

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 18 January 2022	15:00	Microsoft TEAMS platform,

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor John Hood: Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor Mags MacLaren:

Councillor Marie McGurk (Convener): Councillor John McNaughtan (Depute Convener):

Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 01/04/21 - 30/11/21

Total Crime



-12.7%



9,777 Crimes

Incidents
Recorded

-9.3%



34,142

Common Assault

-3.7%



1,135

Overall Dishonesty

-9.9%



1,928

Domestic Abuse

-8.6%



1,363

Overall Violent
Crime

-5.4%



1,263

Sexual Crime

+7.2%



278

Road Deaths and
Serious Injuries

+14.8*



31 *compared to PYTD

Disorder Complaints

-22.7%*



6,014 *compared to PYTD

Missing People

+30.4%



360

Counter Terrorism



The National Terrorism Threat level is Substantial. This means that an attack is likely.

Housebreaking

-36.0%



161

*All data provided is for the period 1 Apr - 30 Nov unless otherwise stated. Comparisons are made against the previous five year average unless otherwise stated. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of 30/11/2021

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Introduction

I am pleased to present this report to the Police Fire and Rescue Committee for its information and consideration.





Please note that all data included in this report are management information and not official statistics.

All data are sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of date of publication.

Unless stated otherwise numerical comparisons are against the previous five year average for the same data period specified.

RENFREWSHIRE POLICING PRIORITIES 2018-2022

- 1 Drug dealing and drug misuse
- 2 Violence and antisocial behaviour
- 3 Dishonesty
- 4 Road Safety

PRIORITY AREA	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Drug supply and misuse 	<p>Drug dealing and misuse continues to be a priority area for our attention in Renfrewshire as communities tell us they are concerned about the harm caused. Continued focus and proactivity on the issue has contributed to our detections for drug supply, however the detection rate has fallen by 3.2% on the previous five year average. We continue to gather intelligence for further enforcement action in Renfrewshire, however we manage this from a Divisional perspective as criminals do not recognise Local Authority boundaries.</p>
Violence & ASB 	<p>The volume of recorded overall violent crime has risen by 1.4% on the previous year, but has fallen by 5.4% against the previous five year average. Violence against emergency workers has fallen from a five year average of 172.4 to 154 (a decrease of 10.7%). Meanwhile, reported disorder has fallen by 22.7% on the previous year, while ASB communications are down by 19.2% on the previous year and by 2.3% on the five year average.</p>
Dishonesty 	<p>Housebreaking crimes have fallen by 36% against the previous five year average, to a total of 90 crimes. Meanwhile, motor vehicle crime has fallen by 16.1% against the five year average. Fraud continues to be one of the few crimes of dishonesty for which an increase has been recorded—with reported crimes rising 52.4% above the five year average to a total of 281 crimes. Many of these continue to be cyber-enabled, with phishing and vishing scams and internet order fraud increasingly being reported by members of the public.</p>
Road Safety 	<p>28 serious road injuries (two more than the previous year) and 66 slight road injuries (four more than the same period in 2020) have been recorded year-to-date. There were three road fatalities in Renfrewshire in the reporting period—two more than the previous year.</p>

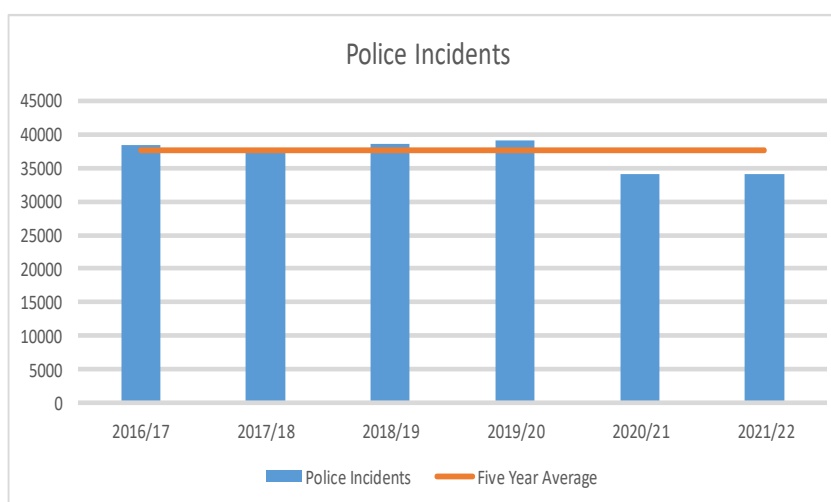
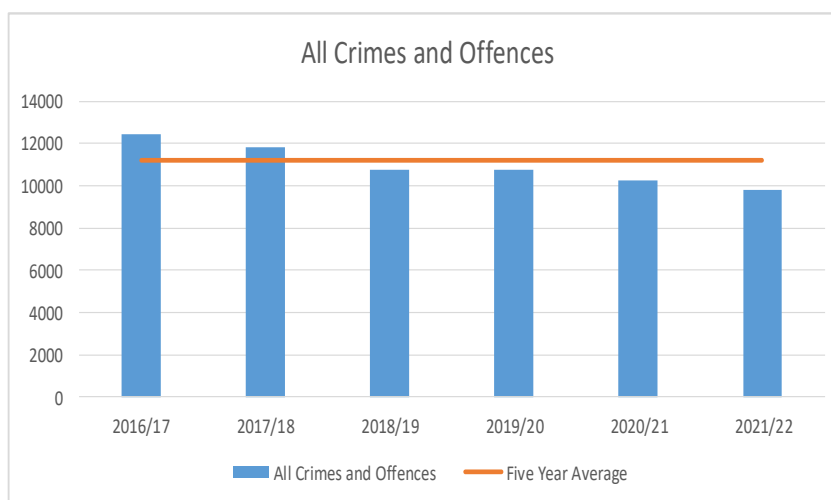
POLICE SCOTLAND'S POLICING PRIORITIES 2021-2022

- Protecting vulnerable people
- Working with communities
- Tackling crime in the digital age
- Support for operational policing

DEMAND ANALYSIS - *

PYTD - PREVIOUS YEAR TO DATE CYTD - CURRENT YEAR TO DATE

CRIME	PYTD *	CYTD *	INCIDENTS	PYTD	CYTD
Total Crimes & Offences	10,236	9,777	Total number of incidents	34,156	34,142



The volume of recorded crime and offences has fallen by 12.7% on the five year average and by 4.5% on the same period in 2021. Crimes of serious violence decreased by 5.4% on the preceeding five year average, crimes of dishonesty were also down 9.9% on the preceding five year average. Non-sexual crimes of violence, crimes of dishonesty, fireraising and malicious mischief, other (proactivity) crimes, miscellaneous offences and offences relating to motor vehicles all remain below the previous five year average, though reported sexual crimes have increased by over seven percent on five year average figures. However, it should be noted that many of these crimes involve non-recent reporting. Meanwhile, recorded police incidents remain 9.3% below the previous five year average and at a similar level to same period in 2021 (n=34,142).

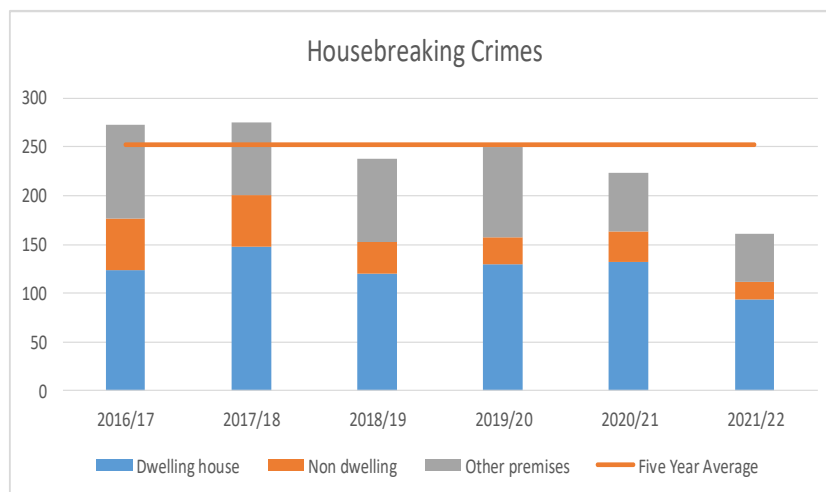
ONLINE & CYBERCRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

CONTEXT:



Analysis undertaken by Police Scotland's Cybercrime Unit identified 224 cyber-crimes in the period April—October 2021 in Renfrewshire. A large number of these (44%) related to financial/economic offences including cyber-enabled fraud and phishing/spam attacks. A further 22% of these related to sexual offences, with most of these targeting children. Whilst 16% are related to threatening behaviour, with Facebook and Whatsapp being the most commonly used platform.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME — DATA OVERVIEW



442 shoplifting crimes have been recorded – a 24.2% decrease on the five year average of 583.2 crimes. Meanwhile, the detection rate fell by 28.5 percentage points on the previous five year average to 48.2% in the current reporting year.



Housebreaking crimes (including attempts) fell from a five year average of 251.6 crimes to a total of 161 in the current year, with fewer HBs to all categories of premises. The detection rate is 21.7%, 2.1 percentage points below the five year average rate.



Motor vehicle crimes also fell from a five year average of 297.8, to 250 crimes in the reporting period—a decrease of 16.1%. Theft from insecure motor vehicles currently accounts for the highest proportion of all sub-categories of motor vehicle crime. The MV crime detection rate is 25.2%, slightly below the five year average rate of 26.2%.



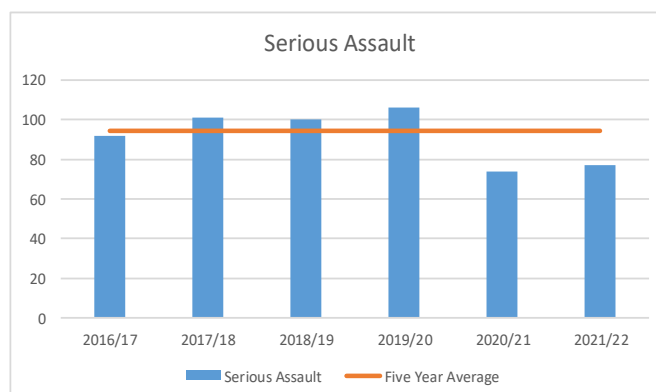
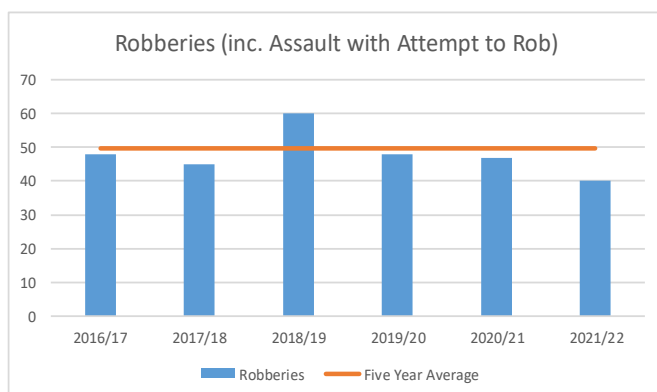
Twelve doorstep/bogus crimes have been recorded in the reporting period, with victims often being elderly. Four of these crimes have been detected at the current time. Crimes typically involved suspects failing to undertake work on gardens and dwelling houses after accepting payment for same.

COUNTER TERRORISM & DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

In November 2021 the Home Secretary announced an increase in the UK's Terrorist Threat Level from 'Substantial' to 'Severe'. This means it is deemed an attack is highly likely. At this time there is nothing to suggest that there is any specific threat to Scotland.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE & DISORDER - DATA OVERVIEW

1 APRIL 2020 TO 30 NOVEMBER - OBJECTIVE: Reduce the number of victims of violent crime



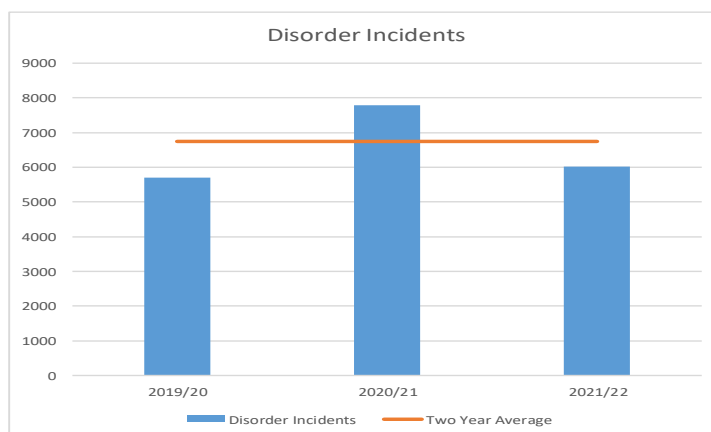
188 Group 1 crimes of violence have been recorded, a decrease of 1.9% compared to the previous five year average. Two murders and nine attempted murders have been recorded, compared to a five year average of 2.2 and ten, respectively. Meanwhile, serious assaults have fallen by 18.6% to 77 crimes, compared to a five year average of 94.6; while robberies have fallen from a five year average of 49.6 to a total of 40 crimes (-19.4%). The overall detection rate for Group 1 crimes of violence is 67.8%, compared to the five year average rate of 72.3%.

There have been 1,135 recorded common assaults, a decrease on the five year average of 1,179.2 154 of these assaults targeted emergency workers. These crimes are most commonly perpetrated against police officers, often within the custody suite and other police premises.

60 fire-raising crimes have been recorded – considerably below the five year average (76.8 crimes). The current detection rate is 16.7%, compared to the five year average rate of 22.9%. Motor vehicles, wheelie bins, waste ground, commercial premises and dwelling houses continue to be included in the property targeted. Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes fell from a five year average of 935.6 crimes to 795.

Antisocial Behaviour

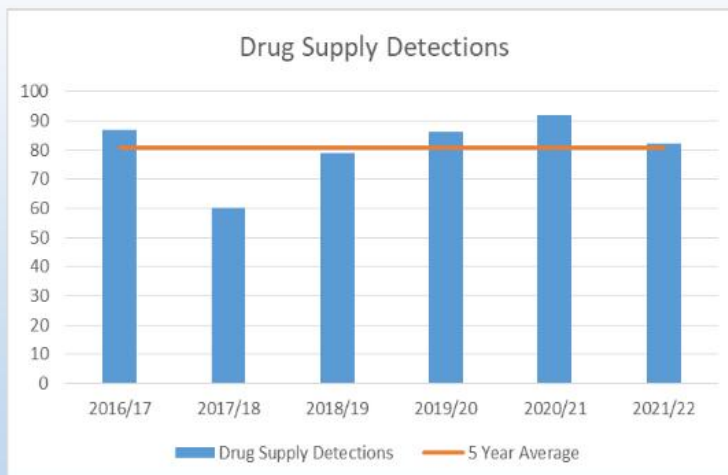
The number of Disorder incidents shows a marked decrease in comparison to last year (-22.7%). Many of the disorder incidents recorded last year related to perceived or actual breaches of COVID-19 regulations being reported by members of the public.



SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

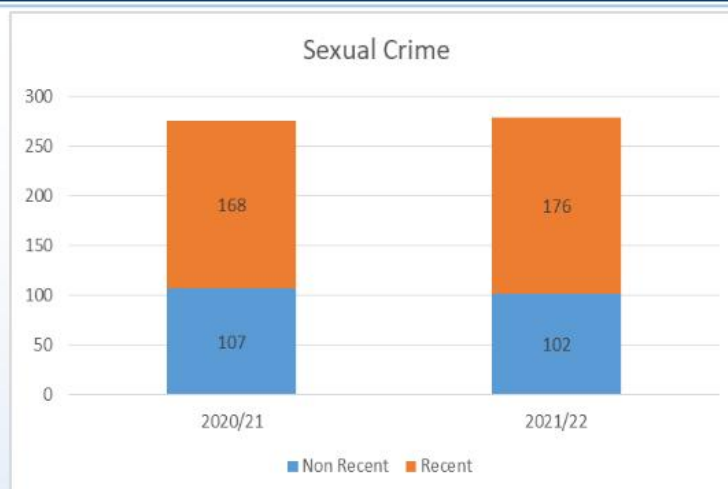
YTD, there have been 82 detections of drug supply, production and cultivation offences, compared to a five year average of 80.8 crimes. Commodity seizures included amphetamine, heroin, cocaine and cannabis. Proactive work is carried out on a daily basis by teams based within Renfrewshire, supported by Divisional teams, which specifically target the Serious and Organised Crime groups, one of which predominantly impacts on Renfrewshire. Enforcement activity is intelligence led to ensure the right people are being targeted in the right places.

We continue to gather intelligence for further enforcement action in Renfrewshire and it remains a priority for officers to carry out intelligence led patrols ensuring that individuals involved in the possession and supply of controlled drugs are proactively engaged, subsequently leading to obtaining and executing search warrants.



PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK FROM HARM - DATA OVERVIEW

Reported sexual crimes increased by 7.2% from a five year average of 259.4 to a total of 278 crimes. The detection rate for sexual crime is 56.5%, 0.5 percentage points below the previous five year average. 43% of recorded sexual crimes involved victims aged 15 years or less at the time of the offence, 55% of these crimes involved non-recent reporting. Of all reported sexual crimes in the current year, 35% were non-recent in nature, compared to 41% in the previous year. At least 26% of recorded sexual crimes in the reporting period were cyber-enabled (compared to over 28% in the same period in 2020).



There were 360 recorded missing persons incidents, an increase of 30.4% on the previous five year average. Children's Homes continue to feature as locations with high numbers of missing persons incidents, with nearly three-quarters of all recorded people being aged under 20 years (a similar proportion to that noted in the previous year). Over 45% of all missing people were traced within 12 hours.

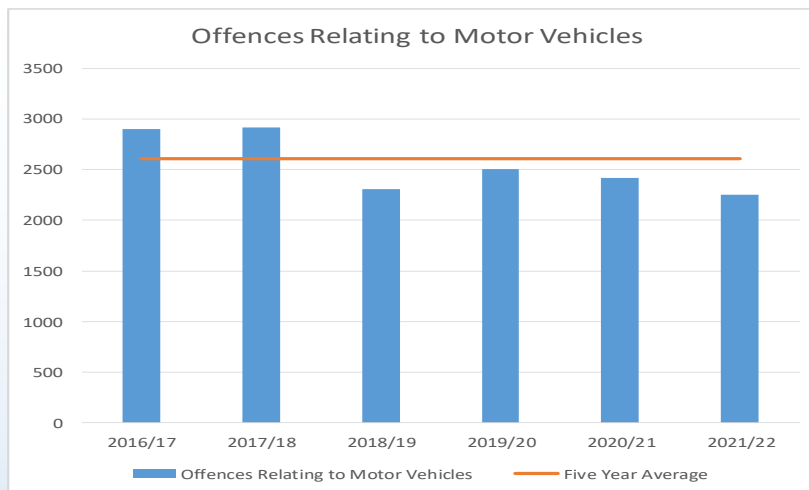
1,363 domestic abuse incidents have been recorded, down by 8.6% on the previous five year average. These incidents resulted in 907 domestic crimes and offences being recorded, with 43.4% of domestic abuse incidents resulting in a crime being reported.

ROAD SAFETY & ROAD CRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

PRIORITY: REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED ON OUR ROADS

Road Traffic Casualties		2020/21	2021/22
	Number of persons killed on our roads	1	3
	Number of persons seriously injured	26	28
	Number of persons slightly injured	62	66
	Number of children seriously injured	3	1

Road Traffic Data from 01/04/2020 to 30/11/2021



Three road fatalities occurred within the reporting period (single incident) – an increase of two from the previous year. Meanwhile, 28 serious road injuries occurred in the reporting period—two more than the same period the previous year. Slight injuries also increased from 62 in the previous year, to 66 in the reporting period. No children have been killed, however one child has been seriously injured on Renfrewshire's roads year-to-date.

Overall, offences relating to vehicles fell from a five year average of 2,611.2, to a total of 2,249 (-13.9%). However, continued proactivity on Renfrewshire's roads contributed to an increase of 4.5% in relation to reported drink and drug driving offences, in addition to an increase of 9.3% in reported drivers neglect charges, compared to the previous five year average. Meanwhile, the detection rate for offences relating to motor vehicles fell from a five year average of 91.9% to 86.9%.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: COMPLAINTS & USER SATISFACTION

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE

From 01/04/2021- 31/12/2021

Allegation Category and Type	PYTD	YTD	% change from PYTD
On Duty - TOTAL	218	208	-4.6%
Assault	12	11	-8.3%
Corrupt Practice	0	8	x
Discriminatory Behaviour	2	2	0.00%
Excessive Force	15	22	46.7%
Incivility	46	48	4.3%
Irregularity in Procedure	114	99	-13.2%
Neglect of Duty	4	2	-50%
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	5	9	80%
Other - Criminal	4	1	-75%
Other - Non Criminal	11	4	-63.6%
Traffic Irregularity/Offence	2	1	-50.00%
Unlawful/Unnecessary Arrest or Detention	3	1	-66.7%
Quality Of Service - TOTAL	86	59	-31.4%
Policy/Procedure	18	7	-61.1%
Service Delivery	18	19	5.6%
Service Outcome	50	33	-34%
Grand Total	304	267	-12.2%

A total of 137 complaints have been made in the reporting period, equating to 40.1 complaints per 10,000 police incidents. No off-duty allegations were made in the reporting period, while a total of 204 on-duty allegations were made in the reporting period (compared to a three year average of 155 allegations. A total of 54 allegations were made in relation to quality of service in the reporting period—above the three year average (n=49.7).



To: Police and Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee

On: 18 January 2022

Report by: Director of Communities and Housing Services

Heading: Consultation on HM Inspectorate of Constabulary In Scotland (HMICS) Scrutiny Plan 2022-25

1. Summary

- 1.1 Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Scotland (HMICS) is in the process of developing their Scrutiny Plan to deliver a planned inspection programme for 2022–2025.
 - 1.2 HMICS will continue to utilise an online survey so that anyone with an interest in policing in Scotland can make a contribution. As part of this process, HMICS sought the views of key stakeholders on any topical, high risk or emerging areas in Policing that could be included within the 2022-25 plan.
 - 1.3 The on-line survey can be accessed at:
<https://response.questback.com/scottishgovernment/HMICSscrutinyconsultation2021>
 - 1.4 The aim of the online survey is to provide HMICS with a thorough insight into the key issues that members of the public, key stakeholders and staff members of Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority feel strongly about.
 - 1.5 HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, Gillian Imery wrote to partners including the Renfrewshire Council Chief Executive on 7 December 2021 requesting input into the HMICS Scrutiny Plan 2022-25.
 - 1.6 The final date for submissions to the letter is 21 January 2022. A draft response from the Council is attached as Appendix 1 to this report for the approval of members and will be submitted in line with the timescales provided.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee:
- (i) notes the consultation on the HMICS scrutiny plan.
 - (ii) approves the Council's consultation response as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.
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3. Background

- 3.1 Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, (HMICS) has a statutory role to report on the state, effectiveness and efficiency of both Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority. HMICS first issued a consultation on their forward workplan 2014 – 2017 in November 2013. Since then, each HMICS Annual Scrutiny Plan has included an appropriate focus on the issues that are relevant and have been highlighted by the Council. This 3-year plan will supersede the previous one and annual reviews will follow.
- 3.2 In accordance with their statutory obligation to keep this plan under review, HMICS are currently refreshing it to take account of necessary changes to scrutiny activities. The last updated HMICS Scrutiny Plan 2021-22, was issued in June 2021.
- 3.3 Previously, HMICS highlighted some of the areas they wished to focus on, however this year, as was the case in recent years, they did not provide a draft report or anything that they would focus on during the 2022–2025 year.
- 3.4 From a Renfrewshire perspective, local relationships with Police Scotland and with the Scottish Police Authority are excellent and the areas highlighted in the Renfrewshire response will strengthen this relationship.
- 3.5 The response attached for approval, welcomes the development of the HMICS Scrutiny Plan for 2022-2025 and highlights some areas that Renfrewshire Council feel would benefit from scrutiny by HMICS.
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Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** - None
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
- 3. **Community/Council Planning** –
 - *Our Renfrewshire is safe* - By focusing on key areas of policing, 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**
 - (a) 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** – Not Applicable
 13. **Climate Risk** – Not Applicable
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List of Background Papers

None

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Renfrewshire Council's response to the consultation on HMICS Scrutiny Plan 2022-2025

Renfrewshire Council welcomes the opportunity to contribute to this process.

What do you think are the key issues that will face policing in Scotland over the next 3 years and why?

There will continue to be many issues facing Police Scotland over the next 3 years – including continuing to work with and for communities, Serious Organised Crime, CONTEST (Prevent) including Prevent Multi Agency Panel (PMAP) meetings and general crime coming out of the pandemic.

One of the bigger challenges will be how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected Police Scotland and in particular, what lessons have been learned and implemented to make Police Scotland better. This may include the use of the 4 E's (Engage, Explain, Encourage, Enforce) as a regular tool for dealing with businesses.

Local demands will change, including a local election in May 2022 which will potentially lead to different demands, priorities and scrutiny by local authorities over the subsequent years.

Finally, a key issue moving forward will be funding come out of the Covid-19 pandemic. Like other public bodies, massive resources have been used to ensure that the transmission of Covid-19 was reduced, however, this funding and resource will stop and potentially leave a funding gap for Police Scotland. This will be a challenge moving forward.

Are there any departments or Divisions that you think require scrutiny from HMICS and why?

There are no specific departments or Divisions that require to be looked at. Renfrewshire and Inverclyde (K Division) has a good relationship with the Local Authority through the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership.

However, there is best practice in some Divisions and HMICS could potentially assist in understanding why this best practice is not followed in others? As specific examples, Renfrewshire Council and Police Scotland are working together to follow the South Ayrshire model (U Division) of the use of Quad Bikes. This has been challenging to overcome some of the bureaucracy and best practice (and best value) should be discussed across all divisions.

The same can be said about CCTV and the use of Public Space cameras to assist Police Scotland with regards to crimes. Again, this is an exemplar in Renfrewshire/K Division to allow a swift response, however, this comes at a cost, including resource and Police Scotland require increased central funding to assist local divisions in ensuring the increased demand on local authorities is met.

Is there any new legislation, processes or technology that require assurance from HMICS?

Following COP26, there is an opportunity to look at a wide range of new technologies and plans to introduce new technologies i.e. Body Worn Cameras, use of drones etc. This would give assurance to the Public (and Police Scotland) that all checks have been made.

Are there any processes that Police Scotland and partner agencies are involved in where you feel that joint inspection would be of benefit? Why is this important?

Not that we can think of at the current time.

Where could scrutiny from HMICS add the most value and why?

Police Scotland are scrutinised regularly via public and Scrutiny Committees, including Elected Members. One of the key areas would be to continue to review are larger challenges (Renfrewshire Council is aware of the assurance review on COP26). Where the public feel that Police Scotland are not responding appropriately, could be a focus including an assurance review on the carrying of knives and an on-going review of hate crime (again, Renfrewshire Council is aware of the Thematic Inspection report published in June 2021).

Do you currently read HMICS reports and publications?

N/A – Organisation response

(If you answered 'Yes' to question 7) Have HMICS reports had a positive impact on your work &/or understanding of policing in Scotland? In what ways could we make our reports more relevant for you?

N/A – Organisation response

(If you answered 'No' to question 7) What would make you more likely to read our reports? In what ways could we make our reports more relevant for you?

N/A – Organisation response

Are there any ways that we could make our reports and publications more accessible?

N/A – Organisation response

In the last 12 months have you visited the HMICS website?

N/A – Organisation response

If 'Yes', how easy was it to find what you were looking for on HMICS' website?

N/A – Organisation response

If you have any suggestions for ways in which we could improve our website, including anything you would like to see that isn't currently there, please use the box below:

N/A – Organisation response



Renfrewshire Performance Report 1st October 2021 - 31st December 2021



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Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan Priorities

The Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan has been developed to set out the priorities and objectives within Renfrewshire and allows our local authority partners to scrutinise the performance outcomes of these priorities. We will continue to work closely with our partners in Renfrewshire to ensure we are all **“Working Together for a Safer Scotland”** through targeting risks to our communities at a local level.


The plan has been developed to complement key partnership activity embedded across Renfrewshire Community Plan and associated Delivery and Thematic plans. Through partnership working we will seek to deliver continuous improvement in our performance and effective service delivery in our area of operations.


The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Renfrewshire identified six areas for demand reduction and is subject to regular monitoring and reporting through the Police / Fire and Rescue Committee. A summary of the priorities and current activity is detailed below with further detail and analysis contained within this performance report.


	Accidental Dwelling Fires	Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties	Unintentional Injury and Harm	Deliberate Fire Setting	Non-Domestic Fire Safety	Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	4	0	1	2	0	24
Erskine and Inchinnan	1	0	2	11	1	14
Houston, Crosslee and Linwood	2	0	3	23	0	10
Johnstone North, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch	2	0	2	4	1	15
Johnstone South and Elderslie	0	0	1	8	0	10
Paisley East and Central	6	0	1	11	0	38
Paisley Northeast and Ralston	1	1	1	3	1	23
Paisley Northwest	9	0	3	11	4	59
Paisley Southeast	4	0	3	2	1	9
Paisley Southwest	2	0	1	3	0	5
Renfrew North and Braehead	3	0	1	10	0	29
Renfrew South and Gallowhill	2	0	4	7	4	38
Total Incidents	36	1	23	95	12	274
Year on Year Change	 -16%	 -50%	 64%	 -16%	 -25%	 29%
3 Year Average Change	 -9%	 -38%	 -16%	 -4%	 11%	 7%

About the statistics within this report

The activity totals and other statistics quoted within this report are published in the interests of transparency and openness. They are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review. Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be a difference in the period totals quoted in our reports after local publication which result from revisions or additions to the data in our systems. The Scottish Government publishes official statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

 Activity levels have reduced by more than 5%

 Activity levels have reduced by up to 5%

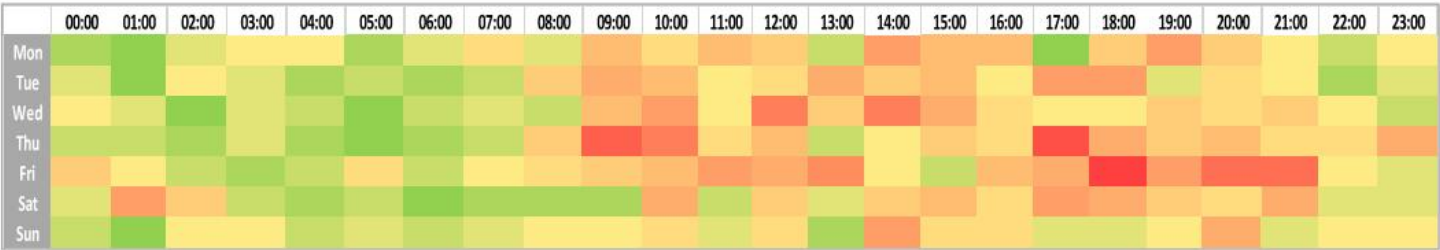
 Activity levels have increased overall

Renfrewshire Activity Summary

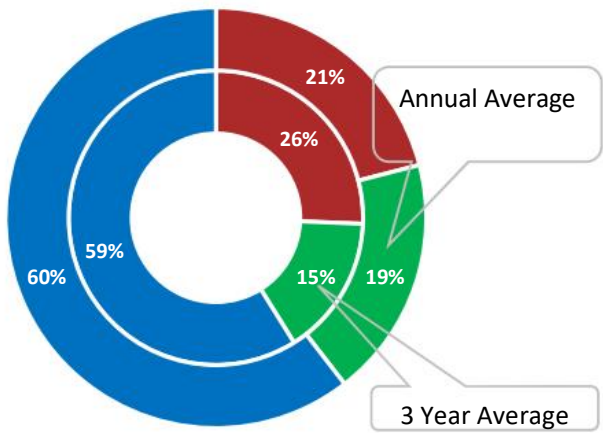


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Activity by Time of Day

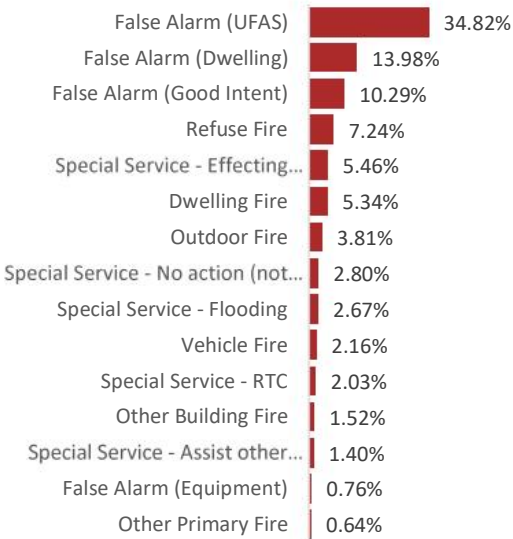


Incidents by Classification

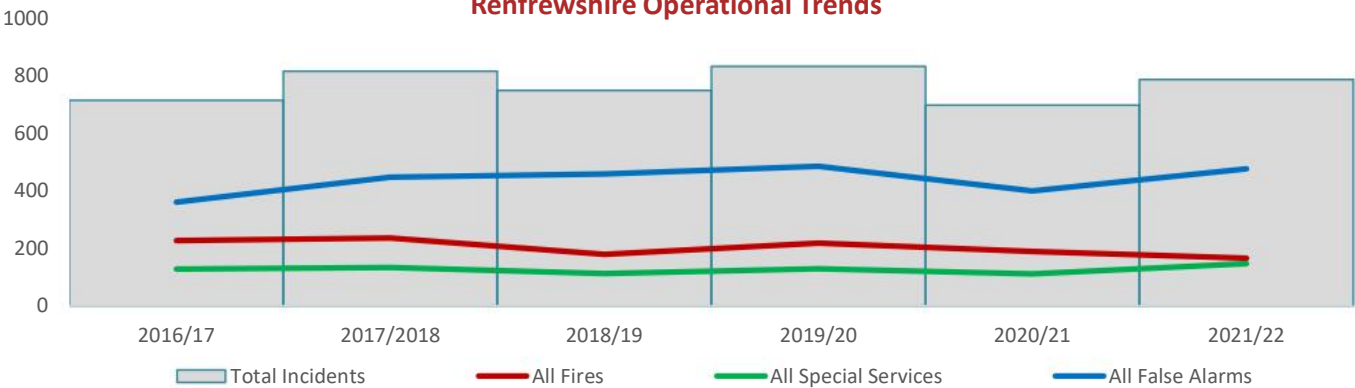


■ All Fires ■ All Special Services ■ All False Alarms

Top 15 Incidents Types by %



Renfrewshire Operational Trends



Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fires

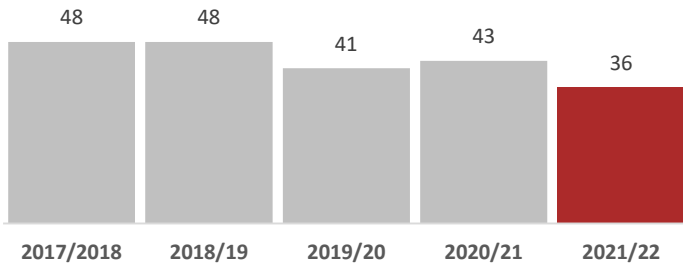


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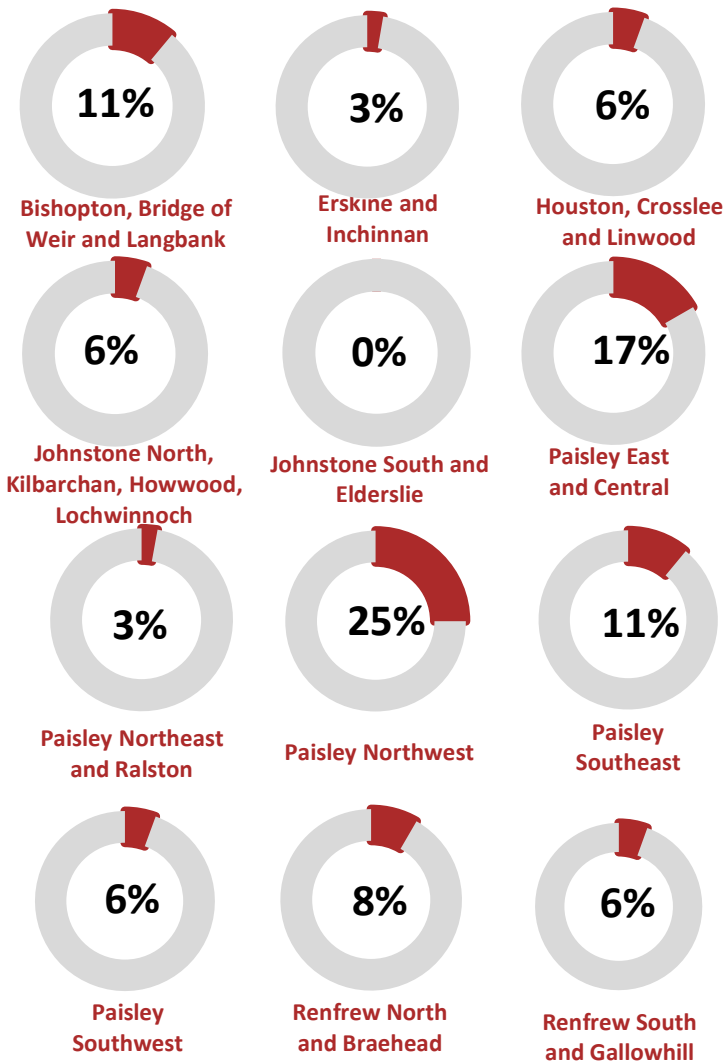
Year on Year
-16%

3 Year Average
-9%

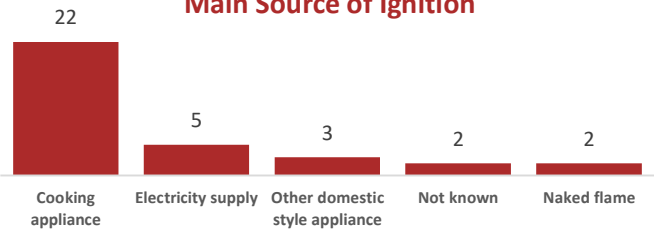
Accidental Dwelling Fires



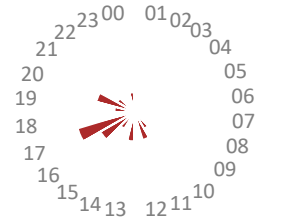
Accidental Dwelling Fires Activity by Ward (% share)



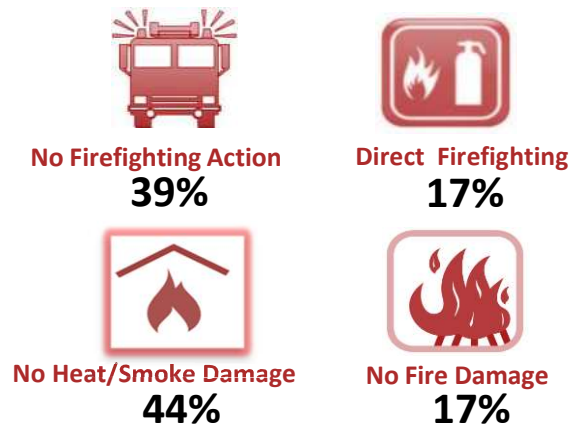
Main Source of Ignition



Accidental Dwelling Fires by Time of Day



Severity of Accidental Dwelling Fires



Human Factors



Automatic Detection & Actuation



Accidental Dwelling Fires show a decrease of 16% (7 incidents) from Q3 2020/21. Cooking remains the most common source of ignition within Renfrewshire accounting for 22 of the accidental dwelling fires. 39% (14) of the incidents required no firefighting action, 36% (13) were due to distraction and 14% (5) were due to alcohol/drug impairment. 28 of the 36 incidents had detection installed and 96% (35) of them operated and raised the alarm.

Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties

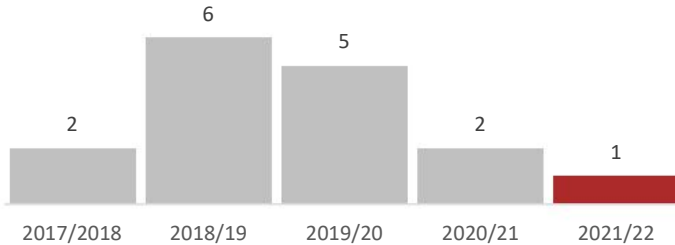


Performance Summary

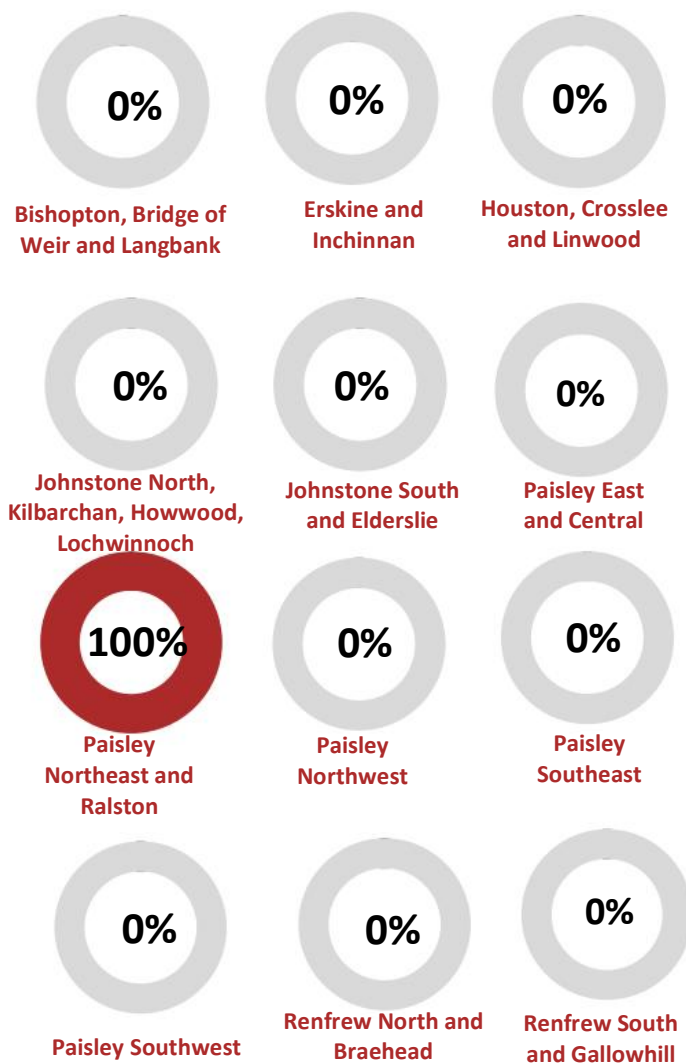
Year on Year
-50%

3 Year Average
-38%

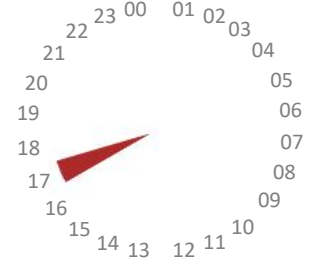
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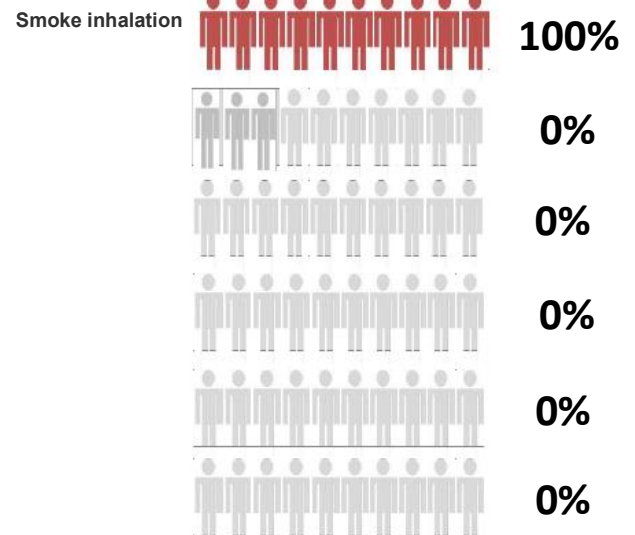
Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties by Ward (% share)



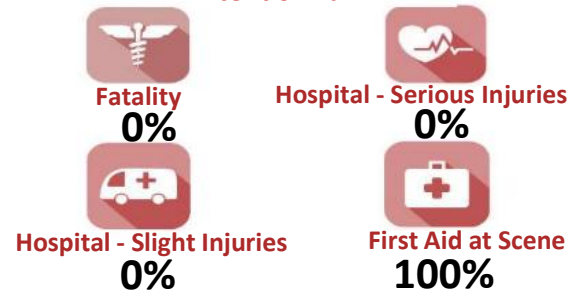
Fire Casualties by Time of Day



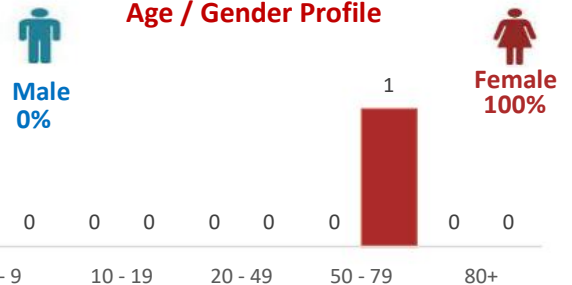
Nature of Injury



Extent of Harm



Age / Gender Profile



A decrease of 50% from 2 to 1 dwelling fire casualties for this reporting period. The injuries sustained by the casualties were slight in nature requiring only First Aid at the scene.

Unintentional Injury and Harm

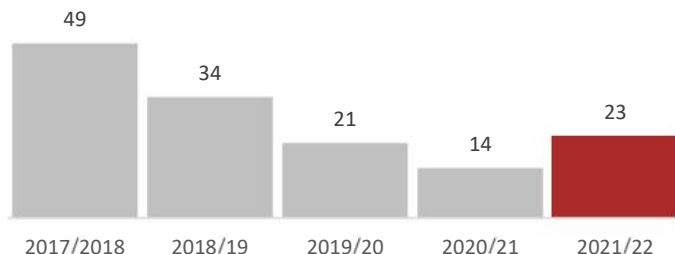


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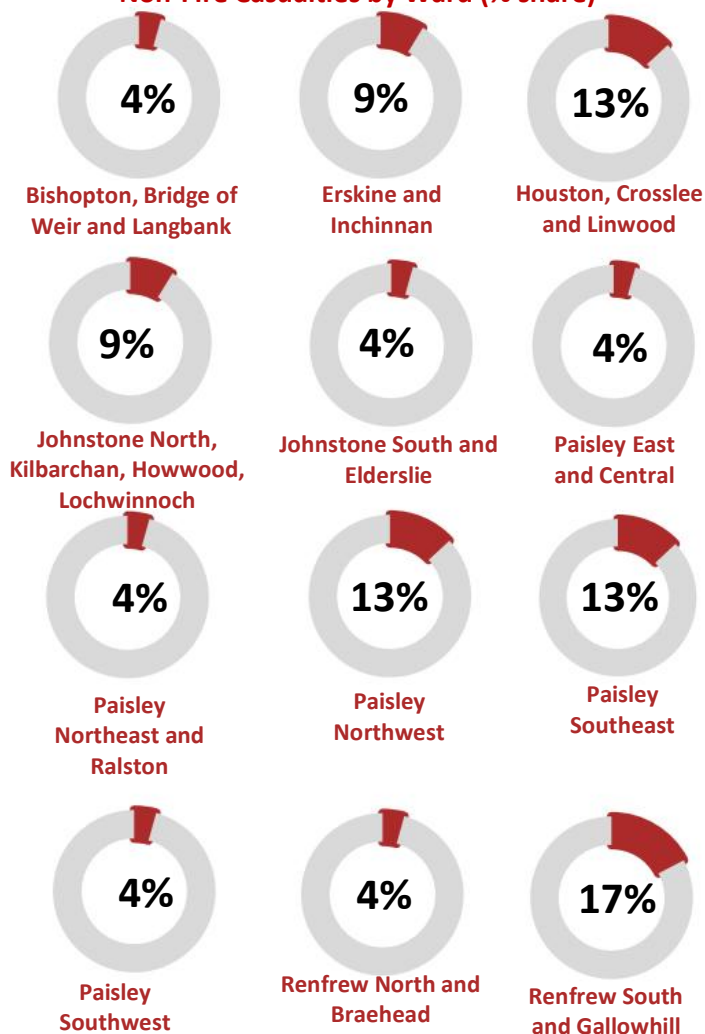
Year on Year
64%

3 Year Average
-16%

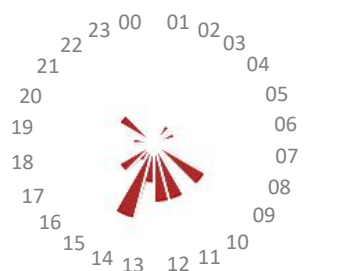
Non-Fire Casualties



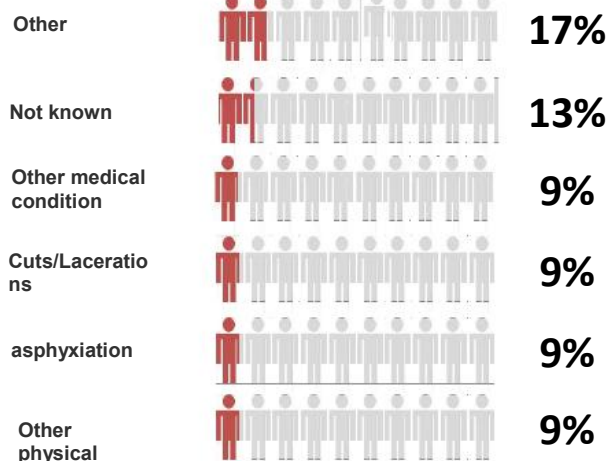
Non-Fire Casualties by Ward (% share)



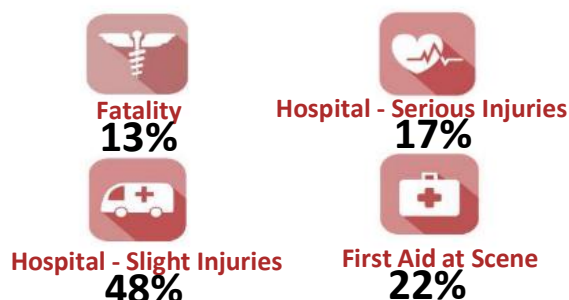
Non-Fire Casualties by Time of Day



Nature of Injury



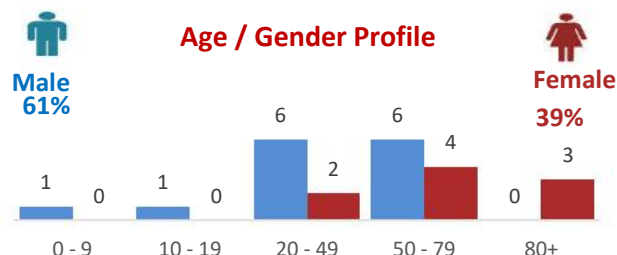
Extent of Harm



Non-Fire Emergency Activity



Age / Gender Profile



Non-fire casualties show an increase of 64% year on year from 14 to 23. Of the 23 casualties 7 were as a result of Road Traffic Collisions (30%). Incidents involving Assisting Other Agencies accounted for 48% (11 incidents) of all the activity within this indicator. Tragically, 3 fatalities were recorded during this reporting period during instances where SFRS were effecting entry for Partner Agencies.

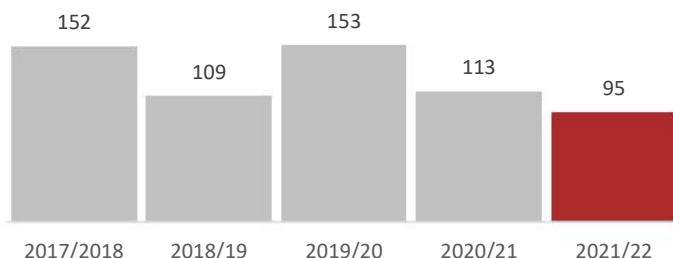
Deliberate Fire Setting



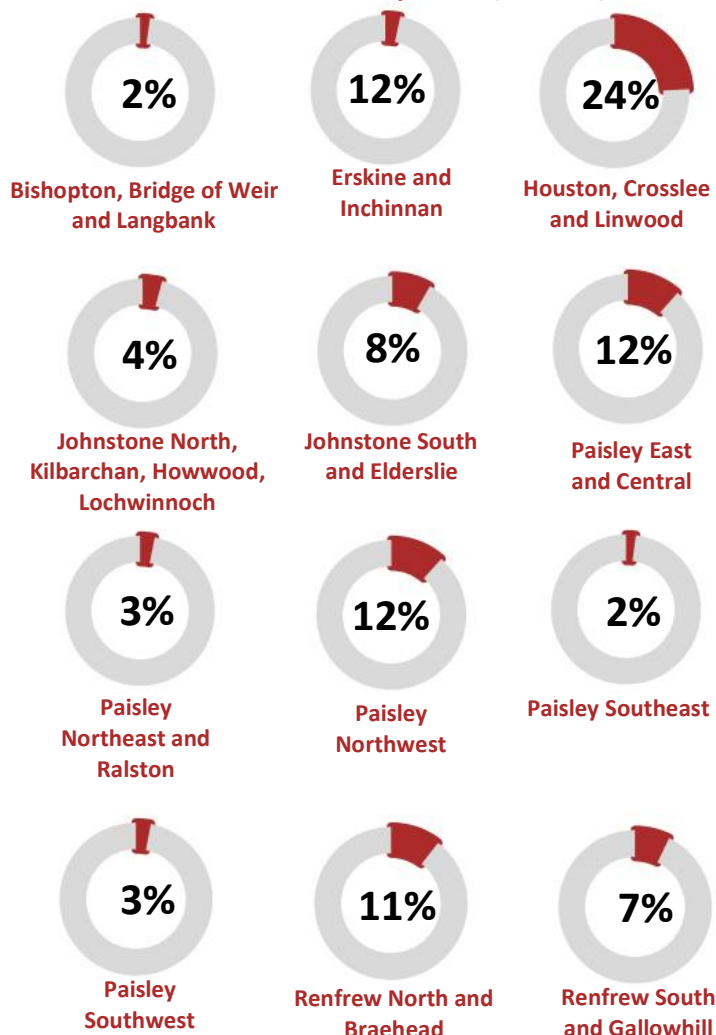
Performance Summary



Deliberate Fires

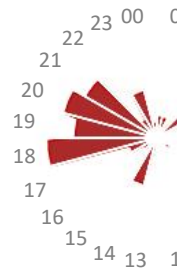


Deliberate Fires by Ward (% share)

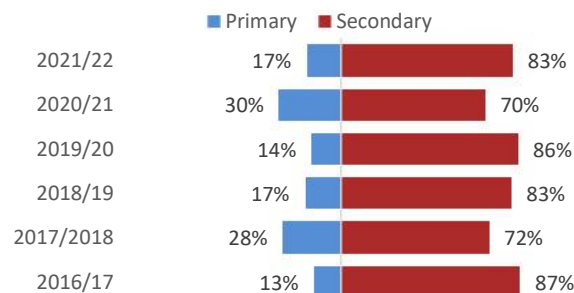


Deliberate fire setting shows a decrease of 16% (18) incidents from Q3 last year. Secondary fires accounted for 83% (79) of the incidents within this indicator. Refuse fires was the main area of activity within this metric.

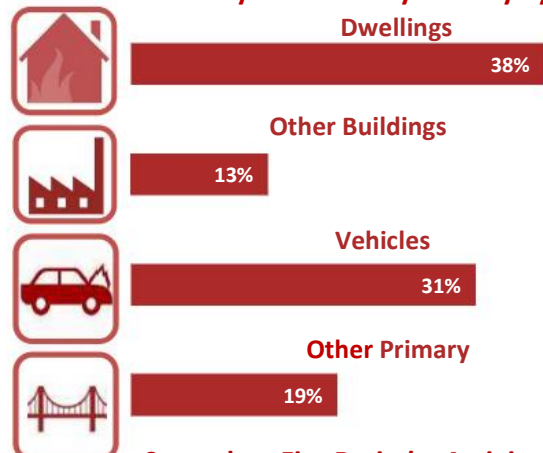
Deliberate Fires by Time of Day



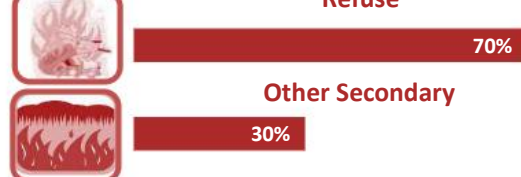
Deliberate Fires by Classification



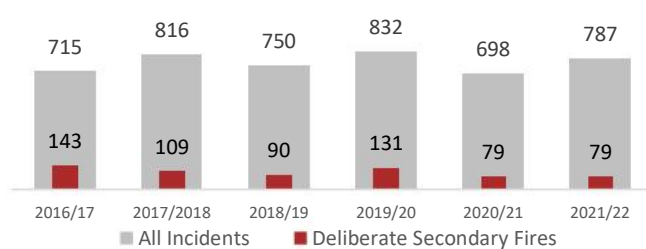
Primary Fire Ratio by Activity Type



Secondary Fire Ratio by Activity Type



Deliberate Fires Compared to Operational Activity

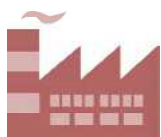


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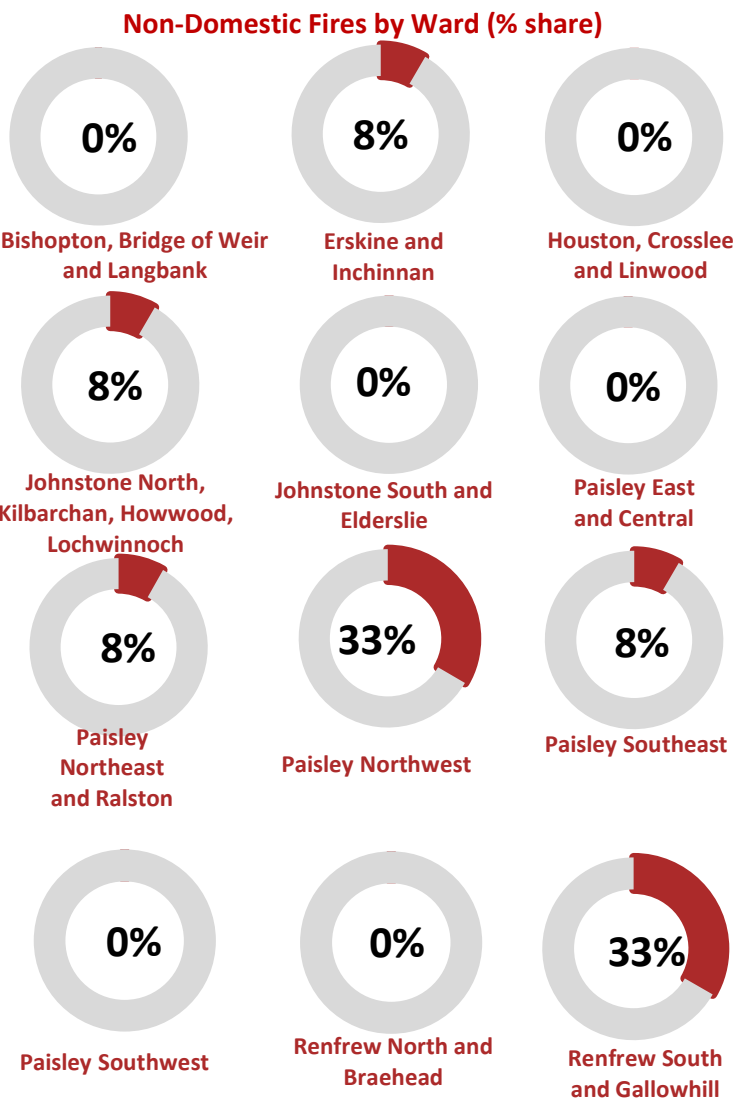
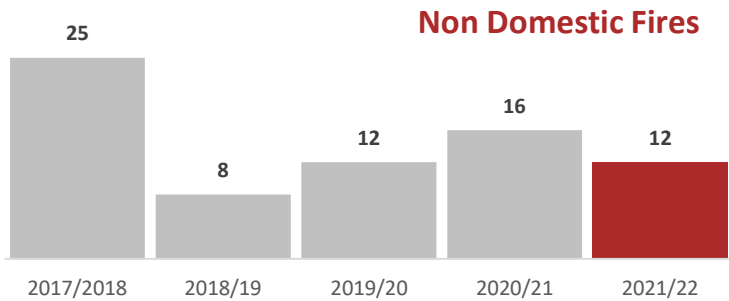
Primary Fires - all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues or fires attended by five or more appliances

Secondary Fires - fire incidents that did not occur at a primary location, was not a chimney fire in an occupied building, did not involve casualties (otherwise categorised as a primary incident) and was attended by four or fewer appliances.

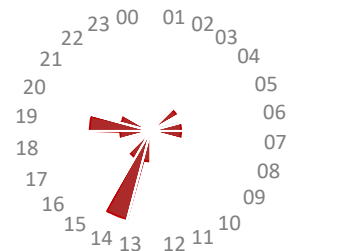
Non Domestic Fire Safety



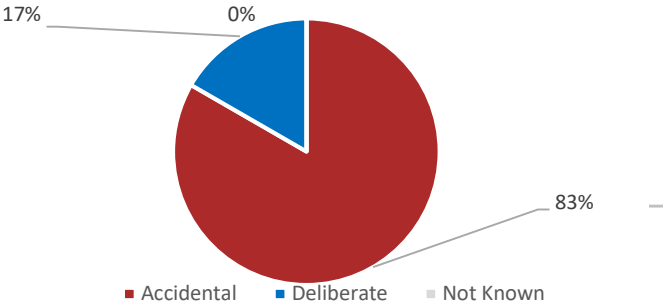
Performance Summary



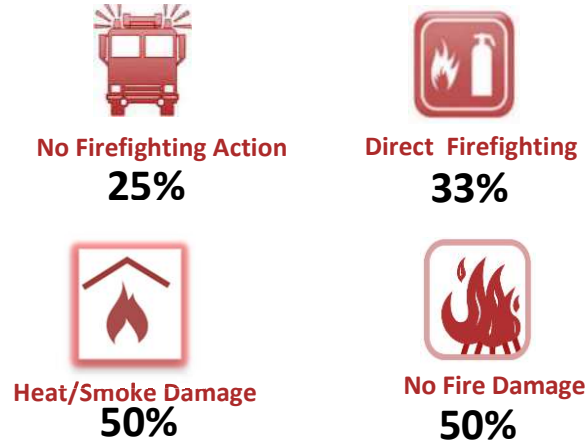
Non-Domestic Fires by Time of Day



Non-Domestic Fires by Nature of Origin



Severity of Non-Domestic Fires



Non-Domestic Fires by Premises Type



A decrease of 25% (4 incidents) for the year on year measure. 3 incidents required no firefighting action and 6 incidents resulted in No Fire Damage.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

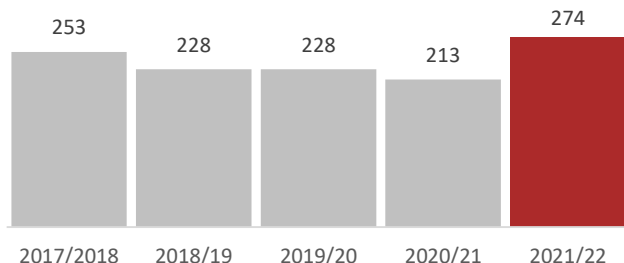


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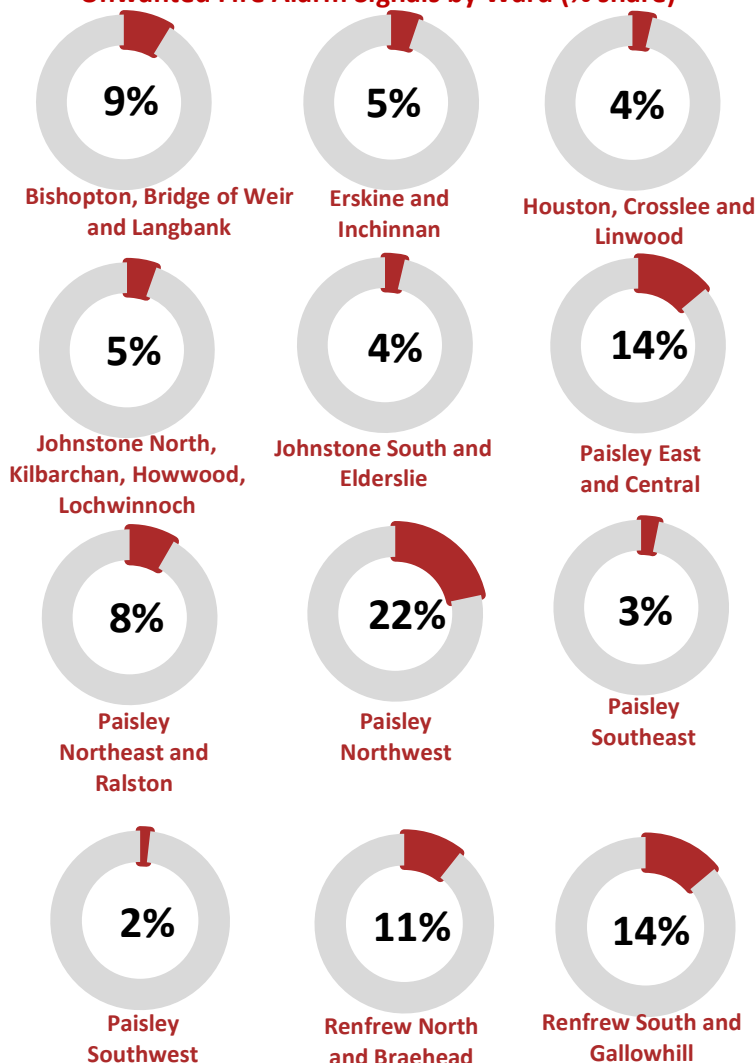
Year on Year
29%

3 Year Average
7%

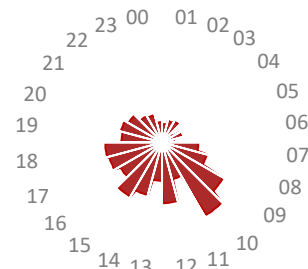
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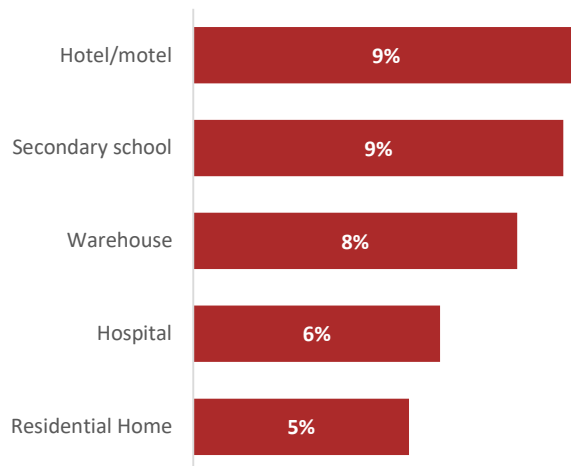
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals by Ward (% share)



Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals by Time of Day



Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals - Top 5 Premises



Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Activity Ratios



UFAS Percentage Against all Incidents

35%



UFAS Percentage Against all False Alarms

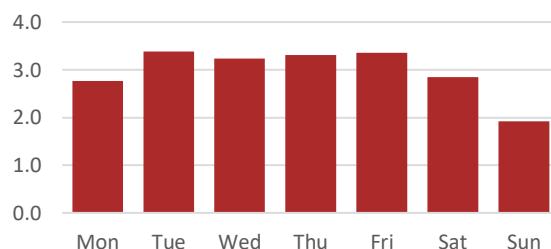
58%



Human Influence and Alarm Activations

56%

Average Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals per Day



Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) show a 29% (61 incidents) increase year on year. 9% (25 incidents) were recorded in Hotel/Motel premises. Secondary schools accounted for 9% (25 incidents). 56% (153 incidents) were found to be as a result of human interactions i.e. not isolating the system before testing, cooking, smoking etc.



To: **Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-Committee**

On: **18 January 2022**

Report by: **Director of Communities and Housing Services**

Heading: **Response to the Next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland Consultation**

1. Summary

- 1.1. On 29 September 2021, the Scottish Government published a consultation document seeking the views of important stakeholders on the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland ('the Framework').
 - 1.2. The Framework sets out Scottish Ministers' expectations of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and provides SFRS with strategic priorities and objectives, together with guidance on how the delivery of its functions should contribute to the Scottish Government's Purpose and National Outcomes.
 - 1.3. The full consultation paper can be found at – <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fire-rescue-framework-scotland-consultation/documents/>
 - 1.4. The response to the consultation from the Council was submitted within the timescales set by the Scottish Government with the final date for submissions to the consultation being 22 December 2021.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee:
 - (i) homologates the action to submit the consultation response, attached as appendix 1, to the Scottish Government in line with the required timescale of 22 December 2021.
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3. Background

- 3.1. Scottish Ministers have a statutory duty to prepare a Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland setting priorities and objectives and providing guidance to SFRS on the execution of its functions. SFRS has a statutory duty to have regard to the Framework when preparing its Strategic Plan which sets out how it will deliver its functions as well as setting out the outcomes which will be used to measure its performance in doing so.
 - 3.2. The Framework sets out 7 strategic priorities for SFRS which are outcome-focused and set within the context of the Scottish Government's purpose. These priorities form the basis for the narrative of the Framework. Many of these priorities are overarching and are relevant to several aspects of SFRS's role.
 - 3.3. The 7 Strategic priorities are
 - Prevention and Protection
 - Response
 - Innovation and Modernisation
 - Climate Change
 - Effective Governance and Performance
 - People
 - Partnership
 - 3.4. The response from Renfrewshire Council, attached as appendix 1, agrees that these are the right 7 priorities to be included in the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland.
 - 3.5. Responses will be analysed by the Scottish Government and used as part of its decision making process, along with a range of other available information and evidence. The Scottish Government will publish a report of this analysis.
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Implications of this report

1. **Financial** - none
2. **HR and Organisational Development** - none
3. **Community/Council Planning** - none
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 because it is for noting only.

- 8. **Health and Safety** - none
 - 9. **Procurement** - none
 - 10. **Risk** - none
 - 11. **Privacy Impact** - none
 - 12. **COSLA Policy Position** - none
 - 13. **Climate Risk** - none
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List of Background Papers

None

Questions

1. Do you agree with the text set out in the section for Strategic Priority 1 of the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland in relation to Prevention and Protection?

Yes

Please provide any further comments below

Renfrewshire Council supports and endorses the approach and principles outlined in the wording of Strategic Priority 1. However, would suggest improvements could be made to the section on wider Community Safety, which is an increasingly important element of the work of the service and the service has the opportunity to work as a trusted partner in communities with an impact on saving people from harm or deaths above and beyond fire prevention, protection and safety. This priority should give greater emphasise to what else Scottish Fire and Rescue Service does e.g. Water Safety/Education etc.

The Unwanted Fire Alarm signals (UFAS) could also be higher on the strategic list of priorities. The cost of UFAS to SFRS and therefore the community, should be highlighted to highlight the impact that this can have on communities and the drain on resources otherwise available to tackle wider strategic priorities.

2. Do you agree with the text set out in the section for Strategic Priority 2 of the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland in relation to Response?

Yes

Please provide any further comments below

Renfrewshire Council supports and endorses the wording of Strategic Priority 2.

This is noted to be a strong priority, however, Renfrewshire Council questions the use of terminology, in particular with this priority. It often refers to “should” and it would be stronger if at times this was changed to “will”.

Renfrewshire Council further supports the focus on resilience and planning, however, consideration should be given to including changes to legislation i.e. linked fire alarms and the impact this will have alongside the risk part of the strategy.

3. Do you agree with the text set out in the section for Strategic Priority 3 of the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland in relation to Innovation and Modernisation?

Yes

Please provide any further comments below

Renfrewshire Council supports and endorses the wording of Strategic Priority 3. This is a strong priority and Renfrewshire Council has no further comments.

4. Do you agree with the text set out in the section for Strategic Priority 4 of the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland in relation to Climate Change?

Yes

Please provide any further comments below

Renfrewshire Council supports and endorses the wording of Strategic Priority 4 and the corporate response to the climate emergency outlined. SFRS is a key partner organisation and member of Renfrewshire's Net Zero Network, alongside other public organisations and partnership working will continue to be critical in our response to the climate emergency and the transition to net zero. We will continue our strong partnership working relationship with SFRS across the Renfrewshire area and look at supporting supplementary areas, such as community resilience; initiatives to support staff active travel; active travel links to key employment sites; opportunities for economies of scale/coordinating projects to bring cost savings and increase impacts; opportunities for partnership projects and partnership funding bids across sustainable transport, waste, energy and/or nature and biodiversity. However, consideration should be given as to whether this is a separate priority or whether this sits alongside Priority 2 (resilience & planning).

It is noted that Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have their own Climate Change Response Plan 2045 and that the Service will require to tackle some of the issues related to Climate Change e.g. increased flooding, wildfires, therefore they should be at the forefront of planning. Again, this priority will be strengthened by saying what Scottish Fire and Rescue will do, as to what they should do. Again, there is a need for strong partnership working and linking services to identify those most vulnerable residents in instances of flooding, for example, who would be at higher risk due to being unable to escape rising flood waters as a result of, for example, mobility issues/disabilities.

5. Do you agree with the text set out in the section for Strategic Priority 5 of the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland in relation to Effective Governance and Performance?

Yes

Please provide any further comments below

Renfrewshire Council supports and endorses the wording of Strategic Priority 5. This is a particular strength of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and should be built upon. The collection of data and its use to improve the service is paramount and should continue to drive the service to offer Best Value.

6. Do you agree with the text set out in the section for Strategic Priority 6 of the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland in relation to People?

Yes

Please provide any further comments below

Renfrewshire Council supports and endorses the wording of Strategic Priority 6, whilst acknowledging that this is one mainly for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Succession planning is important for all organisations and given that the paper sets out an ageing demographic, this will be essential for Scottish Fire and Rescue moving forward.

Health, Safety and Wellbeing, especially mental health are becoming more important and it is good to see this acknowledged within the priority.

7. Do you agree with the text set out in the section for Strategic Priority 7 of the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland in relation to Partnership?

Yes

Please provide any further comments below

Renfrewshire Council supports and endorses the wording of Strategic Priority 7.

As a key partner in the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is excellent at partnership working – however, this requires to continue and be a key priority. In particular, Scottish Fire and Rescue should link closely and feed into the Renfrewshire Council Local Outcome Improvement Plan to ensure it aligns with both the priorities of the communities and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

8. Do you think these are the right 7 priorities to be included in the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland?

Yes

Please provide any further comments below

There is nothing further to add at this time.

9. Do you think there is anything that is missing from the next Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland that should be included?

No

Please provide any further comments below

There is nothing further to add at this time.