

Minute of Meeting

Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 12 March 2019	15:00	Corporate Meeting Room 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present

Councillors Hood, McGurk, J MacLaren and Strang.

Chair

Councillor McGurk, Convener, presided

In Attendance

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

Also in Attendance

S Wright, Chief Inspector, H Scott, Chief Inspector (both Police Scotland); and M Gallacher, Group Manager and I Campbell, Watch Manager (both Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).

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Councillor Nicolson.

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 December 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; acquisitive crime; public protection; major crime & terrorism 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 3 - 1 October - 31 December 2018.

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.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Spotlight - Police Scotland, Acquisitive Crime Trends/Preventative Work

There was submitted a report relative to Group 3 crime which incorporated a range of acquisitive crimes/crimes of dishonesty from theft by housebreaking, theft of motor vehicle, theft by shoplifting, common theft and fraud relative to statistical data for the period April 2018 to January 2019. A National Acquisitive Group was established with all divisions of Police Scotland and other agencies working together to address this trend.

The sub-committee was informed of the increasing trend which had been observed in relation to the volume of recorded acquisitive crimes in Renfrewshire. Motor vehicle crime had been a significant contributor to the overall increase.

The detection of housebreaking offenders remained a local priority in Renfrewshire, Police Scotland worked closely with the Warden Service and used social media to inform and alert on local issues, this focus had contributed to a sustained decreasing trend in housebreaking crimes.

Police Scotland continued to tackle doorstep crime within all local communities under the auspices of Operation Monarda, which brought together organisations to help minimise risk and prevent harm to vulnerable and older people from criminals who commit bogus crime.

Fraud continued to follow an increasing trend and was partly driven by society's increasing digitalisation, internet and developing technologies provided criminals with expanding opportunities to commit cyber-enabled fraud.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.

4 Local Issue Update

Chief Inspector Wright advised that 21 officers from K Division would be ready to be deployed to assist on any Brexit issues, if required, and re-assured the sub-committee there would be no impact on services provided by Police Scotland locally.

The sub-committee was advised that in view of recent issues during football matches, which had been highlighted in national press recently, St Mirren Football Club in conjunction with local fans groups and Police Scotland had implemented stewarding and policing plans to ensure that their football ground was a safe environment.

The Chief Inspector also advised that following recent news items regarding drones there had been no issues reported relative to Glasgow Airport and that all Scottish Airports would be analysed to assess any potential impact of drones.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.