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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Local Police &amp; Fire Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>18 April 2019</b>
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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee on current and emerging issues relating to Police and Fire and Rescue Services.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The report provides an opportunity for the Committee to be made aware of national initiatives, reviews and consultations and, where appropriate, to inform members' consideration of future agenda items relating to Police and Fire and Rescue matters.
- 2.2 In order to ensure that elected members can make representations to the national authorities as required in relation to wider scrutiny issues and concerns, elected members may be interested to note the following updates from external agencies including, but not limited to, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, Her Majesty's Fire Inspectorate, Audit Scotland and the Accounts Commission in relation to the work carried out by the Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and they will consider and respond to consultations on strategic Police and Fire and Rescue priorities and Scottish Police Authority and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plans. This report is intended to draw these elements together with a view to informing and shaping future meeting agendas as appropriate and raising awareness of emerging issues.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the information contained within the paper in respect of current and emerging national issues relating to police and fire and rescue matters.

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## 4.0 SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY

- 4.1 **SPA Board and Committee Meetings:** The February board meeting of the Scottish Police Authority was held on [28 February 2019](#) in the Beacon Arts Centre in Greenock and in addition to the regular standing items also considered the following matters; Brexit Contingency Planning and British Transport Police- Devolution of Railway Policing Update.

In respect of Brexit Contingency Planning [the report](#) provided an update in relation to Police Scotland plans in relation to the UK's exit from the European Union. The report includes an update in regards to additional resources noting '*...given the wide variety of possible scenarios the force will stand-up additional resources to offer flexibility in tackling these and to provide support to "business as usual" activities*'. The report indicates a reserve of 300 officers based at five hubs across Scotland and will deploy from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

The March board meeting of the Scottish Police Authority was held on [28 March 2019](#) in Maryhill Burgh Halls in Glasgow and in addition to the regular standing items also considered the following matters: Brexit Contingency Planning, Scottish Police Authority Budget 2019/20, Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2019/20 and Police Scotland Performance Reporting Framework.

## 5.0 HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY IN SCOTLAND

- 5.1 **Thematic Inspection of the Scottish Police Authority - Terms of Reference:** The [Terms of Reference](#) was published on the 1 March 2019 detailing that HMICS has committed to a statutory inspection of the Scottish Police Authority as part of its scrutiny plan for 2018/19. The aim of this inspection will be to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the Scottish Police Authority in terms of fulfilling its core role. It will scrutinise how the Scottish Police Authority is meeting its statutory obligations under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and as a public body.

## 6.0 COSLA POLICE SCRUTINY CONVENERS' FORUM

- 6.1 **COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners' Forum:** The forum met in Edinburgh Council City Chambers on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 with Councillor McVey attending in his capacity as Convener of the Inverclyde Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee. There were a number of items considered including Brexit preparations- Implications for local and UK Policing, Local Policing Programme, and Cyber Kiosks.

The agenda item in respect of the Local Policing Programme provided members with a high level overview of the objectives, scope and deliverable of the Police Service of Scotland's Local Policing Programme. Discussions within the agenda item included:

- **Local Policing Resource Allocation Model.** The Local Policing Development Project was initiated in March 2017 with objectives to: (i) develop a fuller understanding of current and predicted policing demand across Scotland in order to review current resource deployment model and (ii) report and recommend on the need to realign resources and supporting structures
- **Policing of Mental Health And Vulnerability Strategy.** Police Scotland acknowledge that whilst mental health and vulnerability are a system-wide challenge it is clear to Police Scotland that associated incidents place a significant demand on policing across Scotland and therefore is '*an urgent need to develop more consistent and effective mechanisms to understand this demand*'.

The agenda item in respect of Cyber Kiosks provided members with a background to the proposed roll out of digital device triage capability (Cyber Kiosks) and a summary of Police Scotland considerations and engagements on the matter including the current status of the project. Mobile phone examinations form a substantial part of the workload

undertaken by the Cybercrime Digital Forensic Units. The proposed use of kiosks in Police Scotland is in order to provide the opportunity to review the data on a device at the earliest opportunity to assess evidential worth. Effectively the kiosk provides a window into the device. No data will be downloaded by the kiosk or retained on the kiosks. Where evidence is identified the device will be forwarded to a digital forensic hub for full examination.

## **7.0 SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD**

- 7.1 **Scottish Fire and Rescue Board:** The most recent meetings of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Board were held on [31 January 2019](#) and [28 February 2019](#) both of which were Special Board Meetings. Agenda items included Budget Strategy 2019/20, High Level Transformation Plan, Planning Arrangements for Exit from European Union and Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Admission Agreements.

The Scottish Fire & Rescue Board has provided advance notice that the Board Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 will be held in Inverclyde (venue TBC).

## **8.0 HER MAJESTY'S FIRE SERVICE INSPECTORATE**

- 8.1 **The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service's arrangement for the provision of Operational Risk Information.** Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate published a report in respect of [The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service's arrangement for the provision of Operational Risk Information](#). The report provides background to the development of a single system for operational intelligence replacing the eight legacy systems, the risks associated with the decision to have an in-house solution and for Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate to examine and comment upon the Service's strategic approach to the provision of Operational Risk Information.

## **9.0 SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

- 9.1 **Firefighters help spearhead CPR skill share initiative:** [A Press Release](#) from SFRS provided an update to the launch of a new initiative across East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde to visit Jobcentre plus centres across the three local authority areas offering CPR training to staff.
- 9.2 **Recruitment Campaign:** A recruitment campaign was launched by SFRS on 25 February 2019 to find 300 new firefighters. Applications to become a wholetime firefighter went live on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and ahead of the campaign launch serving firefighters across Scotland spoke to potential applicants at a series of targeted open days, including bespoke sessions for women.

## **10.0 INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

- 10.1 **Community Safety & Violence Prevention Initiative:** A report to a previous Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee advised members of a joint proposal between Police Scotland and Inverclyde Council regarding a community safety and violence prevention initiative. Members should note that the report was presented to the Inverclyde Alliance Board at its meeting on 18 March 2019 which was endorsed by the Alliance Board. The proposal is currently progressing ahead of a predicted roll-out in June 2019. A progress report will be presented at a future Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee. P&F/02/19/HS

## **11.0 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY**

- 11.1 None

## **12.0 IMPLICATIONS**

## 12.1 Finance

There are no financial implications.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/(savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With effect from	Annual net impact £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

## 12.2 Legal

There are no legal implications.

## 12.3 Human Resources

This report does not impact on Human Resources.

## 12.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
X	NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

## 12.5 Repopulation

This structure is intended to protect and assist the local communities.

## 13.0 CONSULTATIONS

13.1 None.

## 14.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 Update from Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership (P&F/02/19/HS) (in respect of 10.1).

13.2 Community Safety & Violence Prevention Initiative (Inverclyde Alliance Board, Agenda Item 12) (in respect of 10.1).

<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/assets/attach/9650/12%20Violence%20Reduction%20Initiative.pdf>

