



REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 30th January 2018

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT

For 1st July to 30th September 2017

1.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Committee:

- 1. Acknowledge and discuss the attached Briefing report relating to the period 1st July to 30th September 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, Financial, Equalities and Risk 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.
- 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>There has been no increase in accidental fires over this period. Fires that did occur involved electrical faults and combustible items too close to fire.</p> <p>Operational crews continue to deliver Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) and are supported by members of the Community Action Team.</p> <p><u>Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities</u></p> <p>There were no fire fatalities over this period and only one casualty.</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.</p> <p>High Risk visitations and good partner referrals in Buchan area with support from the CAT team</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>Deliberate fires have remained static over this reporting period. The deliberate fires were predominantly fires in open/refuse areas.</p> <p><u>Non-Domestic and Secondary Fires</u></p> <p>In relation to Non Domestic & Secondary fires there has been a decrease in these fires from the previous quarter.</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><u>Reduction in Deliberate Fires</u></p> <p>Personnel in our Community Action Team have been trained to deliver a 'Fire setters' Intervention Program which sees them engage with young people who have been reported for deliberate fire setting.</p> <p>CAT team and operations have carried out talks within local schools with further talks planned.</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>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 at these incidents</p> <p><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></p> <p>UFAS calls have decreased in the area and crews continue to provide advice after every call and continue implementing the UFAS policy to reduce/prevent further calls.</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><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></p> <p>Introduction & implementation of SFRS UFAS Policy</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><u>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</u></p> <p>Continue to provide occupiers advice at every UFAS incident.</p>
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RESPONSE & RESILIENCE	Stations are carrying out site visits to care homes within the local area for familiarization 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.
TRAINING & EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT	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
PEOPLE & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	RDS Recruitment and Retention is going well in the area. Current Station Establishments within the area are: Peterhead – 25 which is 5 per watch Peterhead RDS – 12 which is full 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.
STRATEGIC PLANNING & PERFORMANCE	The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Aberdeenshire has been approved	Update priorities for the Aberdeenshire and Moray area	The review is concluded for the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Aberdeenshire
STAFF ENGAGEMENT	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 have been held across the Aberdeenshire area
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	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.

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

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