



REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE – 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

**SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE REPORT**

FOR Q1 1 April – 30 June 2017

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Committee:

- 1. Acknowledge and discuss the attached performance report relating to the period, and**
- 2. Acknowledge and discuss any local operational matters arising, together with key resource issues, as detailed within the 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 Formartine against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 and Formartine 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 Formartine.

3. Implications and Risk

- 3.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the report is to inform the Committee on performance and there will be no differential impact, as a result of the report, on people with protected characteristics.
- 3.2 There are no staffing and financial implications from this report.
- 3.3 There are no direct risk implications for the Council as this report is in relation to the performance reporting of an external organisation for the Committee's acknowledgement and discussion.

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FUNCTION/AREA OF BUSINESS	WHAT'S HAPPENING	WHY	WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT
<p>PREVENTION & PROTECTION</p>	<p><u>Reduction in Accidental Dwelling Fires</u></p> <p>We have seen a slight increase in accidental dwelling fires from the previous year. Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) are going well and supported within the Formartine area by the Community Safety Action Team (CAT) and work by the local stations. Ellon is particularly proactive in this.</p> <p><u>Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities</u></p> <p>There is a slight increase in fire casualties, with zero fatalities in the Formartine Area.</p>	<p><u>Reduction in Accidental Dwelling Fires</u></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><u>Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities</u></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><u>Reduction in Accidental Dwelling Fires</u></p> <p>Reinforcing positive impact of intervention by crews and the benefits of partnership working. 43 HFSVs were carried out in the area.</p> <p><u>Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities</u></p> <p>Reinforcing positive impact of intervention by crews and the benefits of partnership working.</p>

	<p><u>Reduction in Deliberate Fires</u></p> <p>We have seen an increase in deliberate fires within the area over this reporting period.</p> <p><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></p> <p>In relation to Non Domestic & Secondary Fires we have seen a decrease.</p>	<p><u>Reduction in Deliberate Fires</u></p> <p>We continue to work with partners in Aberdeenshire. Community Safety Hub will make a significant contribution to the effectiveness of partnership working. We also work with partners in the local area to target known problem areas for deliberate fire-raising.</p> <p><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></p> <p>We have an effective fire safety enforcement program that assists us in reducing these type of incidents.</p>	<p><u>Reduction in Deliberate Fires</u></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><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></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> <p>The new Local Fire Plan has this type of fire as a priority.</p>
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	<p><u>Reduction in Casualties from RTC's, Flooding and other Special Service Calls</u></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>Falls & Fractures Pathway</p>	<p><u>Reduction in Casualties from RTC's, Flooding and other Special Service Calls</u></p> <p>We will continue to focus on RTC reduction and Promotion of Road Safety.</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>To prevent undue stress to those who have fallen and assist our partners</p>	<p><u>Reduction in Casualties from RTC's, Flooding and other Special Service Calls</u></p> <p>Continue to support a partnership approach to RTC reduction.</p> <p>Crash live events will continue to be held in the 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> <p>If uninjured but unable to get up with assistance from home care responders, they will call 999 and request rescue from SFRS, who will provide rescue in situations to prevent clients lying for greater than 1 hour.</p>
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	<p><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></p> <p>UFAS calls have slightly increased in the area.</p>	<p><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></p> <p>Introduction & implementation of SFRS UFAS Policy.</p>	<p><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></p> <p>Continue to provide occupiers advice at every UFAS incident.</p>
RESPONSE & RESILIENCE	<p>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.</p>	<p>Firefighter safety and operational intelligence (OI) gathering.</p>	<p>Crews are carrying out local visitations to Care Homes and support from the SFRS OI team is planned to assist with information gathering.</p>
TRAINING & EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT	<p>Training plan for the stations is going well and currently sitting high in reporting figures for training nationally.</p>	<p>Fire Fighter Safety and maintenance of skills.</p>	<p>Local crews attend national training centre for hot fire courses which include – Tactical Ventilation, Fire Behaviour and Breathing Apparatus course. Also supported from Command Training Support Officers.</p>
PEOPLE & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>RDS Recruitment and Retention is progressing in the area. Current Station Establishments within the area are:</p> <p>Ellon – 15 which is 5 under establishment Oldmeldrum – 8 which is 2 under establishment Turriff – 13 which is 7 under establishment.</p>	<p>Maintain station and appliance availability within the area.</p>	<p>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 Formartine area.</p>

STRATEGIC PLANNING & PERFORMANCE	Ongoing review and revision of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Aberdeenshire.	Update priorities for the Aberdeenshire and Moray area.	Draft priorities have been proposed for the new Local Plan. The plan is currently out for engagement consultation (see additional paper and “Any Other Business” Section).
STAFF ENGAGEMENT	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.
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Aberdeenshire Fire & Rescue Plan. To help you, here is a summary of salient points. The Plan’s Priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unintentional Harm Home Safety • Non-Fire Emergencies • Deliberate Fire Setting • Non-Domestic Fire Safety • Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals • Emergency Response and Community Resilience. 	The Draft Plan also reflects points supported by the Council.	<p>A link to the plan and consultation questionnaire can be found below;</p> <p>https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/planning-and-performance/aberdeenshire-draft-local-plan/</p> <p>A refresh of the Multi Member Ward Plans (MMWPs) will also be undertaken, with further involvement from elected members.</p>
SUMMARY OF KEY RISKS, CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES & AREAS OF BEST PRACTICE	Nothing to report at this time.		

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