



REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 23RD NOVEMBER 2021

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – MARR AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT

FOR 1ST JULY – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To discuss how the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is performing locally in Marr against key SFRS priorities and the Marr Multi-Member Ward Plan.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Committee:

2.1 Acknowledge and discuss the attached performance report relating to the period.

2.2 Acknowledge and discuss any local operational matters arising, together with key resource issues, as detailed within appendices attached to this report.

3. Purpose

- 3.1 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 and Marr Multi-Member Ward Plan.
- 3.2 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

4. Discussion

- 4.1 A verbal update will be provided on the day to advise of matters arising and discuss in more detail the information contained within **Appendix 1**.

5. Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 5.1 This report helps deliver the following Council Priorities:

1 – Our People – Education and Health and Wellbeing
2 – Our Environment – Resilient Communities

- 5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply –

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial			X
Staffing			X
Equalities			X
Fairer Scotland Duty			X
Town Centre First		X	
Sustainability			X
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing			X

- 5.3 An Integrated Impact Assessment is not required because the report is to inform the committee on performance of an external organisation and there are no impacts requiring detailed assessment in answer to any of the screening questions.
- 5.4 There are no staffing and financial implications from this report.
- 5.5 There are no direct risk implications for the Council as this report is in relation to the performance reporting of an external organisation.

6. Scheme of Governance

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B.1.7 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.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Summary Report

Marr Area Committee 1st July to 30th September 2021

Introduction

From 1st July 2021 to 30th September 2021 there have been 95 incidents within the Marr Area;

- 95 Incidents
- 0 Fire Fatalities
- 0 Non-fatal fire casualties
- 4 Accidental Dwelling Fires
- 4 RTC Casualties
- 6 Deliberate Fires
- 23 Accidental Fires
- 4 Non-Domestic Fires
- 15 Special Service Incidents
- 49 False Alarms

The Aberdeenshire Management Team and staff within the area are committed to working with Communities and Partners to reduce all types of incidents and continue working to make Marr Area a safe place to work, live and visit.

This report provides the Marr Area Committee with an overview of performance within the area and what the service are doing in partnership with both communities and partners to continuously improve performance within the area.

Deliberate Fires

Reducing Deliberate Fires is a priority for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service within the Marr area. The chart below shows a continuing decrease in the number of Deliberate Fires recorded during this reporting period (the sections of the chart coloured green represent July to September from 2017/18 to 2021/22) in comparison with the previous 5 years.

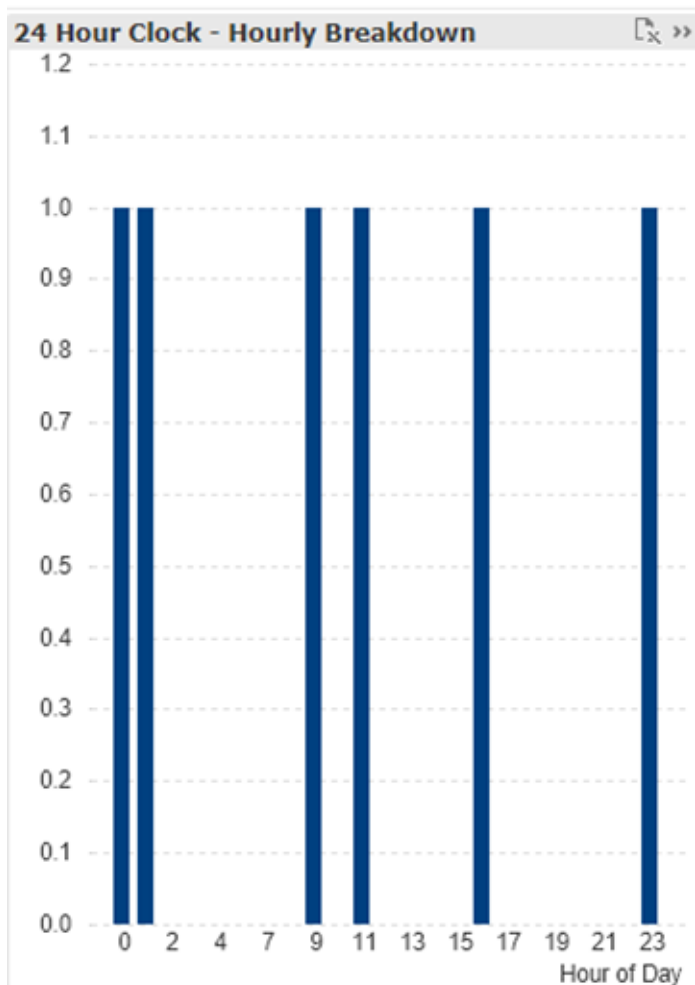
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The table below shows the breakdown of Deliberate Fires throughout the Marr area down to ward level. There has been a significant decrease in Deliberate Fires being recorded especially in the Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford area However there has been a sharp increase in the Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside area.

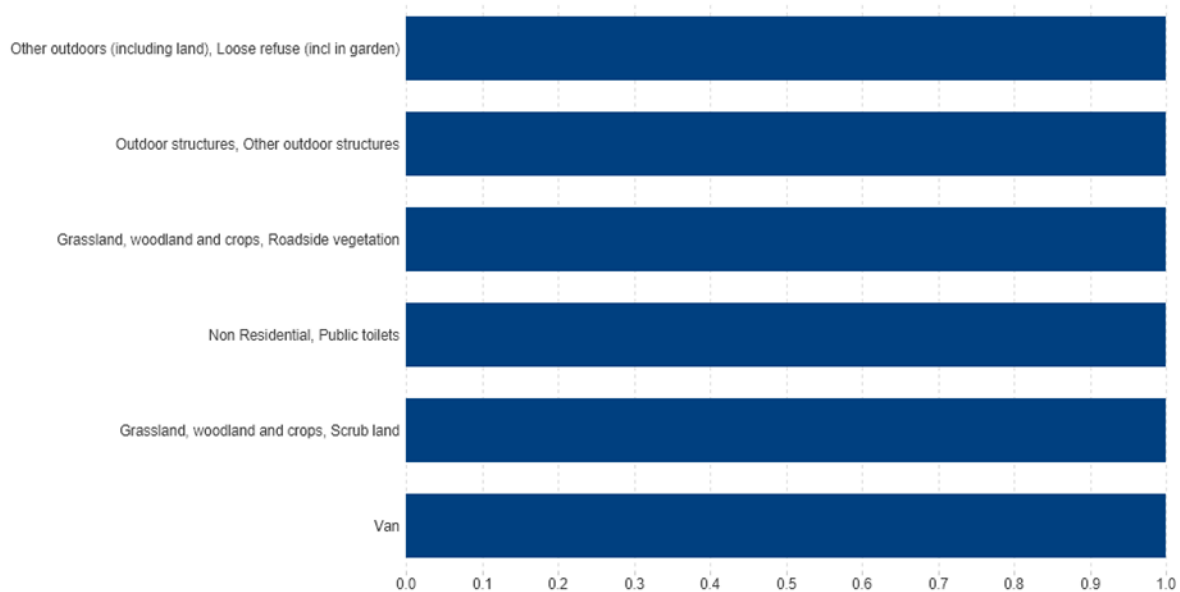
GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	0	1	1	1	4
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	3	3	1	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	2	7	1	9	2
Total	2	11	5	11	6

Details of the time breakdown of when the incidents occurred are shown below:



The types of property involved in the incidents are shown below:

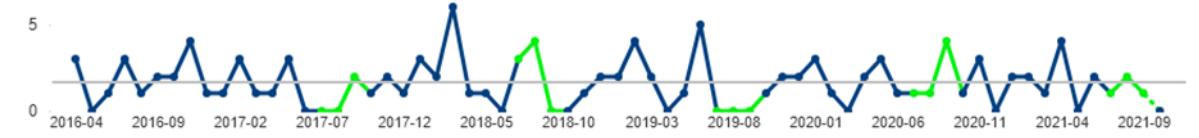
Property Types



Unintentional Harm and Home Safety

Reducing unintentional harm and improving home safety remain a priority for the SFRS. The chart below shows that there has been four Accidental Dwelling Fires within the area during this period, a slight decrease over the corresponding quarter from the previous year.

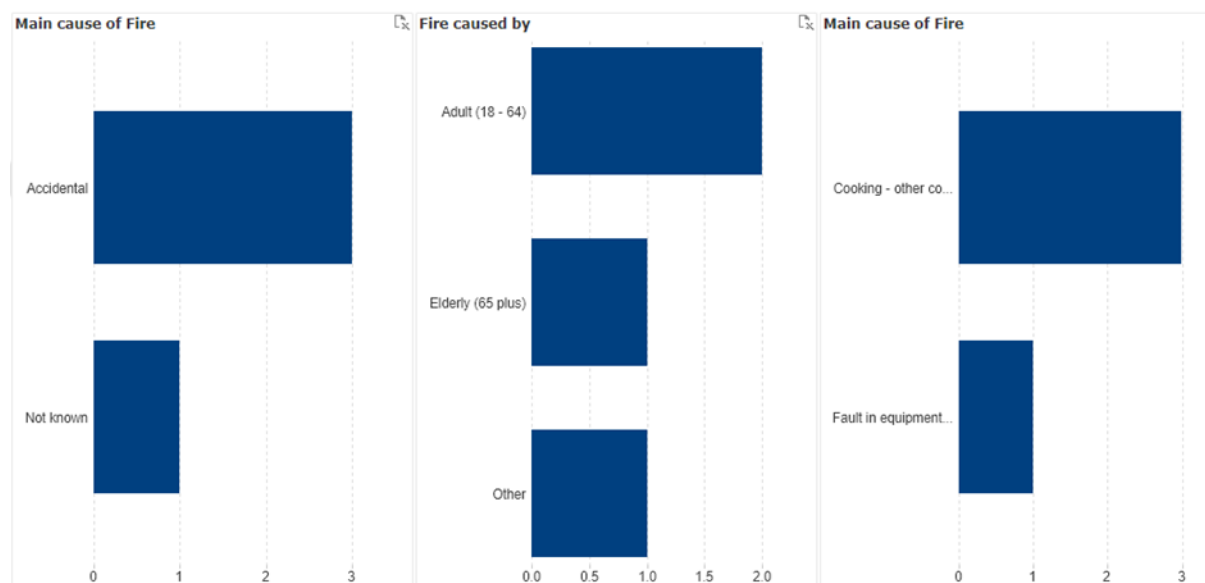
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The table below shows the breakdown of Accidental Dwelling Fires down to ward level.

GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2017-18	2018-19	2019-2020	2020-21	2021-22
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	2	4	0	3	1
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	0	0	1	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	0	3	0	2	3
Total	2	7	0	6	4

The chart below highlights how the accidental dwelling fires occurred.



Home Fire Safety Visits continue to be our primary method for reducing accidental dwelling fires. During this period, we have delivered the following HSFV's:

Area	Total Visits	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	15	6 (40%)	8 (54%)	1 (6%)
Banchory and Mid Deeside	5	2 (40%)	2 (40%)	1 (20%)
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	23	6 (26%)	11 (48%)	6 (26%)
Totals	43	14 (33%)	21 (49%)	8 (18%)

We are continuing to work with our Partners through Local Community Planning arrangements and the Health and Social Care Partnership to increase the number of High Risk Referrals made for Home Fire Safety Visits. Delivering these visits to the people most in need is a critical piece of work.

Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties

During this reporting period there have been no casualties as a result of Accidental Dwelling Fires. The table below shows how this compares to the previous five years.

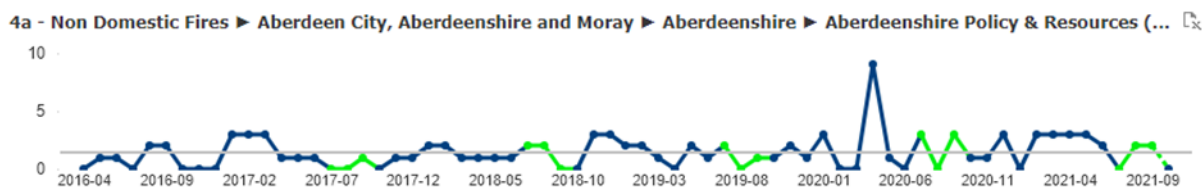
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WARD	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	0	0	0	0	0
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	0	0	0	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

We will continue to refine our HFSV process to ensure casualty numbers continue to be low or at zero.

Non Domestic Fires

During this reporting period there have been four non-domestic fires in the area – a reduction due to the decrease in incidents in the Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside area. The table and chart below allows for comparison with this and the same reporting period for the previous five years.

GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	1	2	1	5	3
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	1	2	0	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	0	1	0	1	1
Total	1	4	3	6	4



The chart below shows the property types where these incidents occurred.

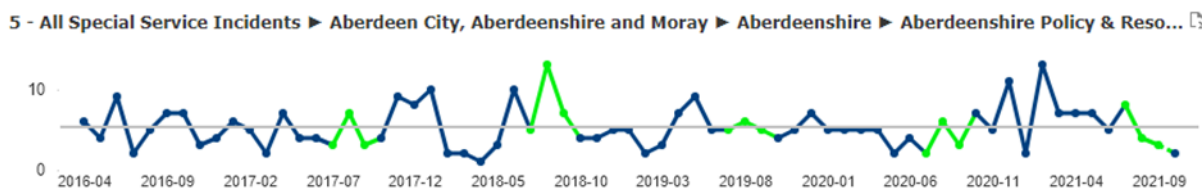


Non-Fire Emergencies

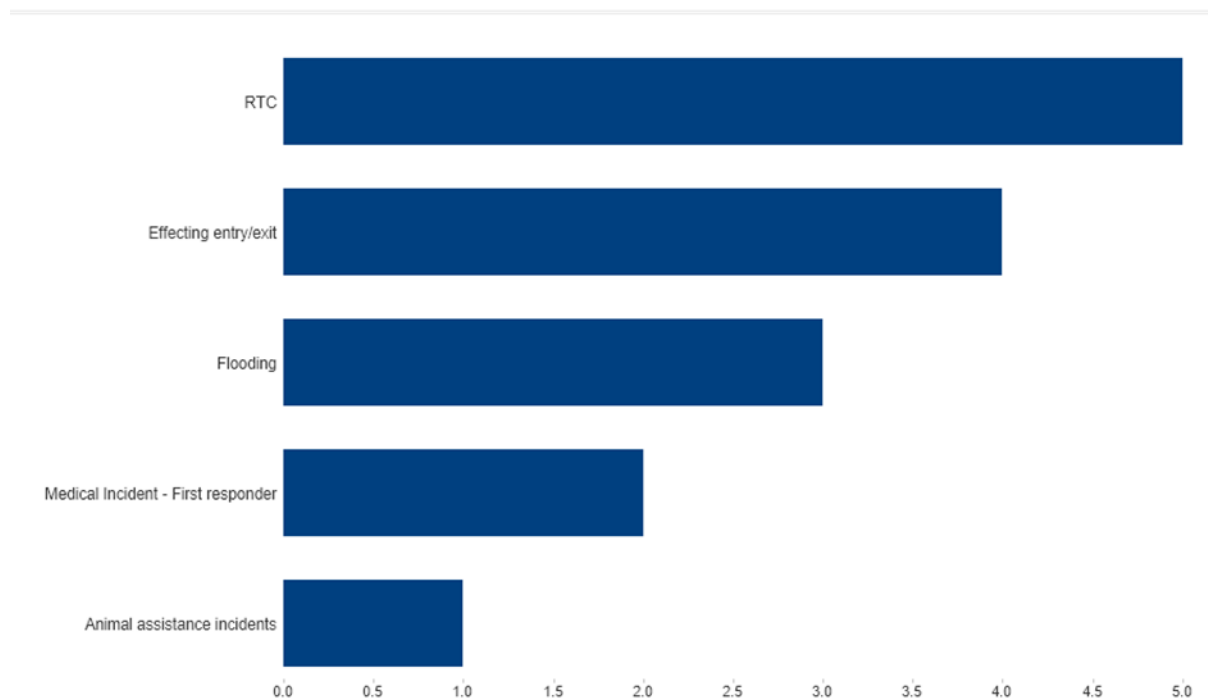
The modern Fire and Rescue Service attends many incidents that are not fires. This section provides information in relation to Non-Fire Emergencies to allow members to see both how we are progressing in this area and the variety of Non-Fire Emergencies that crews within the area deal with.

The table chart below shows information and comparison with the previous five years. The figures show a significant increase over the previous year however the previous year was the lowest total in 5 years.

GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2017-18	2018-2019	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	4	9	4	5	6
Banchory & Mid Deeside	1	8	4	3	2
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	8	8	8	3	7
Total	13	25	16	11	15



The chart below shows the number and different categories of Non-Fire Emergencies that the Service have responded to in the Marr area during the reporting period;



Over half of the incidents relate to RTC's and Effecting Entry/Exit. We continue working with both Partners and Local Communities to reduce the number of Non-Fire Emergencies in the area and to ensure that there is an effective response when an incident does occur.

Casualties resulting from Road Traffic Collisions

There has been no Fatal Casualties as a result of Road Traffic Collisions during this reporting period however there were 4 Non-Fatal Casualties reported during this period.

The table below provides information for comparison for Non-Fatal Casualties from RTC's during this 5-year period.

GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	0	0	0	0	1
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	0	0	0	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	1	0	0	0	3
Total	1	0	0	0	4

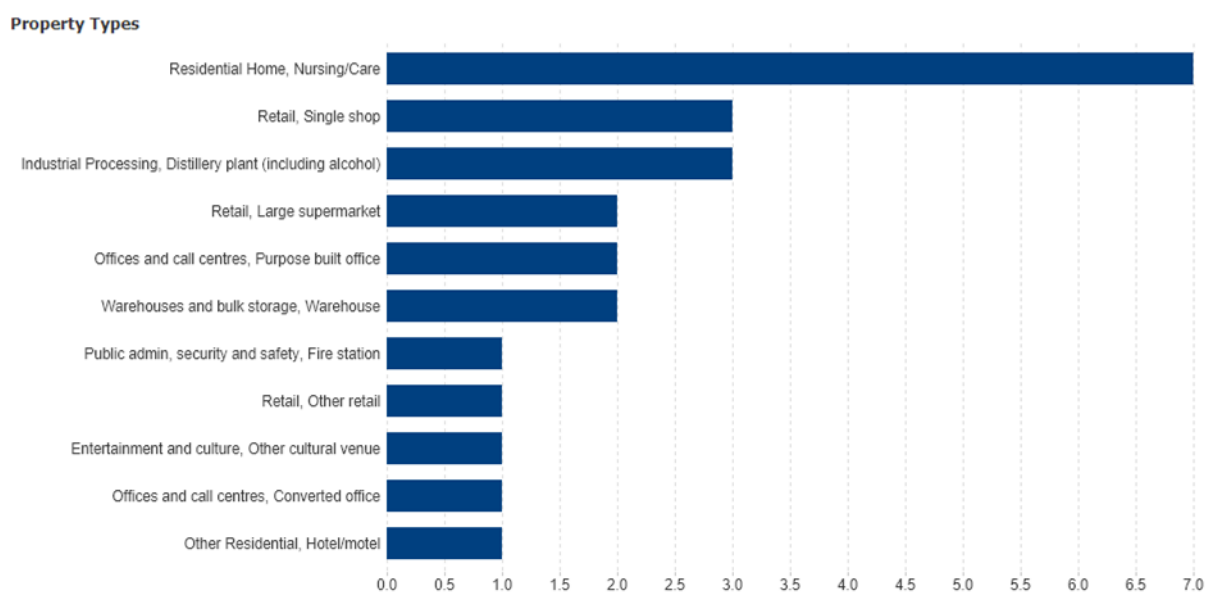
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

Reducing the number of unwanted fire alarm signals is a priority for the area. Reducing this type of incident has a positive impact on local employers by decreasing the interruption to businesses and the wider community. This also reduces road risk in relation to blue light journeys made while responding to incidents that turn out to be a false alarm.

The figure is at its lowest over the previous 5 years.

GEOGRAPHY / REPORTING YEAR					
WARD	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	19	18	19	4	8
Banchory & Mid Deeside	4	6	11	12	3
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	11	8	7	10	13
Total	34	32	37	26	24

The chart below shows the property types where UFAS incidents have occurred during this reporting period



In line with our policy for Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals, all operational crews provide advice and guidance to occupiers/owners every time that they attend an Unwanted Fire Alarm. In cases where there is no improvement we provide occupiers/owners with additional advice from our specialist Fire Safety Enforcement Officers to assist them in resolving the issue.

Establishment – Marr Area

Station	Establishment Figures
Aboyne	11 - Full establishment
Balmoral	9 - One under establishment
Ballater	16 - Four under establishment (2 recruits)
Braemar	7 - Three under establishment (2 recruits)
Strathdon	6 - Four under establishment (1 recruit)
Alford	10 - Full establishment
Huntly	14 - Six under establishment (3 recruits)
Banchory	17 - Three under establishment