

MORAY COUNCIL

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

Thursday, 22 August 2019

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

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Councillor James Allan, Councillor John Divers, Councillor Ron Shepherd

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Grant Nicoll, Group Manager, Moray Area; Mr Martin Tait, Local Senior Officer and Mr David Scott, Station Commander, all Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson, Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson and Inspector Jon Millar, all Police Scotland; Mr Jim Grant, Head of Development Services and Mrs Caroline Howie, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Meeting.

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 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 21 February 2019

The Minute of the meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee dated 21 February 2019 was submitted and approved.

5 Written Questions **

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

6 Police Performance

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.

The Committee joined the Chair in congratulating PC Stuart Sim who won the Police Scotland Unsung Hero award at the Excellence Awards held in Tulliallan, noting that PC Sim has dedicated much of his 29 years police service to policing in Moray.

Councillor Gatt sought clarification on information recorded in relation to 'Advice/Education given to Motorists'.

The Chair sought clarification on whether those stopped for drink driving were stopped shortly after the point of consumption or the following morning.

In response Chief Superintendent Thomson undertook to bring a thematic report in respect of work undertaken by Roads Policing in relation to Drink Driving in Moray to a future meeting of the Committee.

Councillor Laing sought clarification on Robbery numbers being down, seeking to understand if they were down across Moray or down in urban areas and up in urban areas as she had heard more about thefts from gardens.

In response Chief Superintendent Thomson advised Robbery is when it involves violence against the person and has really low numbers in Moray. In relation to rural thefts he advised Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson was taking on the Rural Crime Partnership around theft and undertook to bring a thematic report dealing with the work being done in relation to rural settings.

Following discussion on Police Performance the Committee agreed to:

- i. note 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;
- ii. seek a thematic report on data in respect of work undertaken by Roads Policing in relation to Drink Driving in Moray;
- iii. seek a thematic report on the challenges involved in rural crimes; and
- iv. congratulate PC Stuart Sim on receiving a Police Scotland Unsung Hero award.

7 Digitally Enabled Policing Programme

A verbal report by Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson provided information on the Digitally Enabled Policing Programme.

Chief Superintendent Thomson advised the North East Division was the second division in Scotland to introduce digital devices and passed to Inspector Jon Millar, who is leading on this from the division, to give a demonstration of the devices.

Following discussion the Committee agreed to note the comprehensive report and demonstration provided by Chief Superintendent Thomson and Inspector Millar.

8 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Moray Performance Report 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

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

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note performance outlined in the report applicable to annual performance for 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

9 Question Time ***

There were no questions raised.

10 Police Operational Update [Para 14]

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