

Minute of Special Meeting Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 30 October 2018	15:00	Corporate Meeting Room 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Natalie Don, Councillor John Hood, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Jane Strang

Convener

Councillor McGurk, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

M Crearie, Director, Communities, Housing & Planning Services; O Reid, Head of Communities & Public Protection and C Dalrymple, Communities and Regulatory Manager (both Communities, Housing & Planning Services); and R Devine, Senior Committee Services Officer, K O'Neill, Assistant Democratic Services Officer and N O'Brien, Assistant Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Also in Attendance

G Crossan, Divisional Commander and S Wright, Chief Inspector (both Police Scotland); and G Binning, Local Senior Officer and F Grant, Station Manager (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 Police Scotland - Scrutiny Report

There was submitted a report by the Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland, relative to service performance and activities in the Renfrewshire area.

The report summarised the key performance indicators and provided statistics for the period 1 April to 31 August 2018, relating to the specific key objectives detailed in the Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2017/21, together with comparative data.

The report also provided, in an infographics format, local updates in relation to the Police Scotland priorities of violence and anti-social behaviour; public protection; major crime & terrorism; acquisitive crime and road safety & road crime.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

2 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service - Scrutiny Report

There was submitted a report, in an infographics format, by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) relative to SFRS performance and activities in the Renfrewshire area during the reporting period Quarter 2 - 2018/2019.

The report had been developed to compliment key partnership activity embedded across Renfrewshire Community Plan and associated Delivery and Thematic plans. The report also provided updates in relation to Accidental Dwelling Fires and Casualties, Unintentional Injury and Harm, Deliberate Fire Setting, Non Domestic Fire Safety and Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Officers from SFRS had presented fire safety information to 290 second year nurse students and had also taken the opportunity to provide information at foodbanks on a number of occasions.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Spotlight - Police Scotland Navigator Programme

Chief Inspector S Wright (Police Scotland) gave a presentation relative to the Navigator programme, a Scottish Violence Reduction Unit and Medics Against Violence scheme led by Police Scotland which aimed to help stop violent injury in hospitals.

The Navigator programme aimed to engage with patients at a time when they may be open to breaking free from the challenges which trapped them in violent situations and encouraged them to make the changes needed to improve their lives using a wide range of contacts with services outside the emergency room.

It was intended that two dedicated Navigators be employed locally, if funding could be made available, over the weekend who would complement the work of medical staff to break the cycle of violence for the individual and ease the pressure that violence placed on the NHS. The navigators would also meet with those individuals during the week and assist them in gaining access to services/support which would enable them to break the cycle.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.

4 Local Issues Update

The Chief Superintendent advised members of the recent arrest and conviction at the High Court of a Johnstone individual for drug dealing and possession of firearms and ammunitions.

S Wright advised that the Paisley Town Centre Plan would be updated to improve provision of services to the anticipated increased numbers at future events which included Halloween Display and Winterfest to ensure the public felt safer.

The Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service thanked partners for their support in the organisation of the recent memorial service event which had been a great success and advised that arrangements were being made for a similar event to commemorate James Mair who had also died while on duty. He advised that the Collaborative Leader Programme was making good progress and that a key note speaker would present at the initial session to be held on 1 November 2018, thereafter a Thematic Action Plan would be presented to the Chief Officers Group. The Sub-committee was also advised that Police Scotland had a Mobilisation Plan in place to support SFRS, if required, in relation to bonfire night.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.