

MORAY COUNCIL

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

Thursday, 20 May 2021

Remote Locations via Video-Conference

PRESENT

Councillor George Alexander, Councillor James Allan, Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor Gordon Cowie, Councillor Paula Coy, Councillor John Divers, Councillor Donald Gatt, Councillor Louise Nicol

APOLOGIES

Councillor Ray McLean

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Superintendent G MacDonald, Divisional Police Commander, Police Scotland; Mr M Tait, Local Senior Officer and Area Commander Bruce Farquharson, both from Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; Head of Economic Growth and Development and Mrs L Rowan, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Committee.

1 Chair

Councillor Coy, being Chair of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee, chaired the meeting.

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 Resolution

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.

Paragraph No. of Minute

Paragraph No. of Schedule 7A

4 Minute of Meeting dated 18 February 2021

The Minute of the meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee dated 18 February 2021 was submitted and approved.

5 Written Questions **

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

6 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Moray Performance Report 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

Under reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this committee dated 23 November 2017, a report by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for Aberdeenshire and Moray informed the Committee of the performance undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service locally and in respect of the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2017-20.

The Chair acknowledged that this was the last meeting that LSO Martin Tait would be attending prior to his retirement and thanked him for his contribution to the Committee and wished him well in his retirement. She further welcomed Area Commander Bruce Farquharson to the Committee as he would be taking up the position of LSO following Mr Tait's retirement.

Mr Tait provided an overview of the performance detailed within the report and then responded to various questions from the Committee.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the performance outlined in the report applicable to annual performance for 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

7 Question Time

There were no questions raised.

8 Police Scotland Operational Update [Para 14]

The Committee was provided with an informative operational update by Chief Superintendent MacDonald, North East Division, Police Scotland.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the informative operational update from the North East Division, Police Scotland.