

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 21 FEBRUARY 2019

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 21 February 2019 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, MacLeod, J McEleny, McVey, Murphy and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Mr I Hanley (Community Safety & Resilience), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent G Crossan, Chief Inspector D Reilly and Sergeant J Logsdon (Police Scotland), Group Manager D McCarrey and Station Manager M Meehan (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).

The Convener welcomed to the meeting, Fiona Miller, SPA Community Accountability Officer who would be observing proceedings.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener referred to the major fire which had broken out within commercial premises in Jamaica Street, Greenock over the Christmas period and the three recent, separate house fires which had resulted in loss of life. He asked that the Committee's condolences be conveyed to the families of the victims of the fatal fires and expressed his thanks to the emergency services and Council staff involved in responding to these incidents.

Councillor McVey also conveyed his thanks to both the Fire and Rescue Service for the visit which he and a number of other Members had made to the Service Headquarters in Johnstone and to Police Scotland for hosting a visit by several Members to their HQ in Govan. He indicated that both visits had been extremely informative.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

100	Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest	100
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No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

101	Police Scotland Performance Report	101
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There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April to 31 December 2018.

(Councillor Murphy entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

The Committee was advised in particular of (1) Police Scotland's planning in relation to the outcome of the Brexit negotiations and (2) a proposed area based community safety and violence prevention initiative in Inverclyde involving Police Scotland and Inverclyde Council as lead partners which would be the subject of a report to the meeting of the

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Inverclyde Alliance Board on 18 March.

During the course of discussion on this item, it was clarified in relation to the number of domestic incidents recorded in Inverclyde, that many such incidents did not result in a crime but were, nevertheless, recorded as domestic incidents with advice and assistance being provided to the persons involved.

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the report be noted; and
- (2) that in future reports, domestic abuse incidents be defined as domestic incidents.

102 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report 102

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 October to 31 December 2018.

Reference was made by Group Manager McCarrey to the three recent fatal fires and he stressed the importance of identifying vulnerable individuals and working with partners to identify people in need of support.

Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.

103 Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (February 2019) 103

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on current and emerging issues relating to both Police and Fire and Rescue Services.

Decided: that the information contained in the report in respect of current and emerging national issues relating to Police and Fire and Rescue matters be noted.

104 Update from Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership 104

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on current work within the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group.

Decided: that the information contained within the report from the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group of 22 January 2019 and detailed in Section 5 be noted.