

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 24 MARCH 2022

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 24 March 2022 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Jackson, MacLeod, J McEleny, McGuire McVey, Moran and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Interim Head of Service Public Protection & Covid Recovery, Ms A Sinclair for (Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms L Carrick and Mr C MacDonald (Legal & Democratic Services) and ICT Services Manager.

In attendance also: Superintendent P O’Callaghan and Chief Inspector P Cameron (Police Scotland) and Area Commander D McCarrey and Group Commander M Hill (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

The meeting was held by video conference.

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

191 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 191

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson and Chief Superintendent D Duncan (Police Scotland).

No declarations of interest were intimated.

192 Police Scotland Performance Report 192

Prior to reporting on this item, Superintendent O’Callaghan provided the Committee with an overview on the challenges continuing to face Police Scotland following the pandemic, particularly in relation to 101 call waiting times. He added that measures have been put in place to address the issues. Superintendent O’Callaghan informed Members of the support provided to local policing priorities from colleagues at Gartcosh, Police Scotland’s Serious Crime Headquarters. He further advised that the Chief Superintendent at Gartcosh has offered to attend a future meeting of the Committee to deliver a presentation highlighting the additional support that can be provided to officers locally. Chief Superintendent O’Callaghan updated Members on the progress of the national roll out of the anti-overdose medication Naloxone following a successful trial in Dundee, Falkirk, Glasgow, Stirling and Caithness. The nasal spray was used 51 times during the trial between March and October 2021. All operational officers will now be equipped with Naloxone kits and trained in their use.

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April 2021 to 31 January 2022. During the course of discussion on this item concerns were raised in relation to youth gatherings and anti-social behaviour in Port Glasgow. Chief Inspector Cameron confirmed in response to the concerns expressed that Police Scotland’s youth disorder operating plan had been

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adjusted and appeared to be making a positive impact and gave assurances to the Committee that officers will continue to work closely with Community Wardens to alleviate the issue.

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

193 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Long Term Vision Report 193

The Committee heard a presentation by Group Commander Hill “SFRS Long Term Vision” highlighting the route map for the future direction of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Thereafter Area Commander McCarrey answered a number of questions from Members. (Councillor McEleny left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

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

194 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report 194

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

Decided: that the current and emerging issues relating to Police and Fire & Rescue matters be noted.

It was agreed in terms of Sections 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8, 9 and 12 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

195 Public Space CCTV Contract 195

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, providing an update on issues around the Public Space CCTV Contract. (Councillor Jackson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: (1) that the content of the report be noted; and (2) that it be agreed that a further update report be brought back to the next meeting.

At the conclusion of business the Convener conveyed his thanks to Members and Officers for their service to the Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee.