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REPORT TO KINCARDINE AND MEARN'S AREA COMMITTEE – 07 NOVEMBER 2017

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – KINCARDINE & MEARN'S 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 and Rescue Service is performing locally in Kincardine & Mearns against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 and Kincardine and Mearns 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 Kincardine & Mearns.

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 Committees' 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 against a 5 year average, although the quantity is equal with the previous year. Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) continue to be undertaken by local crews and supported by the Community Action Team (CAT).</p> <p><u>Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities</u></p> <p>Fire casualties for Q1 have been consistent with the 5 year average and equal to that of Q1 2016/17, with zero fatalities in the Kincardine & Mearns Area.</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>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 structure, this has a positive impact and has 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 most vulnerable and at risk within our communities.</p> <p><u>Reduction in Deliberate Fires</u></p> <p>Weather conditions play a significant part in the increase in deliberate fires with us having had a dry period in Q1 2017-18.</p>	<p><u>Reduction in Accidental Dwelling Fires</u></p> <p>Reinforcing positive impact of intervention by crews and the benefits of partnership working. 99 HFSV's were carried out in the Kincardine & Mearns area in Q1 2017-18 with 21 smoke alarms fitted.</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>Personnel in our Community Action Team have been trained to deliver a 'Firesetters' Intervention Program which sees them engage with young people</p>

	<p><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></p> <p>In relation to Non Domestic and Secondary Fires we have seen a decrease when compared to Q1 last year, however the quantity is equal to the 5 year average.</p> <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 and the 5 year average.</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>Drier weather conditions have a significant impact on secondary fires.</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 the promotion of Road Safety.</p>	<p>who have been reported for deliberate fire setting. Furthermore, a number of school presentations to target this topic have been arranged for September/October 2017.</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 with seasonal initiatives targeting the potential problem areas.</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>Road Safety events will continue to be held in the area with two planned at Laurencekirk and Stonehaven in November 2017. A further event will be held in Portlethen Spring 2018. The scrap cars required for the events in</p>
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	<p>This British Heart Foundation (BHF) partnership is one part of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's commitment to support the Scottish Government's Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Strategy, which aims to save an extra 1000 lives in Scotland by 2020.</p> <p>Falls & Fractures Pathway</p> <p><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></p> <p>Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) calls have increased in the area.</p>	<p>SFRS support for OHCA Scottish Government strategy. 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 of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></p> <p>Introduction & implementation of SFRS UFAS Policy.</p>	<p>Stonehaven and Laurencekirk have been funded by the KMCPG.</p> <p>Local stations continue to promote CPR training sessions in their respective communities.</p> <p>If uninjured but unable to get up with assistance from home care responders, they will call 999 and request assistance from SFRS, who will provide resources in situations to prevent patient lying for greater than 1 hour.</p> <p><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></p> <p>Continue to provide occupiers with advice at every UFAS incident on how to reduce false actuations.</p> <p>Refer premises to Legislative Fire Safety department for any specialist advice in relation to fire detection and management.</p>
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<p>RESPONSE & RESILIENCE</p>	<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. This ensures that local crews are familiar with the building layout, any hazards within the premises and specific procedures to ensure an efficient response should an incident occur.</p>
<p>TRAINING & EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Training plan for the stations is going well and currently sitting high in reporting figures for training nationally.</p>	<p>Firefighter Safety and maintenance of skills.</p>	<p>Local crews attend national training centre for a range of courses which include – Tactical Ventilation, Fire Behaviour and Breathing Apparatus. Also local support is delivered from Training Support Officers.</p>
<p>PEOPLE & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>RDS Recruitment and Retention is progressing in the area. Current Station Establishments within the area are: Stonehaven – 17 which is 5 under establishment due to 1 resignation and 3 retrials over the past couple months. 2 candidates have been interviewed and are progressing through the recruitment pathway. 2 further applicants will be interviewed within the next few weeks. Inverbervie – 11 which is 1 above establishment. Laurencekirk – 10 which is the station establishment figure. 1 candidate is also progressing through the recruitment pathway which will take the station 1 above</p>	<p>Maintain station and appliance availability within the area.</p>	<p>Station managers with support from local managers will continue to review establishment levels and appliance availability to ensure the station has the effective balance of personnel.</p>

	their establishment figure.			
STRATEGIC PLANNING & PERFORMANCE	<p>Post-consultation revision of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Aberdeenshire (2017-20).</p> <p>The Plan's draft 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. 	Update priorities for the Aberdeenshire and Moray area.	<p>Draft priorities have been proposed for the new Local Plan. The consultation process opened on 30th June and closed on 12th September 2017.</p> <p>The Local Senior Officer will formally present the Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue plan 2017-20 to the Communities Committee for approval at the meeting of 9th November 2017.</p>	
STAFF ENGAGEMENT	<p>RDS seminars have been undertaken for all RDS stations across the Aberdeenshire area by the LSO.</p> <p>Station Manager led RDS forums are also held periodically with a cluster of manager representatives from each station to discuss any cross-cutting issues and areas of good practice.</p>	Provide managers with the opportunity to engage with the management team and share objectives, identify challenges and highlight areas of good practice.	<p>A further round of seminars/forums will be scheduled for the Kincardine and Mearns area over the coming months.</p>	
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>A refresh of the Multi Member Ward Plans (MMWPs) will commence once the Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan is ratified on 9th November.</p>	The MMWPs puts a local context on the overarching Aberdeenshire Fire and Rescue Plan, what the priorities are for Kincardine and Mearns and how we will deliver against these priorities locally.	<p>Early drafts and formats are being considered. This will be shared with Elected Members, Council Officers and partners in due course for comment.</p>	

**SUMMARY OF
KEY RISKS,
CHALLENGES,
OPPORTUNITIES
&
AREAS OF BEST
PRACTICE**

Nothing to report at this time.

