

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

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 18 August 2020	15:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting,

### Present

Councillors McGurk, Kenny MacLaren, McNaughtan and Strang.

### Chair

Councillor McGurk, Convener, presided.

### In Attendance

M Crearie, Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services; and O Reid, Head of Communities & Public Protection (both Communities, Housing and Planning Services); G Dickie, Partnership & Commissioning Manager; D Pole, End User Technician; Robert Devine, Senior Committee Services Officer and K O'Neill, Assistant Democratic Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

### Also in Attendance

A Murray, Chief Superintendent and D Leitch, Superintendent (both Police Scotland); J McNeill, Area Commander and M Hill, Group Manager, (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).

### Declarations of Interest

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

### Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Sub-committee would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

## **Welcome**

The Convenor welcomed James McNeil, Area Commander, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service to his first meeting of the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-committee.

### **1 Renfrewshire Scrutiny Board Report June 2020**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland, relative to service performance and activities in the Renfrewshire area for the period 1 April - 30 June 2020.

The report summarised the key performance indicators and provided statistics relating to the specific key objectives detailed in the Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2017/20, together with comparative data.

Complaints relative to disorder increased by 58.2% for the same period in the previous year a high proportion of which related to perceived or actual breaches of Covid-19 guidelines. 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 report be noted.

### **2 Spotlight - Covid Operational Response and Stop Search**

D Leitch (Police Scotland) provided information relative to the operational response of Police Scotland to the Covid-19 pandemic. A Covid-19 team had been established comprising sergeants from all area which met on a daily basis.

The Police presence had increased during the period March - June due to non-essential training and court proceedings being cancelled and as no citations had been issued, this facilitated an increase in officer numbers on the street to monitor members of the public during lockdown.

D Leitch also advised that the media had been supportive during the period since lockdown was imposed and that Community Partners and Elected Members had also provided a high level of support.

**DECIDED:** That the information provided be noted.

### **3 Renfrewshire Performance 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 1 April – 30 June 2020.

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 Renfrewshire activity summary; accidental dwelling fires and casualties, unintentional injury and harm, deliberate fire

setting, non-domestic fire safety and unwanted fire alarm signals.

A high level of proactive work had been undertaken by Scottish Fire & Rescue Service which included home fire safety visits and literature being issued which helped reduce figures during the reporting period.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

#### **4 Spotlight - The Fire & Rescue Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic within Renfrewshire.**

M Hill (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) provided information relative to measures implemented in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. He advised that daily meetings had been held by the Senior Manager Group to identify and address issues.

The sub-committee was advised that the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service had been able to offer and provide a significant level of support to nursing staff. A number of staff had been impacted by the pandemic with three staff members testing positive and 65 shielding, during this period a high level of service was maintained.

**DECIDED:** That the information provided be noted.