



REPORT TO BANFF & BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 14 NOVEMBER 2017

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT For 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017

1 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Committee:

- 1.1 acknowledge and discuss the attached briefing report relating to the period 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017,**
- 1.2 acknowledge and discuss any local operational matters arising, together with key resource issues, as detailed within appendices attached to this report, and**
- 1.3 make any necessary recommendations to the appropriate policy committee or governing body.**

2 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 Banff & 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 Banff & Buchan
- 2.3 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Any 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 and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B1.8 of 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for the Banff and Buchan Area.

4. Implications and Risk

- 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 briefing note, on people with protected characteristics.

- 4.2 There are no staffing and financial implications from this report.
- 4.3 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> We have seen an increase in accidental dwelling fires from the previous year by 60% Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) are going well and support within the Troup area by the Community Safety Action Team (CAT) and work by the local station.</p> <p><u>Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities</u> I am delighted to report that there is a reduction in fire casualties in the Aberdeenshire area with zero fatalities in the B&B Area and only 1 case of minor smoke inhalation to report.</p>	<p><u>Reduction in Accidental Dwelling Fires</u> 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> 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> Reinforcing positive impact of intervention by crews and the benefits of partnership working.</p> <p><u>Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities</u> 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 a substantial decrease in deliberate fires within the area over this reporting period. This reduction has been by about 70% in the B&B Area</p> <p><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></p> <p>In relation to Non Domestic & Secondary Fires we have seen a small increase</p>	<p><u>Reduction in Deliberate Fires</u></p> <p>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><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 accidental secondary fires and deliberate secondary fires.</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. There have also been numerous visits and talks presented to schools in the area.</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>
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	<p><u>Reduction in Casualties from RTC's, Flooding and other Special Service Calls</u></p> <p>There has been a reduction of special services in the area. RTCs, have reduced by 25% with other special services including animal rescue and assisting in gaining entry & medical response.</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. 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><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>There is a local crash live being held on Saturday the 25th of November at 14:00 at the carpark adjacent to the weighbridge at Macduff harbour.</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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	<p><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></p> <p>UFAS calls have increased in the area with 95% of actuations due to Equipment failure.</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>
<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.</p>
<p>TRAINING & EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Initialisation of a new SFRS training programme at the National Training Centre at Portlethen</p>	<p>Fire Fighter Safety and exposure to hot fires in a controlled environment.</p>	<p>Local crews to attend national training centre for hot fire courses which include – Tactical Ventilation, Fire Behaviour and Breathing Apparatus course</p>
<p>PEOPLE & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>RDS Recruitment and Retention is going well in the area. Current Station Establishments within the area are:</p> <p>Fraserburgh – 18 which is 2 under establishment Macduff – 10 which is at full establishment Banff – 11 which is 1 over establishment Portsoy - 9 which is 1 under establishment Aberchirder – 10 which is at full establishment</p>	<p>Maintain station and appliance availability within the area.</p>	<p>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 Banff & Buchan stations at full establishment.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC PLANNING & PERFORMANCE</p>	<p>The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Aberdeenshire</p>	<p>Update priorities for the Aberdeenshire and Moray area</p>	<p>The review is concluded for the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Aberdeenshire</p>

<p>STAFF ENGAGEMENT</p>	<p>RDS seminars have been undertaken for all RDS stations across the Aberdeenshire area</p>	<p>Provide managers with the opportunity to engage with the management team and share objectives and identify challenges</p>	<p>A series of seminars will be held across the Aberdeenshire area</p>
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Nothing to report at this time.</p>	<p>To improve effective firefighting and improve crew safety</p>	<p>The trial will be undertaken for a period of 6 months to determine the effectiveness of the equipment.</p>
<p>SUMMARY OF KEY RISKS, CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES & AREAS OF BEST PRACTICE</p>			

