the use of stop and search. At this time the use of non-statutory (Consensual) search ceased. The period covered by this report includes searches conducted prior to the introduction of the code. The table above provides information on consensual searches carried out before 11th May. Further information on Police Scotland's use of stop and search and on the code of practice is available on the Police Scotland Website.</p>					

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Additional Identified Local Priorities					
		Apr 2017 – Feb 2018	Apr 2016 – Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
25	Number of detections for drugs supply, drugs productions, drugs cultivation	90	116		-22.4%
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	19.4%	25.5%		-6.1%
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	396	349	47 more	13.4%
28	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	697	921		-24.3%

Public Protection					
		Apr 2017 – Feb 2018	Apr 2016 – Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
29	Number of Sexual Crimes	287	275	12 more	4.3%
30	Sexual Crimes detection rate	44.9%	61.1%		-16.2%
31	Rape detection rate	34.5%	57.9%		-23.4%

Road Traffic Casualty Statistics				
	Apr 2017 – Feb 2018	Apr 2016 – Feb 2017	Victims	% Change
People Killed	2	2	same number	0.0%
People Seriously injured	31	49	18 fewer	-36.7%
People Slightly Injured	245	257	12 fewer	-5.0%
Children (aged<16) Killed	0	1	1 fewer	- 100.0%
Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	4	5	1 fewer	-33.3%

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Public Confidence					
		Apr 2017 - Feb 2018			
		Number of Complaints about the Police	Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents		
	Complaints received about the Police	181	34.6		
		On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
	Total Allegations Recorded	211	0	39	250



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Report to:	Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee
Date of Report:	19th April 2018
Report by:	Graeme Binning, Local Senior Officer (LSO) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Subject:	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Report
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PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) performance and activities during the reporting period February to March 2018.

PERFORMANCE

2. The information provided in this report and attached appendix relates to the specific key performance indicators detailed in the Renfrewshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017. The SFRS Local Senior Officer will be happy to meet with any Elected Members who wish to discuss specific Ward issues.

A summary of the key performance indicators is detailed below:

- a. The total number of Accidental Dwelling Fires decreased from **51** in the same period in 2017/18 to **50** in the current reporting period.
- b. The total number of All Non-Fatal Fire Casualties increased from **4** in the same period in 2017/18 to **6** in the current reporting period.
- c. The total number of incidents involving deliberate secondary Fires decreased from **56** to **45** in 2017/18 reporting period.
- d. The total number of Fires in Non-Domestic Buildings decreased from **12** in the same period to **7** in 2017/18 current reporting period.

- e. The total number of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal incidents increased from **128** in the same period in 2016/17 to **146** in the current reporting period.
- f. The total number of Road Traffic Collisions incidents attended by SFRS which resulted resulting in non-fatal casualties, increased from **3** in the same period in 2016/17 to **5** in the current reporting period.

PRIORITIES & INTERVENTIONS

- 3. SFRS is committed to working in partnership with Community Planning partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors in order to work together for a safer Scotland. Strengthening our relationship with and working in partnership to add value to our communities is critical to the success of our strategy.

The following activities are illustrative of SFRS arrangements in terms of partnership working and targeted engagement:

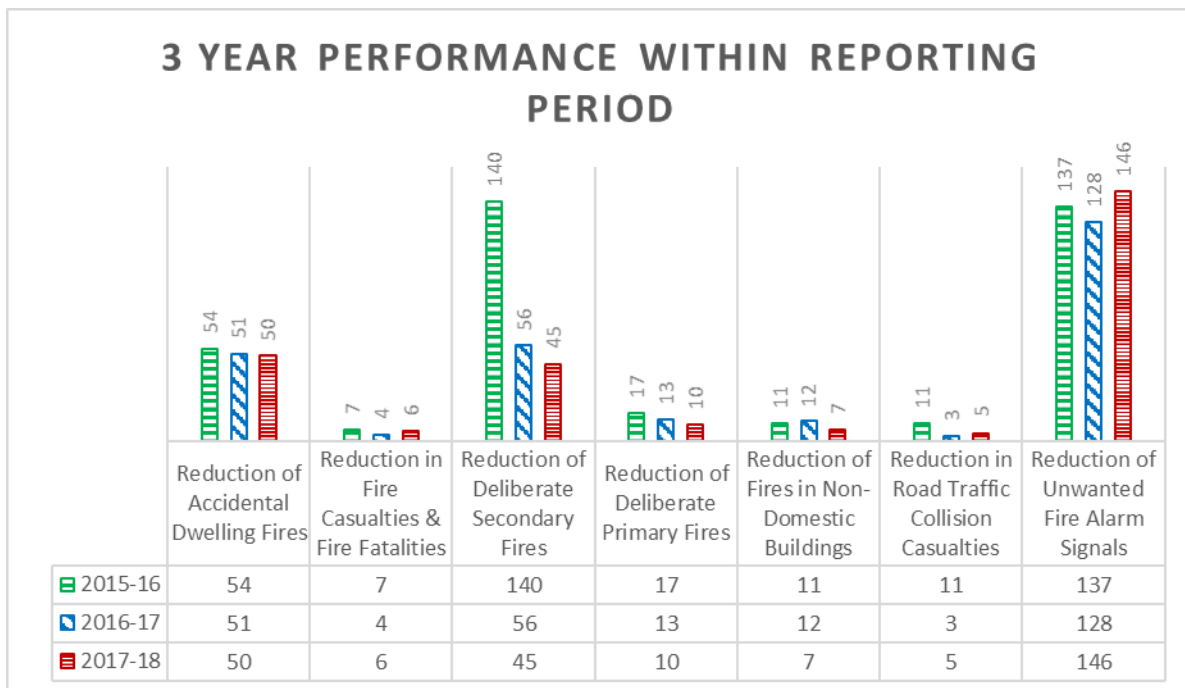
- a. The Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) attends the Daily Tasking Meetings within Renfrewshire Safety Hub on a daily basis and provides statistics of incidents within the Local Authority Area to ensure partners are aware of all fire related activity. This forum continues to deliver on achieving joint positive initiatives and outcomes.
- b. In support of partnership working the Community Action Team (CAT) have engaged with a number of key partners to promote Fire Safety in preparation for this year's Safe Kids event.
- c. The CAT conducted a number of information/awareness events to support the work of the SFRS Winter Thematic Action Plan including talks on deliberate fires.
- d. A total of **361** Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) was carried out in Renfrewshire during the reporting period. These HFSVs are carried out by our operational personnel and CAT officers who will conduct these visits jointly with partner agencies where deemed appropriate.
- e. Of these HFSVs:
 - i. **116** were recorded as high risk, many being referrals from Renfrewshire Community Planning partners to SFRS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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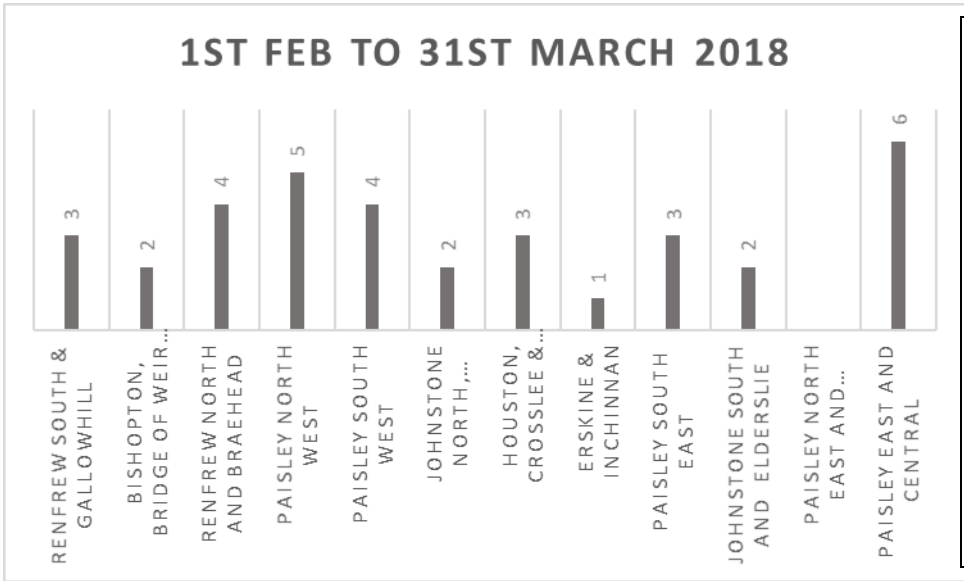
The graph below provides a comparative overview of the activity levels within the reporting period over the last 3 years.

1. THREE YEAR PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



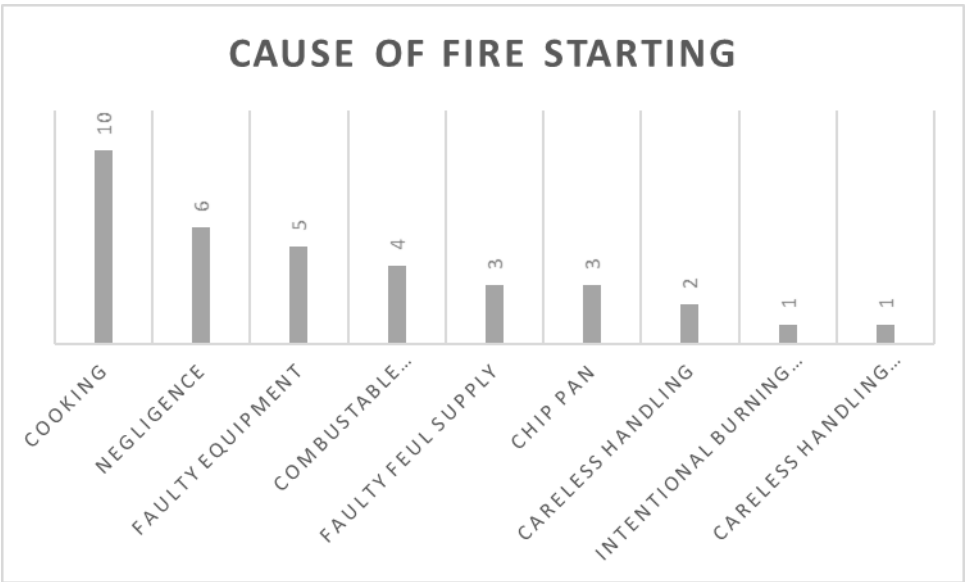
2. REDUCTION OF ACCIDENTAL DWELLING FIRES

2.1. Incidents by Ward



A slight decrease on the same period last year. This figure historically can fluctuate over short periods while statistically the overall yearly trend is downwards

2.2. Cause of Fire



As is evident from graph 2.2 cooking remains the most significant cause of accidental dwelling fires in Renfrewshire.

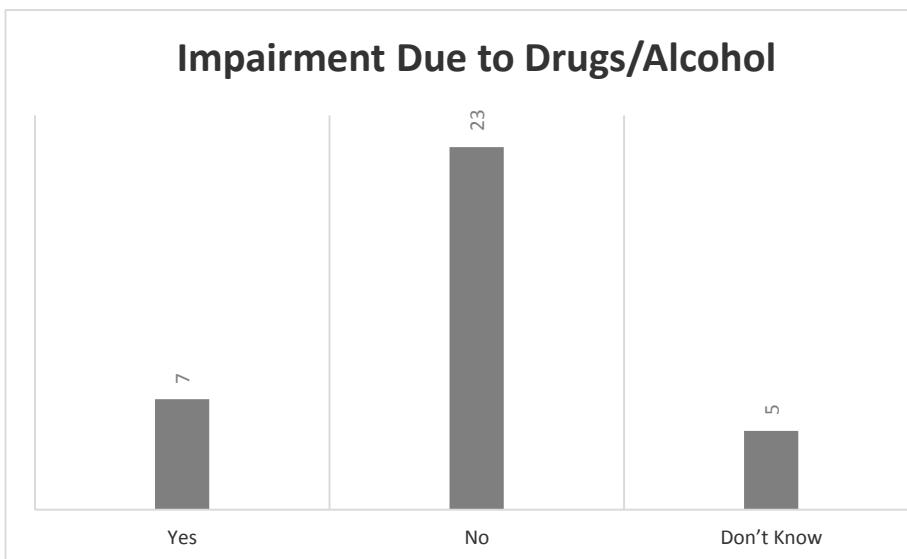
However further analysis of the information has shown that the majority of the incidents are small in nature and require no action by SFRS.

2.3. Location of Fire



The information within this graph links directly to 2.2 above where cooking was identified as the most common cause of fire and this is further confirmed with 17 fires starting within the kitchen.

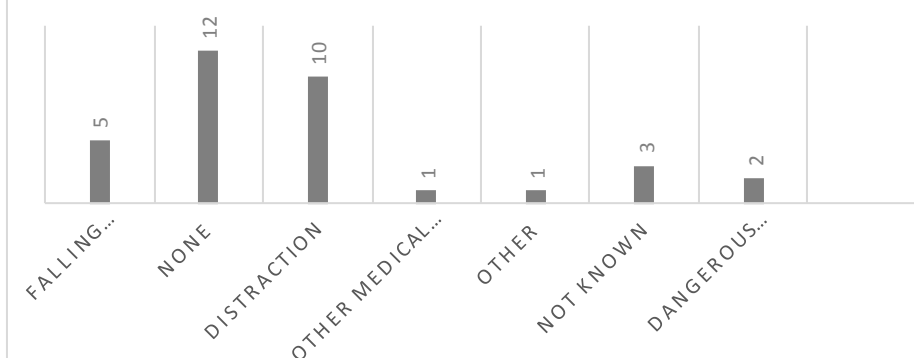
2.4. Human Factors



It is encouraging to see that 28 out of the 35 incidents that alcohol or drugs were not a factor.

However SFRS will continue to work with our partners to identify those most at risk and to then take steps to improve their safety

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO FIRE STARTING



Distraction continues to be a cause of fires in the home. The fires having other or no contributory factors are considered purely accidental.

3. REDUCTION OF FIRE CASUALTIES

3.1. Casualties by Ward

There were only 5 recorded fire casualties from this period, but unfortunately there was 1 additional male fatality as a result of receiving severe burns.

3.2. Casualties by Age and Gender

4 of the 5 fire casualties for this period were between 30 and 59 with the remaining fire casualty being between 80 and 89 (Note the fatality was a male between 90-99).

3.3. Extent of Harm

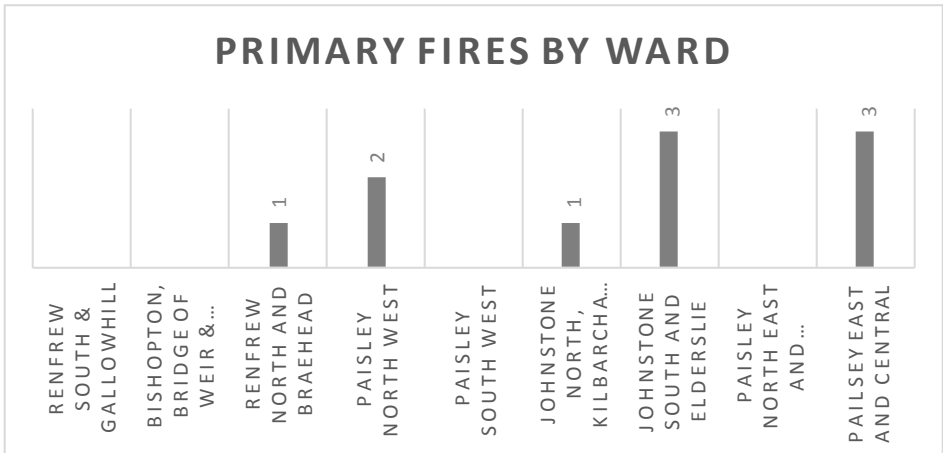
With the exception to the fatality all other incidents resulted in slight injury or requirement for a precautionary checks at the scene. The positive impact of early warning of fire provided by either standalone or linked smoke alarms is evident in terms of the reduction in the number of severe dwelling fires and the associated level of fire related injuries compared to 10 years ago.

4. REDUCTION OF DELIBERATE FIRE SETTING

4.1. Primary Fires

Primary fires are classed as those involving property which has a specific private or commercial value; and generally relates to building, structures or vehicle fires. During the reporting period there were a total of 10 deliberate primary fires; this is a decrease when compared to the same period in 2016/17 when there were 13 deliberate primary fires.

4.1.1. Incidents by Ward



4.1.2. Property Types



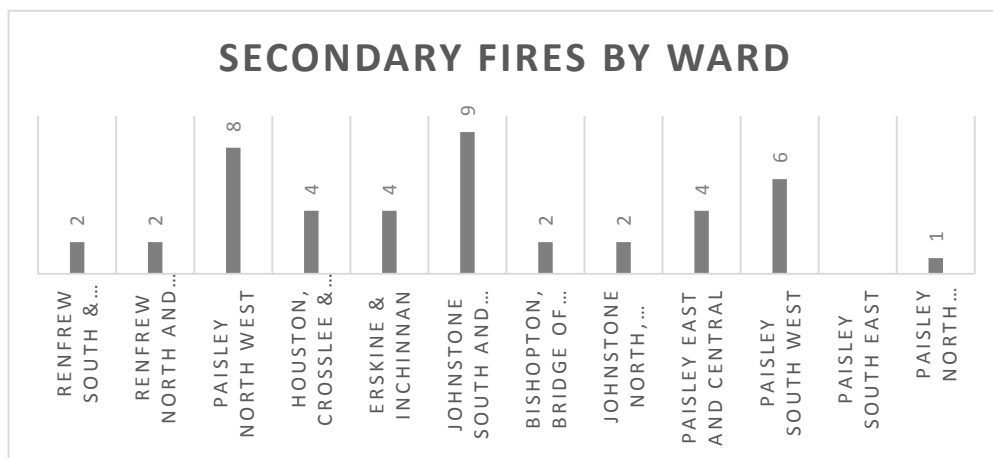
Deliberate fire setting is a criminal offence and SFRS will request Police Scotland to attend suspected deliberate primary fires when deemed appropriate. The SFRS Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) attends the Daily Tasking meeting in Renfrewshire to provide fire activity overviews for action as appropriate.

SFRS officers will also complete Community Intelligent Reports at incidents where deliberate fire setting occurs; these are passed to Police Scotland where relevant information is gathered and used to support further investigation.

4.2. Secondary Fires

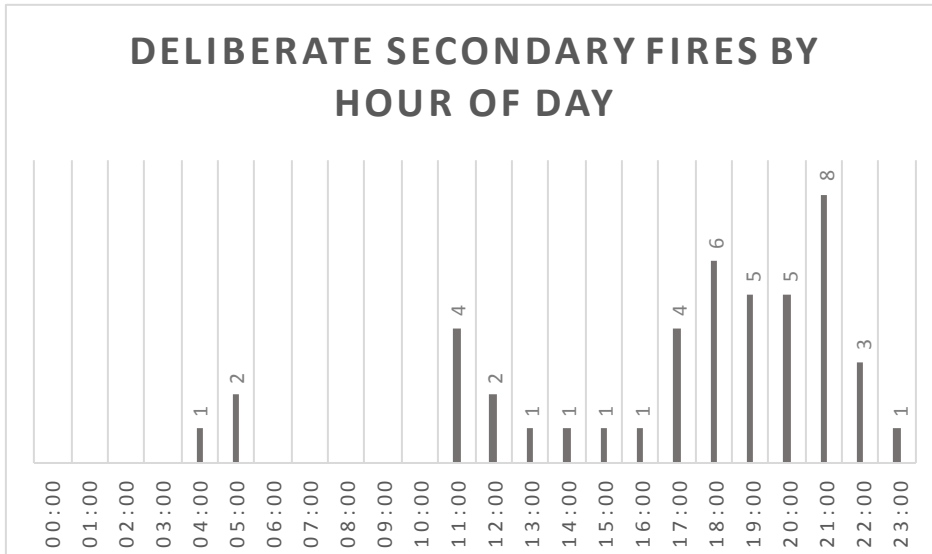
Secondary fires are classed as those involving derelict property (structures or vehicles), refuse, grassland and scrubland. During the reporting period there were a total of 45 deliberate secondary fires; this is a decrease when compared to the same period in 2016/17 when there were 58 deliberate secondary fires.

4.2.1. Incidents by Ward



SFRS works closely with our partners to provide appropriate engagement, education and intervention approaches. Schools in localities identified as having higher fire incidents are targeted and the CAT officers actively engage with the pupils to educate them on the dangers and subsequences of wilful fire setting.

4.2.2. Time of Day



Graph 4.2.2 shows it is evident the vast majority of fires occurred between 17:00hrs to 22:00hrs; this pattern anecdotally leads us to believe the majority of these fires have been started by school age young people who outwith these times at school.

The Fireskills programme also addresses wilful fire setting and educates young people on the impact of available front line emergency resources attending secondary fires and not being available for life threatening emergencies. The Prevention and Protection team is currently looking at funding streams to run more Fireskills courses.

4.2.3. Property Type



Work has been on-going through daily tasking to identify specific area of activity through sharing of information. This has resulted in an increased presence of Wardens, SFRS personnel and Police Scotland in the areas identified. There has also been on-going work with operational staff during the SFRS Winter Thematic Action Plan.

5. REDUCTION OF FIRES IN NON-DOMESTIC PREMISES

This category includes commercial premises, private lockups/ garages and other structures. These incidents are included in the Deliberate Primary Fires referred to in section 4.1.

5.1. Incident by Ward

There were a total of 7 recorded deliberate fires in non-domestic premises during the reporting period in:

- 2 in Johnstone North, Kilbarchan, Howood and Lochwinnoch
- 2 in Paisley Northwest
- 2 in Paisley Southwest
- 1 in Johnstone south and Elderslie

5.2. Property Types

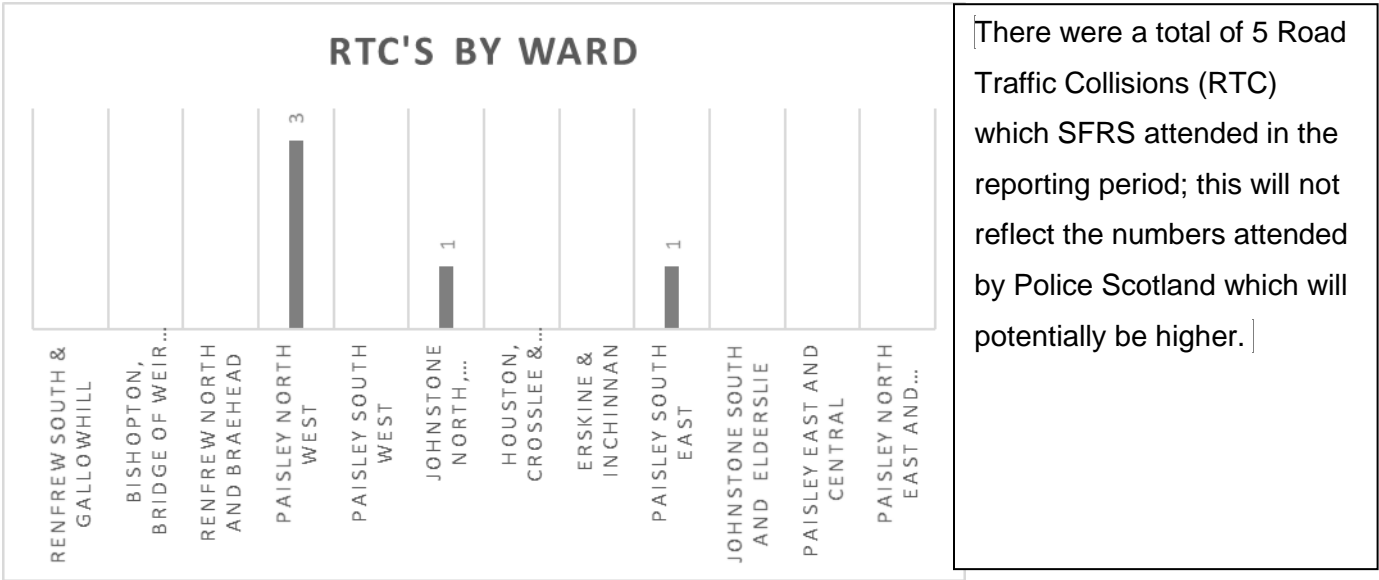
Of the 7 incidents,

- 2 where in in Takeaway, Fast Food properties,
- 1 Football stadium
- 1 hospital
- 1 secure unit
- 1 residential Children's home
- 1 primary school

All fires in non-domestic premises which are classed as relevant premises under The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 will be subject to a post fire audit. These are conducted by specialist Fire Safety Enforcement Officers (FSEO) who will carry out a full inspection of the premises and all paperwork required under the Act; where deficiencies in fire safety management arrangements are identified the 'duty holder' will be issued with a notice as appropriate.

6. REDUCTION OF CASUALTIES IN NON FIRE EMERGENCIES

6.1. Road Traffic Collision Incidents by Ward



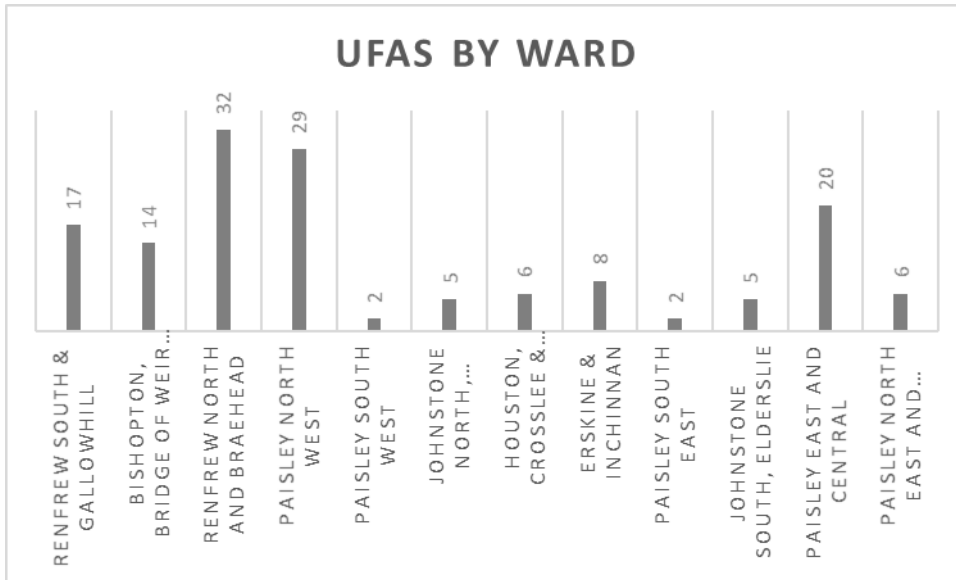
6.2. Road Traffic Casualties by Ward

There were 5 RTC related casualties recorded by SFRS during the reporting period within Renfrewshire.

7. REDUCTION OF UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

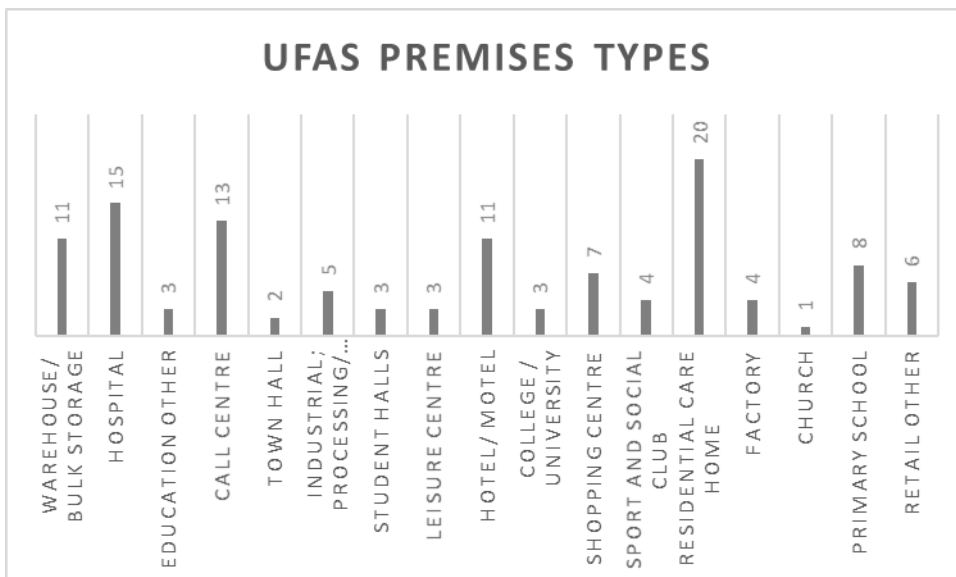
SFRS attends a range of false alarm incidents which include system faults, accidental actuation of fire alarm, malicious calls and good intent calls. SFRS is focused on reducing the associated road risk posed by 'blue light' journeys linked to our attendance at Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) incidents. There is a national policy in place which ensures we are adopting a standardised approach to positively engage and educate duty holders at premises which have fire alarm system actuations which are not due to an actual fire.

7.1. Incidents by Ward



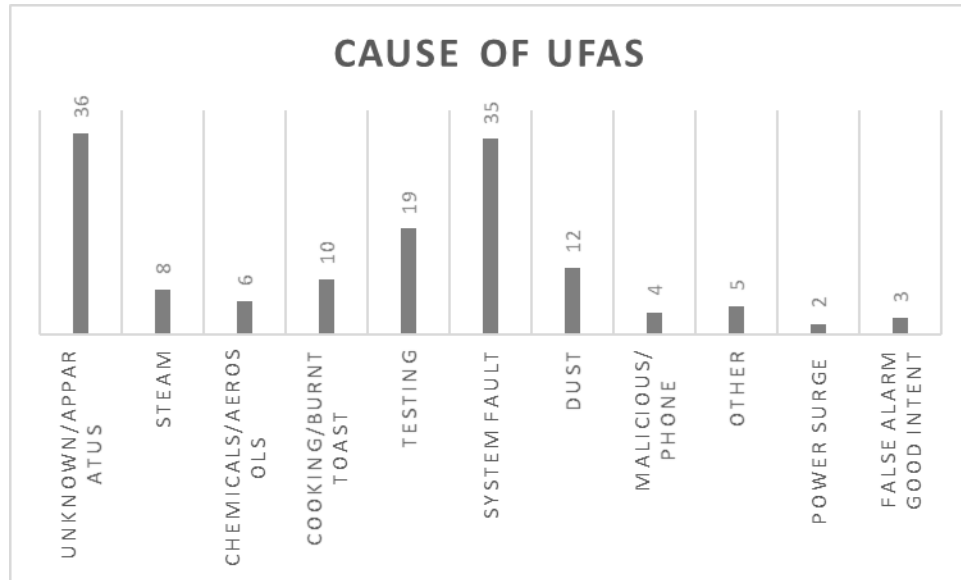
Paisley North West has the highest volume of UFAS incidents which has a direct correlation with the number of commercial premises and a Major Hospital in this locality. Local SFRS staff continue to have intervention meetings with NHS management to reduce future UFAS.

7.2. Property Types



From graph 7.2 it is evident that residential care homes and Hospital account for the majority of UFAS incidents in Renfrewshire. In addition to this, Hotels, Industrial manufacturing and call centres make up a large number of other repeat premises types

7.3. Cause of Actuation



The SFRS works closely with all relevant premises where UFAS occur and each incident is monitored locally through operational personnel and the area UFAS champion.

