

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

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 12 March 2024	15:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Robert Innes, Councillor Kenny MacLaren, Councillor Janis McDonald, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor Iain McMillan

Chair

Councillor McGurk, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

G Heaney, Climate and Public Protection Manager and M Hendry, Resilience and Deployment Manager (both Environment, Housing and Infrastructure); and R Devine, Senior Committee Services Officer and D Cunningham, Committee Services and Licensing Officer (both Finance & Resources).

Also in Attendance

Chief Superintendent G McCreddie and Inspector A Marshall (both Police Scotland); and D McCarrey, Area Commander, P Storrie, Group Manager and P McQueen, Local Area Liaison Officer (all Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Webcasting of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Sub-committee would be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast on the Council's internet site.

Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements

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

1 **Police Scotland - Performance Report**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland, relative to service performance and activities in the Renfrewshire area for the reporting period to 31 December 2023. The report summarised the key performance indicators and provided statistics on the key objectives detailed in the Renfrewshire Policing Priorities 2023/26 and the Police Scotland's Policing Priorities 2023/24.

The report provided updates in relation to the Renfrewshire Policing Priorities 2023/26 of violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour; protecting vulnerable people; acquisitive and cyber/digital crime; road safety and road crime.

The report also provided updates to the Police Scotland's Policing Priorities 2023/24 of protecting vulnerable people; working with communities; tackling crime in the digital age; public confidence: complaints and user satisfaction; local policing priority outcomes and forthcoming initiatives.

The Chief Superintendent advised that the consultation on Ferguslie Park Police Office had now closed, but that any Councillor who wished to send written representations could do so within the next two weeks for consideration.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that representations could be submitted by Members on the Ferguslie Police Office consultation for a further two weeks; and

(b) That the contents of the report and verbal update be noted.

2 **Spotlight - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Youth Engagement**

The Group Manager together with the Local Area Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), delivered a verbal update relative to the Community Action Team. The update included details of SFRS's partnership working, their work in connection with youth engagement in education which included their delivery timetable for sessions at schools, Fireskills courses, home fire safety visits and events such as open days.

Councillor Innes highlighted the work of the water safety group.

DECIDED: That the contents of the verbal update be noted.

3 **Local Issues**

Councillor McMillan queried if there had been an increase in the number of road traffic incidents on the A737 road.

It was noted that Police Scotland and SFRS together with the Council's Environment, Housing and Infrastructure service would review their data and provide an update to a future meeting of this Sub-committee.

Councillor Innes advised that he had attended a meeting of the Linwood Elderly Forum where concerns had been raised relative to the perceived lack of a visible Police presence in Linwood at weekends.

Assurances were provided that Police Scotland had patrols in the area but that patrol data would be reviewed and analysed.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that Police Scotland and SFRS together with the Council's Environment, Housing & Infrastructure service would review their data in connection with incidents on the A737 and that an update would be provided to a future meeting of this Sub-committee; and

(b) That it be noted that Police Scotland's patrol data relative to patrols in Linwood at weekends would be reviewed and analysed.