



## **REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 29 AUGUST, 2017**

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

**FOR QUARTER 1, 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL – 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

#### **1. Recommendations**

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

- 1.1 Acknowledge and discuss the attached performance report relating to the period.**
- 1.2 Acknowledge and discuss any local operational matters arising, together with key resource issues, as detailed within appendices attached to this report.**

#### **2. Background / Discussion**

- 2.1 The main purpose of this report is to inform Members how the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is performing locally in Marr against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 and Marr Multi-Member Ward Plan 2015-16.
- 2.2 The summary report (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 Marr.
- 2.3 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Their comments are incorporated within the report and they are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

#### **3. Scheme of Governance**

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B.1.8 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as the Area Committee is authorised to consider the performance of Fire and Rescue in the Marr area and to make any necessary recommendations to the appropriate policy committee or governing body. In this case, comments will be fed back to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

#### **4. Staffing and Financial and Equalities Implications**

- 4.1 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 report, on people with protected characteristics.

4.2 There are no staffing and financial implications from this report.

**David Rout**  
**Local Senior Officer**  
**Aberdeenshire and Moray**

**Ritchie Johnson**  
**Director of Business Services**

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 no change in the number of accidental dwelling fires from the previous year. Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) are going well and are supported within the Marr area by the Community Safety Action Team (CAT) and work by the local stations.</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 in the Marr 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><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></p> <p>We have seen a slight increase in deliberate fires within the area over this reporting period.</p> <p><b><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></b></p> <p>In relation to Non Domestic &amp; Secondary Fires we have seen a small increase.</p>	<p><b><u>Reduction in Deliberate Fires</u></b></p> <p>Weather conditions play a part in the increase in deliberate fires with us having had a dry period in Q1. We continue to work with partners in 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></p> <p>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></p> <p>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><b><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></b></p> <p>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 Road Traffic Collisions (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, but also involve assisting partner agencies. The area has seen a decrease in these incidents compared to last year.</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 British Heart Foundation (BHF) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and government initiative on reducing Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (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 events will continue to be held in the area with two Crash Live events planned for September one in Braemar and one in Ballater.</p> <p>Continued partnership working with the local secondary schools will see further crash live events at Aboyne, Banchory and Alford schools in the near future.</p> <p>Local stations continue to promote CPR training in their respective communities.</p>
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	<u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)</u>	<u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u>	<u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u>
<b>RESPONSE &amp; RESILIENCE</b>	UFAS calls have increased slightly in the area.	Introduction & implementation of SFRS UFAS Policy.	Continue to provide occupiers advice at every UFAS incident.
	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>	Retained Duty System (RDS) Recruitment and Retention is progressing in the area. Current Station Establishments within the area are: <b>Aboyne</b> – Full establishment <b>Alford</b> – Full establishment	Maintain station and appliance availability within the area.	Station managers with support from local managers are progressing applications for the area. If all current candidates in the system are successful this will see a substantial increase of establishment in the Marr area.

	<p><b>Ballater</b> – 19 which is 1 under establishment</p> <p><b>Balmoral</b> – 7 which is 3 under establishment.</p> <p><b>Banchory</b> – full establishment</p> <p><b>Braemar</b> – 9 which is 1 under establishment. (1 new recruit due to start )</p> <p><b>Huntly</b> – 15 which is 5 under establishment.</p> <p><b>Strathdon</b>- 7 which is 3 under establishment.</p>		
<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 is currently out for consultation and your views would be greatly appreciated.
<b>STAFF ENGAGEMENT</b>	RDS seminars have been undertaken for all RDS stations across the Aberdeenshire area.	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.

<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>The service is continuing with the national Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest trial at Turriff and Maud.</p>	<p>To assist in the national trial, and to improve local outcomes.</p>	<p>Ongoing partnership training and mobilising from Scottish Ambulance Service.</p>
<p><b>SUMMARY OF KEY RISKS, CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES &amp; AREAS OF BEST PRACTICE</b></p>	<p>A multi-agency RTC exercise will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August in Huntly in partnership with the ambulance service, British heart foundation and BASICS doctors. This will involve a multiple casualty RTC and all partner agencies will have the opportunity to work together, learn from each other and ultimately improve the way we deal with this type of incident.</p> <p>Huntly RDS Station recently won the Scottish Extrication challenge, a competition designed to test the skills of crews in challenging Road Traffic Collision scenarios. The crew from Huntly will now go on to represent Scotland in the British Extrication Challenge on the 8<sup>th</sup> September in Hull and will be competing against 52 other teams from across the country.</p>		