

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee

Thursday, 21 February 2019

Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

PRESENT

Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor Paula Coy, Councillor John Divers, Councillor Tim Eagle, Councillor Donald Gatt, Councillor Louise Laing, Councillor Graham Leadbitter

APOLOGIES

Councillor James Allan, Councillor Ron Shepherd

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr John Morgan, Group Manager, Moray Area, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mr Ian Findlay, Area Manager, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson, Police Scotland; Chief Inspector Maggie Miller, Police Scotland; Mr Jim Grant, Head of Development Services and Mrs Caroline Howie, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Meeting.

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Morrison (ex-officio)

1 Chair of Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Coy.

2 Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests *

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct, there were no declarations from Group Leaders or Spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how Members will vote on any item on the agenda or any declarations of Member's interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

3 Exempt Information

The meeting resolved that in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items of business appearing at the relevant paragraphs of this minute as specified below, so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4 Minute of Meeting of 22 November 2018

The minute of the meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee dated 22 November 2018 was submitted and approved.

5 Written Questions **

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

6 Police Performance Report (April - September 2018)

A report by Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson informed the committee of the performance of Police in respect of the Local Policing Plan 2017-20 and other key indicators. He advised that the figure for the rape detection rate had increased from the 20.0% shown in the report to currently being at 55%, which was higher than the national average.

Committee joined the Chair in congratulating the Police on the good performance figures.

Thereafter the Committee agreed to note the report and that the Local Commander will continue to report to the Committee quarterly on performance measures against service objectives as articulated in the 2017-20 Local Policing Plan.

7 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Operational Update

Local Senior Officer (LSO) Ian Findlay provided a verbal update on the work of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service advising there are 11 stations across Moray.

He advised the Service had attended more than 260 incidents from October to December 2018. Types of incidents attended included deliberate fires, accidental fires, special services and false alarms. Special services include Swift Water rescue assets, High Volume Pumps, Wild Fire units, Water Carriers and specialist teams operating across the Moray area. This is also backed up by teams and specialist assets from other areas that can be called on to provide assistance when required.

Recruitment is ongoing with interviews taking place and recent recruits having started on 18 February.

Thereafter the Committee agreed to note the informative verbal update provided by LSO Findlay.

**8 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Moray Thematic Report - Non fire
Emergencies 1 April 2018 - 31 December 2018**

A report by Local Senior Officer Ian Findlay informed the Committee of response to Non Fire Emergencies undertaken by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) locally and in respect of the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2017-20.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the report on Non Fire Emergencies from 1 April 2018 – 31 December 2018.

9 Question Time ***

Councillor Leadbitter advised a Blue Light festival was being held on 23 March and encouraged all to attend if available.

10 Police Operational Update [Para 14]

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the confidential informative verbal operational update from Police Scotland.