



## **REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**For 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

#### **1.0 Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the Area Committee:**

- 1. Acknowledge and discuss the attached Briefing report relating to the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017**
- 2. Acknowledge and discuss any local operational matters arising, together with key resource issues, as detailed within appendices attached to this report.**

#### **2.0 Background / Discussion**

- 2.1 The main purpose of this briefing note is to inform members how the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is performing locally in Buchan against key SFRS priorities and the Multi-Member Ward Plan.
- 2.2 The briefing note (see appendix 1) will provide a regular opportunity for Elected Members to discuss fire and rescue activities, in the local area in order to achieve good outcomes for the residents of Buchan

#### **3.0 Staffing and Financial and Equalities Implications**

- 3.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the report is to inform committee on performance and there will be no differential impact, as a result of the briefing note, on people with protected characteristics.
- 3.2 There are no staffing and financial implications from this report.

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FUNCTION/AREA OF BUSINESS	WHAT'S HAPPENING	WHY	WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT
<p><b>PREVENTION &amp; PROTECTION</b></p>	<p><b><u>Reduction in Accidental Dwelling Fires</u></b></p> <p>We have seen a decrease in accidental dwelling fires from the previous year by 55% Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) are going well and support within the Buchan area by the Community Safety Action Team (CAT) and work by the local station.</p> <p>HFSV up by 67%</p> <p><b><u>Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities</u></b></p> <p>I am delighted to report that there is a reduction in fire casualties in the Aberdeenshire area with zero fatalities &amp; zero casualties in the Buchan Area</p>	<p><b><u>Reduction in Accidental Dwelling Fires</u></b></p> <p>Along with the commitment from local crews we have seen the population of the Community Action Team, this has a positive impact and increased the number of partnership referrals.</p> <p><b><u>Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities</u></b></p> <p>We continue to make good progress on casualty reduction through the delivery of HFSV's and partnership working to identify those who are vulnerable.</p>	<p><b><u>Reduction in Accidental Dwelling Fires</u></b></p> <p>Reinforcing positive impact of intervention by crews and the benefits of partnership working.</p> <p>High Risk visitations and good partner referrals in Buchan area with support from the CAT team</p> <p><b><u>Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities</u></b></p> <p>Reinforcing positive impact of intervention by crews and the benefits of partnership working.</p>

	<p><b><u>Reduction in Deliberate Fires</u></b> We have seen an increase in deliberate fires within the area over this reporting period.</p> <p>An action plan has been implemented in the area and we are working with partners to address the issue.</p> <p><b><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></b> In relation to Non Domestic &amp; Secondary Fires we have seen a very small increase in the area. This will be a consideration when writing the updated Local Fire Plan.</p>	<p><b><u>Reduction in Deliberate Fires</u></b> Weather conditions play a part in the increase in deliberate fires with us having had a dry period in Q4. We continue to work with partners and the introduction of the Aberdeenshire Community Safety Hub will make a significant contribution to the effectiveness of partnership working.</p> <p><b><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></b> We have an effective fire safety enforcement program that assists us in reducing these type of incidents.</p> <p>Drier weather conditions have a significant impact on accidental secondary fires and deliberate secondary fires.</p>	<p><b><u>Reduction in Deliberate Fires</u></b> Personnel in our Community Action Team have been trained to deliver a 'Firesetters' Intervention Program which sees them engage with young people who have been reported for deliberate firesetting.</p> <p>CAT team and operations have carried out talks within local schools with further talks planned.</p> <p><b><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></b> Continue with our Fire Safety Enforcement Program.</p> <p>We work with the partners within the community Safety Hub to reduce the number of deliberate secondary fires.</p>
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	<p><b><u>Reduction in Casualties from RTC's, Flooding and other Special Service Calls</u></b></p> <p>The largest number of Special Service Casualties for the SFRS come from RTC's which did see an increase in the area. Special Services also involve assisting partner agencies.</p> <p>There has been an overall reduction in the area by 47%</p>	<p><b><u>Reduction in Casualties from RTC's, Flooding and other Special Service Calls</u></b></p> <p>We will continue to focus on RTC reduction and Promotion of Road Safety.</p> <p>However there is a recognition that the role the SFRS plays in responding to Non-Fire Emergencies is changing and that we are attending more incidents to support other agencies.</p> <p>SFRS support for BHF CPR and government initiative on reducing OHCA</p> <p>Raise awareness of importance of CPR and train community in this skill</p>	<p><b><u>Reduction in Casualties from RTC's, Flooding and other Special Service Calls</u></b></p> <p>Continue to support a partnership approach to RTC reduction.</p> <p>Crash live event's to be held in the area. A recent example being the Blue Light Festival at Fraserburgh</p> <p>The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) In Car Safety Training Courses being held in the Aberdeenshire area</p> <p>Local stations continue to promote CPR training in their respective communities Cat team assisting those stations that fall below expected performance targets</p>
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	<b><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></b> UFAS calls have increased in the area but the increase has slowed down compared to other reporting periods.	<b><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></b> Introduction & implementation of SFRS UFAS Policy	<b><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></b> Continue to provide occupiers advice at every UFAS incident.
<b>RESPONSE &amp; RESILIENCE</b>	Stations are carrying out site visits to care homes within the local area for familiarisation of hazards and risks within the property as well as location of fire hydrants.	Firefighter safety and operational intelligence (OI) gathering	Crews are carrying out local visitations to Care Homes and support from the SFRS OI team is planned to assist with information gathering.
<b>TRAINING &amp; EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT</b>	Initialisation of a new SFRS training programme at the National Training Centre at Portlethen	Fire Fighter Safety and exposure to hot fires in a controlled environment.	Local crews to attend national training centre for hot fire courses which include – Tactical Ventilation, Fire Behaviour and Breathing Apparatus course
<b>PEOPLE &amp; ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	RDS Recruitment and Retention is going well in the area. Current Station Establishments within the area are:  Peterhead – 27 which is 2 over establishment Peterhead RDS – 10 which is 2 under establishment. Maud – 9 which is 1 under establishment	Maintain station and appliance availability within the area.	Station managers with support from local managers are progressing application for the area. If all current candidates in the system are successful this will see all Buchan stations at full establishment.
<b>STRATEGIC PLANNING &amp; PERFORMANCE</b>	Ongoing review and revision of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Aberdeenshire	Update priorities for the Aberdeenshire and Moray area	Various management working groups have met and draft priorities have been proposed for the new Local Plan. The plan will go out for engagement consultation shortly
<b>STAFF ENGAGEMENT</b>	RDS seminars have been undertaken for all RDS stations across the Aberdeenshire area.  This now includes a ¼ local RDS Watch Manager forum.	Provide managers with the opportunity to engage with the management team and share objectives and identify challenges	A series of seminars will be held across the Aberdeenshire area

<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	The service is undertaking a trial of Ultra High Pressure water jet equipment at Peterhead station for use in numerous fire scenarios including compartment and ship fires. The equipment will be mobilised from Peterhead station and will support the surrounding area	To improve effective firefighting and improve crew safety	The trial will be undertaken for a period of 6 months to determine the effectiveness of the equipment.
<b>SUMMARY OF KEY RISKS, CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES &amp; AREAS OF BEST PRACTICE</b>	Nothing to report at this time.		

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