

REPORT TO COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 7th September 2023

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT 1ST APRIL 2022 – 31ST MARCH 2023

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 *The main purpose of this report is to advise members how the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is performing against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Fire and Rescue Plan 2021-24 approved at the meeting of the Communities Committee on 18th February 2021.*

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

Acknowledge and discuss the attached performance report relating to performance from 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 for the Aberdeenshire area of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

2 Decision Making Route

2.1 The Police and Fire (Reform) Scotland Act 2012 places a duty on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) to prepare a local fire and rescue plan for the local authority area. This can be summarised as follows:

- The SFRS must prepare a local fire and rescue plan for each local authority area.
 - The SFRS must submit a local fire and rescue plan for approval to the local authority for the area to which the plan relates.
 - The SFRS must give to a local authority such information or reports relating to the carrying out of the Service's functions in the local authority's area as the authority may reasonably request.
 - The Local Senior Officer for each local authority area for the purpose of carrying out on behalf of the Service delegated functions including:
 - i. the preparation and review of the local fire and rescue plan
 - ii. the provision of information to the local authority
 - iii. the receiving of feedback from the local authority
 - iv. The SFRS's functions relating to its duty to participate in Community Planning.
 - monitor and provide feedback to SFRS on the manner in which it carries out its functions;
 - Provide feedback by reference to any local fire and rescue plan in force in its area.
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3 Discussion

3.1 This report provides an overview of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services performance in the Aberdeenshire area for the period 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023. The report provides the opportunity for members to maintain scrutiny of significant fire and rescue activities, to achieve good outcomes for the residents of Aberdeenshire.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

4.1 The Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan supports the Local Authorities priorities with a key focus on the Health and Wellbeing of people throughout Aberdeenshire, providing early intervention and education in relation to improving community safety outcomes and protecting our environment and economy through both prevention and protection measures and operational response.

Pillar	Priority
Our People	Education Health & Wellbeing
Our Environment	Infrastructure Resilient Communities
Our Economy	Economy & Enterprise Estate Modernisation

Underpinning the Priorities are a number of key principles. They are: right people, right places, right time; responsible finances; climate and sustainability; Community Planning Partnership Local Outcome Improvement Plans; human rights and public protection; tackling poverty and inequalities; digital infrastructure and economy.

4.2 The Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan also supports other key strategic priorities including:

- Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.
- Locality Plans
- Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan
- Childrens Services Plan
- Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan

4.3 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is (are) agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial		x	
Staffing		x	
Equalities and Fairer Duty Scotland	[IIA attached as Appendix xx]	x	
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing	[IIA attached as Appendix xx]	x	
Climate Change and Sustainability	[IIA attached as Appendix xx]	x	
Health and Wellbeing	[IIA attached as Appendix xx]	x	
Town Centre First	[IIA attached as Appendix xx]	x	

4.4 The Integrated Impact Assessment tool is an internal tool for Aberdeenshire Council officers to use to support decisions being made by the Council. It has been designed on Sharepoint and can only be accessed by individuals with Council email addresses. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, as an external partner, have their own Impact Assessing process and have utilised that when writing this report no impact has been identified.

5 Scheme of Governance

5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

5.2 The Committee is able to consider / comment on this item in terms of Section D.1.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to matters concerning the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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List of Appendices – Appendix 1 – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Aberdeenshire Performance Report 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023.