

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY PANEL – 2 FEBRUARY 2023

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Thursday 2 February 2022 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brennan, Clocherty, Crowther, Daisley, McGuire, Moran, Quinn, Reynolds and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Culture, Communities and Educational Resources, Mr R Scullion (Culture, Communities and Educational Resources), Mr M McNab and Ms R Dillon (Public Protection), Ms A Sinclair (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms L Carrick, Ms D Sweeney and Ms K MacVey (Legal & Democratic Services) and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent L Waddell, Chief Inspector D Kane, Temporary Chief Inspector L Napier and Ms T Winter (Police Scotland), Area Commander D McCarrey and Area Group Commander P Storrie (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan, Daisley, McGuire and Reynolds attending by video-conference.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener referred to the recent death of Edinburgh Fireman, Barry Martin and he asked Area Commander McCarrey that the Panel's condolences be conveyed to colleagues. He also welcomed Chief Inspector D Kane, Police Scotland, the newly appointed Local Commander.

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

Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Law.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

Police Scotland Performance Report

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April 2022 to 30 November 2022. During the course of discussion on this item it was noted that 121 missing person reports were recorded in Inverclyde during the reporting period. It was noted that almost 77% of missing persons were traced within 24 hours, with 95% being traced within four days. Chief Superintendent Waddell advised Members that consideration was being given to introducing the "Respect Project" to Inverclyde, which has been successful in other areas in reducing the numbers of missing people. Chief Inspector Kane informed Members that an enhanced roll out of the Naloxone programme commenced this week following the successful pilot last year. It was noted that all operational officers and officers of the ranks of Constable, Sergeant and Inspector in Renfrewshire and Inverclyde will be equipped and trained in the coming months.

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

Presentation by Police Scotland on Road Policing

The Panel heard a presentation by Temporary Chief Inspector L Napier highlighting the work of Police Scotland's West Command Roads Policing Unit and how it contributes to the Inverclyde Community. Thereafter Temporary Chief Inspector Napier answered a number of questions from Members.

Councillor Daisley left the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

Decided: that the information contained in presentation be noted.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022.

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

Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Panel Update Report

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 updates on the following matters be noted (a) The Scottish Police Authority Board, (b) Criminal Justice Committee, (c) Scottish Police Authority Corporate Strategy 2023-26 Initial Consultation, (d) Local Police Plans 2023-2026 Consultation (e) Local Police Plans - A Framework for Scrutiny, (f) The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Board, (g) Fire & Rescue Incident Statistics 2021-22, (h) FBU Strike Ballot and (i) Scottish Budget 2023-24.