

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

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 20 August 2019	15:00	Corporate Meeting Room 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present

Councillors McGurk, McNaughtan 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

A Murray, Chief Superintendent and D Falconer, Chief Inspector (both Police Scotland); and M Gallacher, Group Manager and F Grant, Station Manager (both Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).

Apologies

A Murray, Chief Superintendent and D Falconer, Chief Inspector (both Police Scotland); and M Gallacher, Group Manager and F Grant, Station Manager (both Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).

Declarations of Interest

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

1 Scottish Government Review of Strategic Police Priorities: Consultation

There was submitted a report by the Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services relative to the consultation undertaken by the Scottish Government on the Review of Strategic Police Priorities.

The report stated that on 15 July 2019 the Scottish Government had published a nationwide consultation on the draft Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland, following a pre-consultation discussion with a range of organisations with direct interest in Policing in Scotland and included:- Scottish Police Authority, Police Scotland, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, The Police Investigation and Review Commissioner, COSLA and representative from the Scottish Police Federation and Association of Scottish Police Superintendents.

The draft Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland had been informed by the pre-consultation exercise and focused on six themes:-

Crime and Security, Confidence, Partnerships, Sustainability, People and Evidence. The new priorities would be published following consultation in November 2019. It was proposed that the new priorities remain in place for six years and next be reviewed in 2025.

The Council's proposed response, a copy of which was appended to the report, welcomed the opportunity to review and respond to the Strategic Police Priorities Consultation.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the consultation on the Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland be noted;
- (b) That it be noted that the next review of priorities would take place in 2025; and
- (c) That the Council's draft response to the consultation, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2019-22: Public Consultation

There was submitted a report by the Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services relative to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Strategic Plan 2019-22: Public Consultation.

The report intimated that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) had launched its Strategic Plan 2019/22 which was based around four key outcomes: Prevention, Response, People and Public Value.

The response developed and submitted by Renfrewshire Council, prior to the deadline of 18 July 2019, was appended to the report for homologation.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Scottish Fire and Rescue Strategic Plan 2019/22: Public Consultation be noted; and

(b) That the action by the Director of Communities, Housing & Planning in submitting the Council's consultation response, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be homologated.

3 Police Scotland Scrutiny Report

The report summarised the key performance indicators and provided statistics for the period 1 April - 30 June 2019, relating to the specific key objectives detailed in the Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2017/20, 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.

4 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Scrutiny Report

There was submitted a report, in an infographics format, by the Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) relative to SFRS performance and activities in the Renfrewshire area during the reporting period 1 April - 30 June 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.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 Local Issues

The Group Manager, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service thanked partners for their support in the organisation of the recent memorial service event held on 29 June 2019 to commemorate James Mair, a firefighter who had lost his life while attending a fire at Ferguslie Fireclay Works, Paisley. A stone memorial plinth was put in place near to where the firefighter had fallen. Members of Mr Mair's family, some of whom had travelled from America, had attended the ceremony and were thereafter invited to Tweedie Hall, Linwood where they met local elected members and members of Scottish Fire & Rescue Service. The event had been a great success and arrangements were being made for a souvenir of the event to be sent to the family of Mr Mair.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.