



Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee

Thursday, 17 August 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the **Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee** is to be held at **Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX** on **Thursday, 17 August 2023** at **14:00**.

BUSINESS

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Consider any oral question on matters delegated to the Committee in terms of the Council's Scheme of Administration.

Summary of Police and Fire and Rescue Services

Committee functions:

The following functions of the Council shall stand referred or delegated to this Committee:

- (1) To deal with all matters relating to Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Moray.
- (2) To participate in consultations relative to national strategic plans and priorities for the Police and Fire and Rescue Services.
- (3) To work with the Local Police Commander and the Local Senior Officer for the Fire and Rescue Service to set priorities and objectives for Local Police Plans and Local Fire and Rescue Plans for Moray.
- (4) To monitor delivery of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Moray, providing feedback and making recommendations for improvements as required.
- (5) To call for reports from the Local Police Commander or the Local Senior Officer for the Fire and Rescue Service on issues relevant to the delivery of the Police or Fire and Rescue Service in Moray as appropriate.
- (6) To facilitate Community Planning relative to the Police and Fire and Rescue Services in accordance with statutory guidance.

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GUIDANCE NOTES

* **Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests** - The Chair of the meeting shall seek declarations from any individual or political group at the beginning of a meeting whether any prior decision has been reached on how the individual or members of the group will vote on any item(s) of business on the Agenda, and if so on which item(s). A prior decision shall be one that the individual or the group deems to be mandatory on the individual or the group members such that the individual or the group members will be subject to sanctions should they not vote in accordance with the prior decision. Any such prior decisions will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

** **Written Questions** - Any Member can put one written question about any relevant and competent business within the specified remits not already on the agenda, to the Chair provided it is received by the Proper Officer or Committee Services by 12 noon two working days prior to the day of the meeting. A copy of any written answer provided by the Chair will be tabled at the start of the relevant section of the meeting. The Member who has put the question may, after the answer has been given, ask one supplementary question directly related to the subject matter, but no discussion will be allowed.

No supplementary question can be put or answered more than 10 minutes after the Council has started on the relevant item of business, except with the consent of the Chair. If a Member does not have the opportunity to put a supplementary question because no time remains, then he or she can submit it in writing to the Proper Officer who will arrange for a written answer to be provided within 7 working days.

*** **Question Time** - At each ordinary meeting of the Committee ten minutes will be allowed for Members questions when any Member of the Committee can put a question to the Chair on any business within the remit of that Section of the Committee. The Member who has put the question may, after the answer has been given, ask one supplementary question directly related to the subject matter, but no discussion will be allowed.

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MORAY COUNCIL

Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee

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

Thursday, 04 May 2023

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

PRESENT

Councillor James Allan, Councillor Peter Bloomfield, Councillor Tracy Colyer, Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor John Divers, Councillor Jérémie Fernandes, Councillor Donald Gatt, Councillor Neil McLennan, Councillor Shona Morrison

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Marc Macrae

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Superintendent Graeme Mackie, Chief Inspector Simon Reid, Detective Chief Inspector Caroline Gray, all Police Scotland, Mr Chay Ewing, Area Commander, Local Senior Officer and Mr David Hendry, Group Commander, both Fire and Rescue Services Scotland, Mr Andy Stewart, Principal Environmental Health Officer, and Mrs Lissa Rowan, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Committee, both Moray Council.

1 Chair

Councillor Bloomfield, 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 21 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 the 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
10	14 Information relating to any action taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

4 Minute of Meeting dated 9 February 2023

The Minute of the meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee dated 9 February 2023 was submitted and approved.

5 Written Questions

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

6 Order of Business

The Chair sought the agreement of the Committee to vary the order of business and take Item 7 Moray Local Policing Plan 2023-26 as the first substantive item of business, to allow officers from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to connect to the meeting. This was agreed.

7 Moray Local Policing Plan 2023-26

A report by Chief Superintendent Mackie, North East Division, Police Scotland presented to Committee the Moray Local Policing Plan for 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2026 for retrospective approval.

During his introduction, Chief Superintendent Mackie explained that retrospective approval was being sought for the Moray Local Policing Plan 23-26 as there was no meeting scheduled at a suitable date to approve the plan before 1 April 2023, therefore, after consultation with the Chair, it was agreed that retrospective approval be sought at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee instead of arranging a special meeting. This was noted.

The Committee joined the Chair in commending Officers in Police Scotland for the service they provide and thereafter agreed to approve the Moray Local Policing Plan for 2023-26 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

8 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Moray Thematic Report 2023

A report by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (SFRS) informed the Committee of the SFRS Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's) in Moray.

During discussion of the report, it was noted that the SFRS carry out home safety visits for residential properties however it was queried whether safety visits extend to commercial properties and whether the Service had up to date plans for all commercial premises in Moray.

In response, LSO Ewing advised that safety visits for commercial properties were carried out by Officers as part of Operational Intelligence Visits and that plans for most higher risk businesses are held however offered to bring a further thematic report on fire safety visits for commercial properties to a future meeting of the Committee. This was agreed.

The Committee joined the Chair in commending the Fire and Rescue Service for the service they provide and thereafter agreed:

- (i) to note the contents of the thematic report; and
- (ii) that a thematic report on fire safety visits for commercial properties be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

9 Question Time

Councillor Gatt raised concern around battery storage units in Keith and sought assurance that the Fire Service were prepared should any fire occur in or around the units.

In response, Local Senior Officer Ewing advised that the Service are aware of the battery storage sites and units in Keith and advice and training has been provided to officers.

Group Commander Hendry further advised that Operational Crews had attended and carried out familiarisation visits at the battery storage units at Keith and that specific training is included in all of the monthly training packages for all crews, including retained fire fighters.

Councillor Fernandes noted that a recent Office for National Statistics Report stated that there was an increase of 22% in shop lifting crime related to the cost of living crisis and queried whether this was the case in Moray.

In response, Chief Inspector Reid advised that there had been an increase in theft by shop lifting figures in Moray however there was nothing that could attribute this to the cost of living crisis in relation to the type of items stolen.

10 Verbal Operational Update [Para 14]

Chief Superintendent Graeme Mackie and Chief Inspector Simon Reid provided a confidential update in relation to operational matters within Police Scotland.



REPORT TO: POLICE AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT: SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE MORAY
PERFORMANCE REPORT 1st APRIL 2023 – 31st July 2023**

**BY: LSO CHAY EWING, LOCAL SENIOR OFFICER, ABERDEEN
CITY, ABERDEENSHIRE & MORAY**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

To inform the Committee of the performance undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) locally and in respect of the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2021-24.

This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (J) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to relating to Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Moray.

2. REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

2.1 This report contains no confidential information

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1.1 It is recommended that the Committee consider and note performance outlined in the report applicable to annual performance for 1st April 2023 to 31st July 2023.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 The Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2021-2024 was approved by this Committee for and on behalf of the Local Authority.

4.1.1 Section 41H Provision of information to local authority of The Police and Fire (Scotland) Reform Act 2012, states:

- SFRS must give to a local authority such information or reports relating to the carrying out of SFRS's functions in the authority's area (including

reports given by reference to any local fire and rescue plan in force for the area) as the authority may reasonably request.

- 4.2 The performance report provides those outcomes, as per Section 41H and 41K of the Act, applicable to the annual Moray Ward Performance Report for The Moray Council Area in the context of the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2021-24.
- 4.3 The information contained within the report on Appendix 1 details local area performance for period 1st April 2023 to 31st July 2023.

5. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

- (a) **Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))** The discharging of the Council's responsibilities in relation to the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 is of direct relevance to the delivery of the Council's responsibilities in relation to Community Planning and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan
- (b) **Policy and Legal**
This report is brought before the Moray Police and Fire Committee within its remit for local scrutiny and governance arrangements.
- (c) **Financial implications**
There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- (d) **Risk Implications**
There are no risk implications arising from this report
- (e) **Staffing Implications**
There are no staffing implications arising from this report
- (f) **Property**
There are no staffing implications arising from this report
- (g) **Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**
Not Applicable
- (h) **Consultations**
Not Applicable

6. **CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 **The report provides the Committee with the local performance outcomes relative to the priorities agreed in the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2021-24, for annual performance 1st April 2023 to 31st July 2023.**

Author of Report:
Chay Ewing, LSO, Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire & Moray



YEAR TO DATE MONITORING REPORT

*Covering the performance in support of the
Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Moray 2021-24*



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ABOUT THE STATISTICS IN THIS REPORT

The activity totals and other statistics quoted in this report are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review.

Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be differences in the period totals quoted in our reports after original publication which result from revisions or additions to the data on our systems.

From 2015-16 onwards responsibility for the publication of end-year statistical data transferred from the Scottish Government to the SFRS. This change of responsibility does not change the status of the figures quoted in this and other SFRS reports reported to the Committee.

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Moray Area performance report for the reporting period 1st April 2022 to 1st January 2023. The report is aligned to and reports on progress against the priorities set out in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Moray 2021 – 2024.

The information presented in this report provides a comparison against key performance indicators, the selected performance indicators are selected to best inform and support the priorities within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Moray 2021-2024. Each indicator displays the activity reflecting performance for year to date vs. a specific target OR previous 3 years rolling average. The performance indicators within the report support the local priorities:

- Priority 1 – Unintentional Harm & Home Safety
- Priority 2 – Non-Fire Emergencies
- Priority 3 – Deliberate Fire Setting
- Priority 4 – Non-Domestic Fire Safety Including Accidental Primary & Secondary Fires
- Priority 5 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
- Priority 6 – Emergency Response & Community Resilience

As well as supporting the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Moray, this monitoring report shows how SFRS activities and performance contribute to the wider priorities of the Moray Community Partnership 10 Year Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.




The figures in this report are provisional, to provide the Committee with the SFRS's direction of travel in the Moray area, in terms of performance against headline indicators and targets. Most figures will not change; however, members should note that there may be some small variations for some indicators when the final confirmed figures are published by the SFRS.













PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The table below provides a summary of the year to date performance against headline indicators and annual targets. It aims to provide – at a glance – our direction of travel during the current reporting year.

Performance against Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan

Year-to-Date Legend

	Below 3 Year Average
	Less than 10% above 3 Year Average
	More than 10% above 3 Year Average

Key Performance Indicator	April to July				RAG STATUS
	20/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	
 All Accidental Dwelling Fires	16	14	11	14	
 All Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties & (Fatalities)	1 (1)	6 (0)	4 (0)	2 (1)	
 Special Service All	45	73	70	65	
 All Deliberate Fires	23	71	48	69	
 Non- Domestic Fires	10	11	13	12	
 UFAS	105	127	161	132	

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 6 Priority areas, the following performance should be noted for the year to date 2023:

Accidental Dwelling Fires

The statistics against the key performance indicators show that we have a continued decrease compared to the three-year rolling average for Accidental Dwelling Fires. SFRS continue to work with partners to provide support and assistance to the most vulnerable in our local communities, reducing the risk of fire within homes.

Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties & Fatalities

Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties have seen a decrease compared to the three-year average. There has been one Fire Fatality in the Moray area during this reporting period.

Special Service All

Special Service Calls have had a decrease compared to the three-year average. The categories of Special Service with the highest number of calls were and Effecting Entry, RTC, and assisting other agencies. SFRS continue to work closely with partners to address these areas with targeted education within our local communities.

Deliberate Fires

Deliberate Fires have increased compared to the three-year average. We have targeted the root causes of deliberate secondary fires (grassland/scrub) which had contributed to the bulk of the calls in 23/24. SFRS personnel continue to engage with land owners, the local authority, local community groups and tourists/visitors to the area. Some good partnership working with Police Scotland has resulted in a number of arrests for deliberate fire setting.

Non Domestic Fires

Non- Domestic Fires have remained similar compared to the three-year average with resources attending 12 incidents covering a variety of premise types.

We continue to work with owners and occupiers through our Fire Safety Enforcement Programme and Post Fire Audits to reduce the number of Non-Domestic Fires.

False Alarm – UFAS

UFAS incidents have decreased further during the last period and are now sitting marginally above the three-year average. Distillery's and education have been contributing to the bulk of the calls attended. Local crews assisted by Fire Safety Enforcement officers have undertaken targeted engagement with premises owner, providing advise on how to reduce UFAS through improved management arrangements.

PRIORITY 1 – UNINTENTIONAL HARM & HOME SAFETY

Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

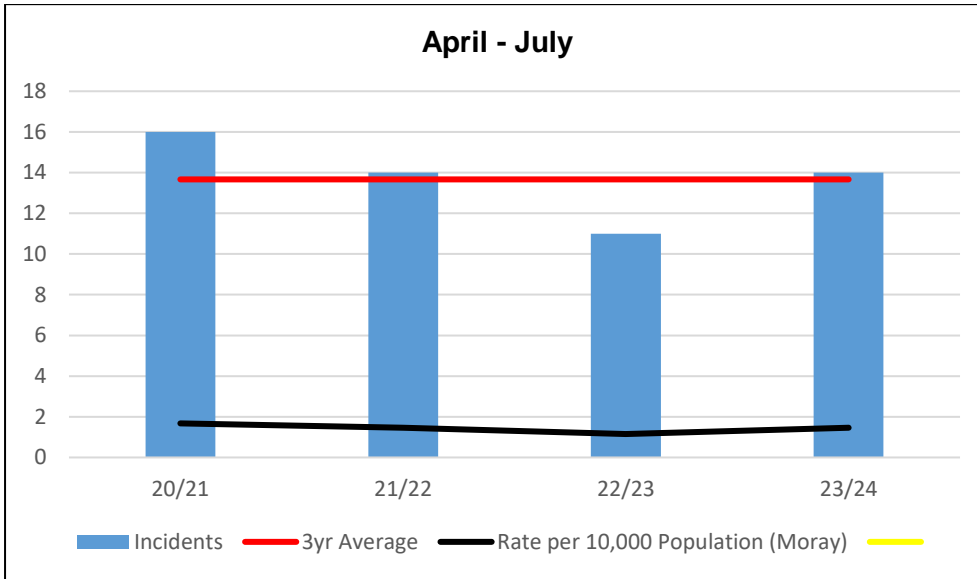


Table 1: Year to Date (April to July) Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD
ADF's	16	14	11	14	GREEN

ADF Fatal Casualties & - ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

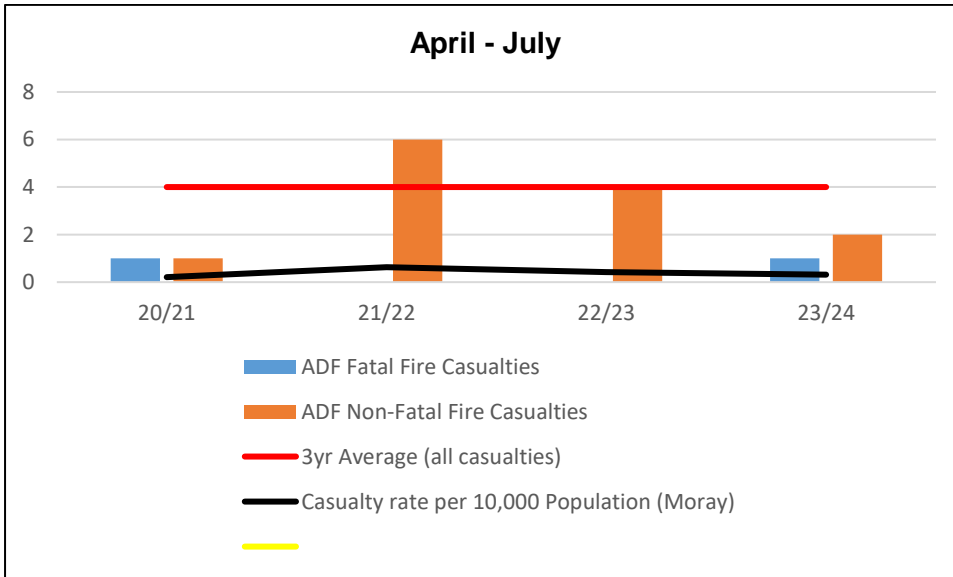


Table 2: Year to Date (April to January) Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD
ADF Fatal Casualties	1	0	0	1	AMBER
ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	1	6	4	2	GREEN

Accidental Dwelling Fires

Committee	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Buckie	4	0	4	3
Elgin North	3	4	0	3
Elgin South	2	3	3	2
Forres	2	5	2	1
Keith	2	1	1	0
Laich	2	0	1	0
Milnes	1	1	0	4
Speyside	0	0	0	1
Total	16	14	11	14

Indicator Description

The largest single type of primary fire in Moray is accidental fires in the home and their prevention is a key focus of the Service's community safety activity.

Our aim is to reduce the rate of ADF's by keeping these incidents below the three-year average for 2023/24.

The reduction of fire casualties is clearly linked to our priority "Unintentional Harm and Home Safety". The reduction of fire fatalities and casualties is at the core of our preventative and early intervention activities carried out by SFRS in the Moray area. Significant contributory factors associated with the number of fire casualties and fatalities include, lifestyle, independent living strategies, smoking, consumption of alcohol and prescribed and non-prescribed drugs, Individual capacity and vulnerability, and ageing demographics.

ADF Fatal Casualties

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die some-time after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures.

Our aim is to have **Zero ADF Fatal Casualties**, in Moray during 2023/24

ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

This Indicator counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in the home, including precautionary checks.

Our aim is to reduce the risk of injury from fire in the home by keeping fire injuries below the three-year average during 2023/24.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority One: *Unintentional Harm & Home Safety*, our activities will also support the long-term ambition of the Moray 10 Year Plan and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray
- Empowering and connecting communities
- Growing, diverse and sustainable economy
- Changing our relationship with alcohol

Performance Management

There have been 14 ADF's reported year to date, which is below the three-year average. We are therefore showing green for achieving the annual target.

Accidental dwelling fires can have a significant negative impact upon both individuals, the wider community and are financially costly to house holders and housing providers in terms of repair and the reinstatement of homes. Key contributory risk factors include, lifestyle, independent living strategies, smoking, consumption of alcohol and prescribed and non-prescribed drugs. Individual capability and vulnerability, and aging demographics.

There has been 1 ADF Fatal Casualties during year to date. We are therefore showing Amber for achieving the annual target.

There has been 2 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties year to date, which is below the three-year average so we are showing green for achieving the annual target.

Home Fire Safety Visits remain a key focus in our community safety activity to reduce accidental dwelling fires and casualties resulting from these. We continue to explore and develop partnerships throughout the area to identify those most vulnerable and/or at risk from fire and/or harm in the home. Through our contribution to Moray Community Safety Hub and the Community Planning Partnership collectively we have raised awareness of our referral process and promote a better understanding of fire risk in the home. The figures presented below show the number of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) delivered year-to-date compared to the same period 2023/24:

	2022 / 23	2023 / 24
High	106	117
Medium	71	42
Low	59	19
Total	236	178

The delivery of HFSV's to date have decreased compared to the same reporting period last year. The SFRS focus remains on delivery of high HFSV's to target the most vulnerable with our communities and these are being carried out by both our Community Action Teams as well as operational front-line staff. We continue to monitor emerging risk and will adjust our delivery strategy in line with Scottish Government guidance, to protect both the public and our staff.

PRIORITY 2 – NON-FIRE EMERGENCIES

All Non-Fire Emergencies

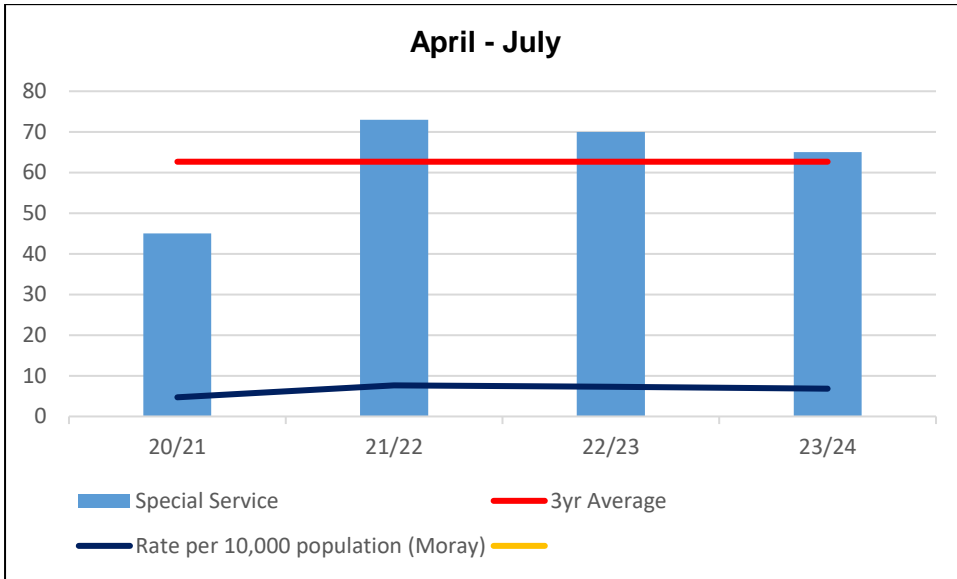


Table 3: Year to Date (April to July) Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD
All Non – Fire Emergencies	45	73	70	65	GREEN

Road Traffic Collisions

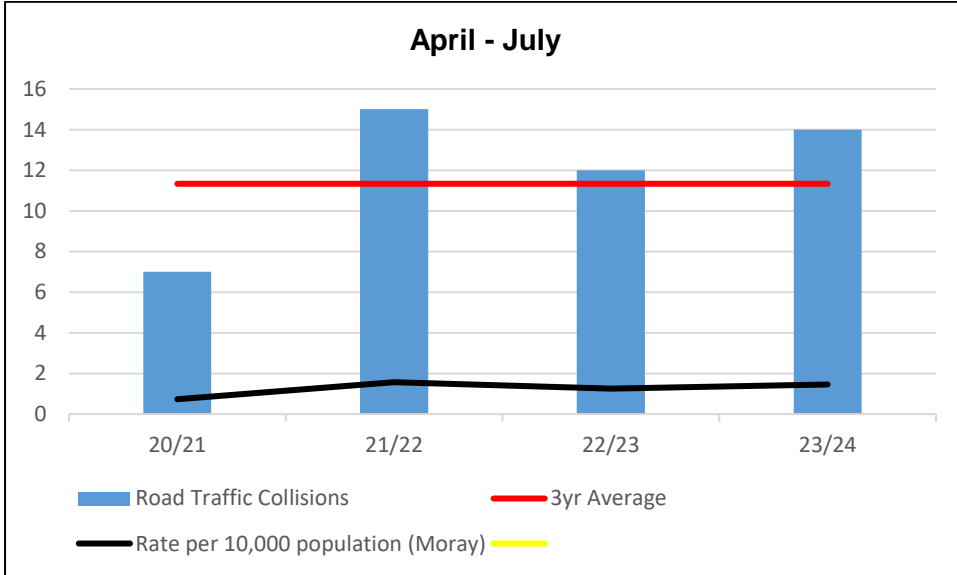


Table 4: Year to Date (April to January) Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD
Road Traffic Collisions	7	15	12	14	GREEN
Fatal RTC Casualties	1	3	0	1	GREEN
Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	3	9	2	11	RED

All Non-Fire Emergency (Ward Area)

Committee	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Buckie	7	3	7	5
Elgin North	5	12	9	7
Elgin South	5	8	17	9
Forres	8	15	10	9
Keith	7	11	9	8
Laich	4	9	9	9
Milnes	5	7	6	7
Speyside	4	8	3	11
Total	45	73	70	65

Indicator Description

A core part of SFRS activity locally is responding to Non-Fire Emergencies such as road traffic collisions (RTCs), other rescue situations and flooding. Firefighters are trained to a high standard and have at their disposal the most modern equipment for extracting people in rescue situations and administering first aid to casualties. As well as our operational response we are actively involved in preventing accidents from occurring through our work with the Moray Community Safety Hub and Public Protection Partnership.

SFRS Personnel in Moray are being trained to deliver the “Bikerdown” safety initiative which looks to engage with and educate members of the Motorcycle community.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Three: *Non-Fire Emergencies*, our activities will also support the long-term ambition of the Moray 10 Year Plan and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray
- Empowering and connecting communities
- Growing, diverse and sustainable economy
- Changing our relationship with alcohol

Performance Management

Special Service Incidents have decreased for the reporting period when compared to the average over the last 3 years, with 65 incidents attended. We are therefore showing green for achieving this target.

Since the Covid-19 Pandemic there has been an increased request for assistance from partner agencies which falls under the incident type of special service, these continue to increase but SFRS are committed to supporting our partners. Out with RTC's the most common form of Non-Fire Emergencies was effecting entry of which there were 22, and calls to assist other agencies of which there were 5.

Incidents also included 14 road traffic collisions, as well as a small number of animal rescues and flooding's.

We continue working with partners through the Community Planning Partnership to reduce the number of casualties on our roads. In addition, we are working with partners agencies to share knowledge and experience when dealing with Non- Fire Emergencies.

Prevention is a key role of the SFRS locally and this extends to our expansion in the role of reducing unintentional harm and identification of a wide range of risks. We continue to promote Road Safety through our Annual Station Plans and our involvement with Road Safety Groups at both a Strategic and Operational level.

PRIORITY 3 – DELIBERATE FIRE SETTING

Deliberate Primary Fires

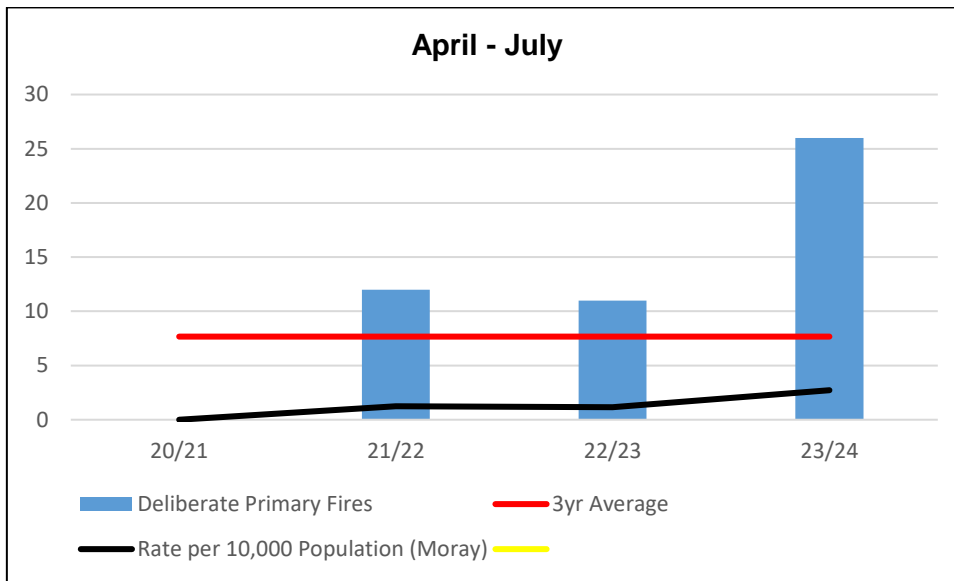


Table 5: Year to Date (April to July) Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD
Deliberate Primary Fires	0	12	11	26	RED

Deliberate Secondary Fires

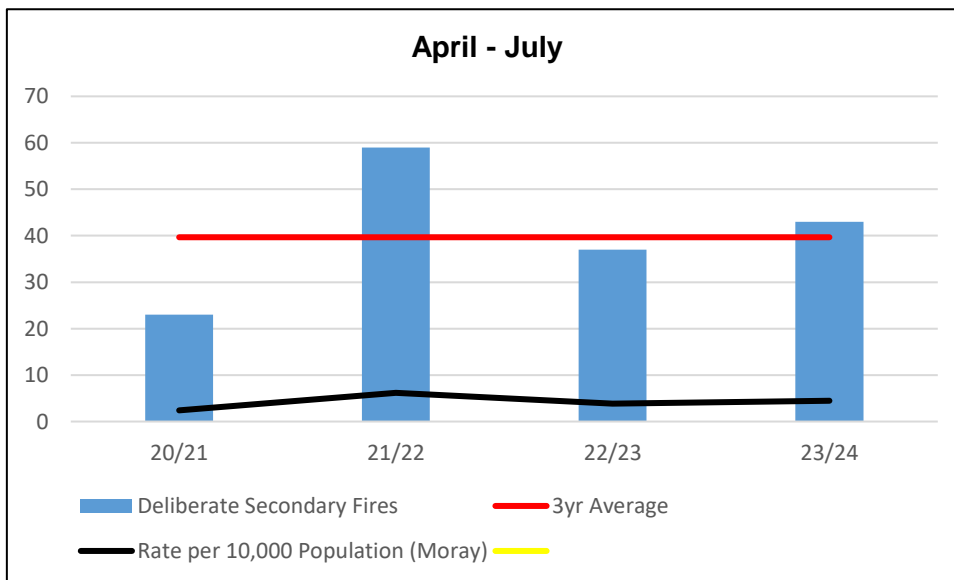


Table 6: Year to Date (April to July) Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD
Deliberate Secondary Fires	23	59	37	43	AMBER

Deliberate Secondary Fires (Ward Area)

Committee	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Buckie	1	4	5	8
Elgin North	0	2	3	4
Elgin South	2	6	9	12
Forres	5	7	3	2
Keith	7	3	3	3
Laich	2	30	9	19
Milnes	5	4	3	2
Speyside	1	43	2	3
Total	23	59	37	43

Indicator Description

In Moray, evidence reflects that deliberate fires are a problem in specific areas that can be linked to anti-social behaviour. Partnership working is key to reducing this type of incident and with the assistance of partners and communities we have reduced deliberate fires in areas where historically we have seen the highest level of activity.

Deliberate fires can be split into two different categories, these are Deliberate Primary and Deliberate Secondary Fires.

What we aim to achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Three: *Anti-Social Behaviour*, our activities will also support the long-term ambition of the Moray 10 Year Plan and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray
- Empowering and connecting communities
- Growing, diverse and sustainable economy
- Changing our relationship with alcohol

Performance Management

Results for this indicator show that we are below the average number of deliberate fires in Moray compared against the average for Scotland. During this reporting period we have seen a reduction in deliberate primary fires, including a decrease in deliberate secondary fires.

During this period 43 of the 69 Deliberate Fires that occurred were Secondary fires. Many of these fires for the reporting period were involving grass/bushes, wheelie bins, skips and waste storage structures. The remainder were split between bales and a fence fire.

Partnership working is key to reducing deliberate fires and we achieve this through the Moray Community Safety Hub. An example was a trend that had been identified in Lossiemouth and the surrounding areas as well as similar in Keith and surrounding areas, following a spate of deliberate grass/bush fires. Our crews worked with partners in Police Scotland, local authority, schools and the public to highlight the issue and engage with young people. This resulted in the reduction of these deliberate fires and an arrest by our partners in Police Scotland.

PRIORITY 4 – NON-DOMESTIC FIRE SAFETY INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL OTHER PRIMARY AND SECONDARY FIRES

Non-Domestic Building Fires

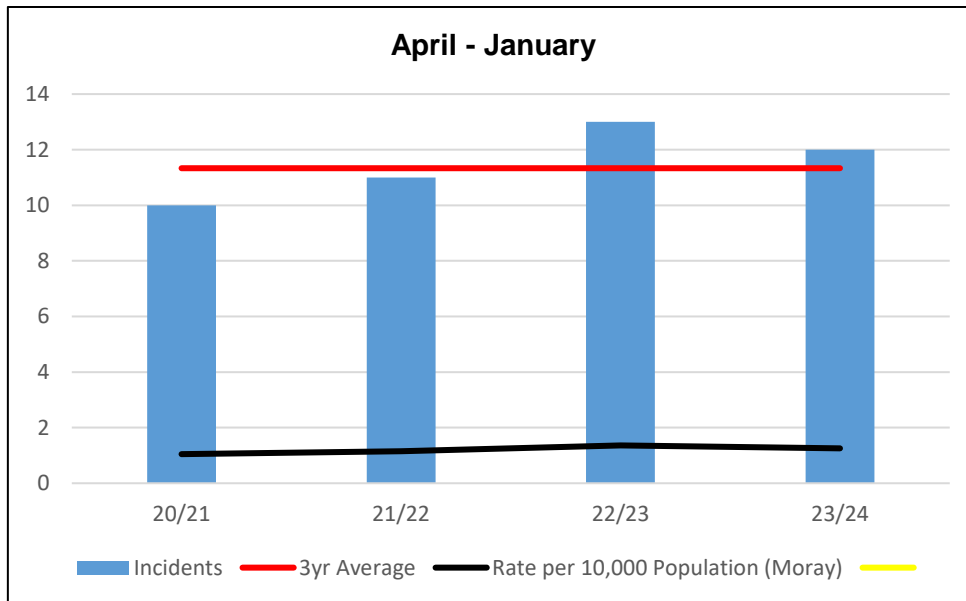


Table 7a: Year to Date (April to July) Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD
Non-Domestic Building Fires	10	11	13	12	AMBER

Committee	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Buckie	1	2	1	0
Elgin North	1	2	2	0
Elgin South	0	0	3	5
Forres	4	2	1	0
Keith	1	2	2	0
Laich	2	0	1	4
Milnes	1	1	3	2
Speyside	0	2	0	1
Total	10	11	13	12

Table 7b: Year to Date (April to January) Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD
Accidental 'Other' Primary Fires	9	8	15	4	GREEN

Committee	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Buckie	2	0	0	0
Elgin North	0	0	4	0
Elgin South	0	1	0	3
Forres	2	1	2	0
Keith	1	0	0	0
Laich	2	1	1	1
Milnes	2	4	5	0
Speyside	0	1	3	0
Total	9	8	15	4

Table 7c: Year to Date (April to January) Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD
Accidental 'Other' Secondary Fires	31	33	23	19	GREEN

Committee	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Buckie	3	3	3	2
Elgin North	1	1	1	1
Elgin South	0	1	3	2
Forres	7	4	4	5
Keith	3	4	2	0
Laich	11	8	3	3
Milnes	3	4	2	5
Speyside	3	8	5	1
Total	31	33	23	19

Indicator Description

This priority concentrates on the reduction of fires occurring within buildings that are non-domestic premises. It also provides focus on the reduction of accidental 'other' primary and secondary fires which include agricultural land, forestry and moorland fires which pose a unique risk to the Moray area.

Partnership working is key to reducing these types of incident and we work with building occupiers and owners through our Legislative Fire Safety Enforcement Officers to reduce fires in non-domestic properties. Every fire that occurs in a non-domestic building is followed up by a post-fire audit. These audits are carried out by our dedicated fire safety enforcement team.

Partnership working with land and forestry owners continue, where risk reduction initiatives are discussed and delivered.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Four: *Non-Domestic Fire Safety* our activities will also support the long-term ambition of the Moray 10 Year Plan and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray
- Empowering and connecting communities
- Growing, diverse and sustainable economy
- Changing our relationship with alcohol

Performance Management

Results for this indicator show that we are below the three-year average for the Moray.

This reporting period has seen a continued significant reduction of Accidental 'Other' Secondary Fires across Moray. Local engagement and education programmes have seen decreases of incident types - grassland, Woodland and crops for the same reporting period 22/23-23/24 of 23 to a total of 19.

Our dedicated Fire Safety Enforcement Officers continue to audit relevant premises that fall within the scope of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 to ensure compliance with their statutory responsibilities. These officers engage with duty holders of relevant premises and provide advice and guidance on how to prevent both accidental and deliberate fires in non-domestic buildings.

Results for accidental 'other' primary and secondary fires are below the three-year average for the Moray area. Our Operational staff will continue to work with landowners to reduce this type of risk through risk reduction initiatives, training, and familiarisation visits.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

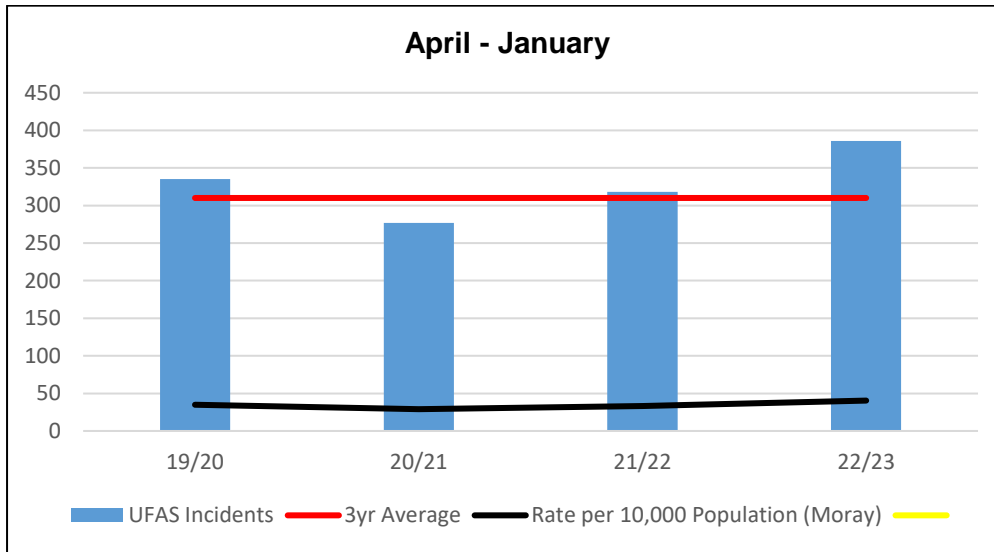


Table 8: Year to Date (April to January) Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD
UFAS Incidents	105	127	161	132	AMBER

Committee	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Buckie	11	16	10	9
Elgin North	11	14	20	21
Elgin South	16	19	21	15
Forres	10	7	24	16
Keith	11	9	18	10
Laich	10	5	14	5
Milnes	1	4	11	19
Speyside	35	53	43	37
Total	105	127	161	132

Indicator Description

Automatic Fire alarms (AFA) are fundamental to providing early warning from fire, giving people the chance to evacuate safely. However, to be effective, they must be properly installed and maintained, and a good fire safety management regime must be in place by the duty holder, so they do not activate when there is no fire.

Every Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) from an AFA has an impact in terms of unnecessary blue light journeys, redirecting SFRS resources away from other activities such as community safety work and causing considerable disruption to businesses.

Our aim is to improve fire safety management and awareness, by reducing the number of attendances to unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) from automatic systems in non-domestic buildings during 2023/24.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Five: *Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals*, our activities will also support the long-term ambition of the Moray 10 Year Plan and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray
- Empowering and connecting communities
- Growing, diverse and sustainable economy
- Changing our relationship with alcohol

Performance Management

Year to date, the total number of UFAS stands at 132, which is marginally above the 3-year average for Moray, and below the average for Scotland.

The table below lists the top three property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS during April to September.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Distilleries	29
Education	26
Warehouses	7

With the roll out of the new SFRS UFAS attendance policy on July 1st 2023, the SFRS is seeing a marked reduction in UFAS attendances Scotland wide. This is anticipated to be reflected in the next Moray performance report.

All duty holders have been engaged with regarding the new policy during a robust public consultation. The SFRS control staff have received training and will call challenge alarm calls to relevant non-sleeping risk premises. The SFRS operational crews have received training and provide advice to occupiers each and every time that they attend a UFAS incident.

PRIORITY 6 – EMERGENCY RESPONSE & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Description

The SFRS has a statutory duty to reduce the risks to our communities and to prepare for and respond to major emergencies. It is essential our firefighters possess the skills, knowledge and expertise to respond to incidents which, by their nature, can be varied in both their type and complexity. In Moray, this means:

- Knowing what the risks are in Moray and then making plans, so we are resilient to respond to any event.
- Exercising these plans
- Being prepared to respond to national threats or major emergencies.
- Developing flexibility to deploy crews, to take on a broadening role within the community.
- Firefighters being equipped to deal with emergencies safely and effectively and our stations being in a constant state of readiness.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Six: *Emergency Response and Community Resilience*, our activities will also support the long-term ambition of the Moray 10 Year Plan and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray
- Empowering and connecting communities
- Growing, diverse and sustainable economy
- Changing our relationship with alcohol

Activity

This year to date we have delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighters with a focus on the core skills of pumps, water awareness, driving, ladders, HAZMAT, knots & lines and extrication, as well as ensuring training/testing preparedness to deal with the following standard/advanced modules:

- Breathing Apparatus
- Road Traffic Collisions
- Casualty Care
- Marine Incidents
- Initial Operational Response (CBRN)
- Organisational Security
- Water Rescue
- Hazardous Material Incidents

Firefighters continued to visit sites within their station area so that they are aware of the associated risks and hazards, and if required can take effective actions in dealing with incidents at these sites. During this year, firefighters visited a range of sites to gather operational intelligence for both buildings and water risk, and reviewed our response plans.

Senior Managers attended a number of planning meetings to identify the SFRS resources that were required to support a number of events in Moray during this year. Particularly the MacMoray and Speyfest Festivals.

Crews and Senior Managers aim to complete regular large-scale multi-agency exercises. This allows us to test our Training, Procedures, Collaboration such as Joint Emergency Service Interoperability Program (JESSIP) principles and our Operational Assurance. During this year we have undertaken the following multi-agency exercises within the Moray Area:

- Fire within Entertainment Venue – The Crown Inn Public House, Reidhaven Square, Keith
- Multi-vehicle Road Traffic Collision – Grays Recycling, Dallachy, Spey Bay,
- Fire within Domestic Flats – Elgin Fire Station Training Block, Elgin
- Multi-vehicle Road Traffic Collision – Dufftown Fire Station Yard, Dufftown



REPORT TO: POLICE AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: POLICE PERFORMANCE

**BY: CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT GRAEME MACKIE, DIVISIONAL
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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the performance of Police in respect of the Local Policing Plan 2020-23 and other key indicators. This is the final report pertaining to the 2020-23 Local Policing Plan, the 2023-26 Plan having commenced on 1 April 2023.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (J) (4) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the monitoring of delivery of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Moray.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Police and Fire & Rescue Services Committee:-

- (i) scrutinise performance outlined in the reports; and
- (ii) note that the Local Commander will continue to report to the Committee quarterly on performance measures against service objectives as articulated in the 2020-23 Local Policing Plan.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 An initial draft of the Moray Local Policing Plan 2020-23 was circulated by email to Committee on 3 March 2020 for feedback before circulation of the final version on 13 July 2020. The Plan was approved at Committee on 19 November 2020.
- 3.2 Section 47(2) of the Police and Fire Reform Act 2012 states "a local police plan is a plan which:-
- a. sets out the main priorities and objectives for the policing of the local authority's area.
 - b. where reasonably practicable, identifies outcomes by reference to which the achievement of those priorities and objectives may be measured."

- 3.3 The performance report (**Appendix 1**) provides those outcomes, as per Section 47(2)(d) of the Act, for April 2022–March 2023 for the Moray Council Area. In addition, it is supported with further key indicators to assist context of the outcomes of the Local Policing Plan.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Moray 2026: A Plan for the Future and Moray Corporate Plan 2015 – 2017

The Moray Council's responsibilities with regards to the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 are directly relevant to Community Planning and the Single Outcome Agreement.

(b) Policy and Legal

This report is presented to the Moray Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee within its remit for local scrutiny of the Police.

(c) Financial implications

There are no identified financial implications.

(d) Risk Implications

There are no identified risk implications.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no identified staffing implications.

(f) Property

Not applicable.

(g) Equalities

Not applicable.

(h) Consultations

The Local Policing Plan, upon which the performance is reporting, was subject to consultation with elected representatives, and was heavily influenced by ongoing feedback from local communities within the Moray Council area.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 This report informs the Committee of the performance of Police in respect of the Local Policing Plan 2020-23 and other key indicators.

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Background Papers:

- Police Performance Report (April 2022 – March 2023)



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Introduction

I am pleased to present the latest Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee report on behalf of Police Scotland, North East Division.

This report details performance in Moray aligned to the agreed priorities at local and national level from the period of 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

This has been an extremely challenging period for policing across Scotland as the impacts of post-COVID recovery on society become ever more apparent. As is evident throughout this report, demand on policing is increasing, not only in the crimes recorded but also in the demands placed upon our Officers to respond to vulnerabilities in our communities and assist those in need.

This increase in demand comes at a time when policing budgets are dropping to a level where the number of police Officers across Scotland has reduced from 17,234 to 16,600. The impact on North East Division has been the loss of 39 posts, which will have a significant impact on our policing activities across all local authority areas.

We are working hard to realign and redesign functions to ensure we maximise the skills and experience of our Officers, while still maintaining our ability to meet core demand placed upon us by the communities we serve.

I am therefore extremely proud of the efforts of Officers in Moray, supported by divisional and national specialist teams, to deliver upon response policing while still introducing innovation and initiatives to prevent harm and support the vulnerable.

Our preventative initiatives in conjunction with key partners, highlight the dedication of Officers to try to do the right thing in the face of competing demands: the partnership work delivered in schools and the pilot of the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation drug education programme could deliver positive outcomes for years to come; the Driver Engagement North initiative will prevent deaths on our roads and Operation Protector will enable vulnerable people to get the help and support they need. Furthermore our work with Violence Against Women Partnerships will promote equality between genders and prevent harm to women and girls while our collaboration with RAF Lossiemouth will assist in ensuring local communities maximise the benefits of having a site of national significance on our doorstep.

There are however challenges ahead and the report highlights a reduction in detection rates across a number of areas. There are a number of reasons for this but the impact of policing 'cyber space' and online criminality cannot be underestimated. This has had a direct impact in Group 1 crime where Threats and Extortion crimes have increased, in Group 2 crime where the prevalence of online activity in furtherance of sexualised crimes is increasingly prevalent, and in Group 3 and 5 crime where Organised Crime Groups maximise the criminal benefits of operating online, out with the sight of the public.

Finally, I wish to make comment upon the Chief Constable's statement regarding Police Scotland being institutionally discriminatory. His comments have been reported, debated and speculated on in the media and in wider society, both in Scotland and the rest of the UK. In order to make the improvements necessary, North East Division is fully committed to the Police Scotland Policing Together Strategy which will drive improvements to how policing in Scotland reflects, represents and serves all our communities and ultimately improve the experiences of our communities, including our Officers and staff.

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Racism, homophobia, sexism and misogyny and discrimination of any kind is utterly deplorable and unacceptable. It has no place in society and no place in policing.

Regards

Graeme Mackie
Chief Superintendent



Staffing

	Authorised Establishment	March 2023	Difference
Police Officers ¹	1072 FTE	1022.47 FTE	-49.53 FTE
	March 2022	March 2023	Difference
Police Staff ¹	119.46 FTE	117.31 FTE	-2.15 FTE

¹ North East Division (Moray, Aberdeenshire, and Aberdeen City) Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

In the previous report covering April to September 2022, the Authorised Establishment for Police Officers in North East Division was 1092. This has **reduced by 20 Officers to 1072**, during this review period due to a realignment of our Divisional Intelligence structures who are now managed by the Specialist Crime Division. These 20 Officers are still dedicated to policing the North East and now merely line managed differently, and therefore there was no impact as a result of this restructure.

However, as has been well publicised, budgetary restraints upon Police Scotland do not allow us to maintain our workforce at the levels of previous years. While the figure of 1072 above was accurate on 31 March 2023, our establishment has since been **reduced by 39 posts** and for future reports will be documented as **1033**.

These posts have been lost from different areas across the Division in order to minimise the impact but this significant reduction in resource will undoubtedly impact policing in the North East, including Moray. The effect of these reductions are felt not only in North East Division but across Police Scotland in both national teams and local divisions.

There is however still recruitment ongoing to replace those leaving the organisation and we have sought to encourage local applicants. An example of this was a recruitment event in August 2022 held by Community Policing Officers and Special Constables in conjunction with ‘Developing Young Workforce’ (DYW) Moray at UHI Moray College.

This and wider focused recruitment across the region has led to an additional **12** Probationary Officers being added during the reporting period. There are currently **22** Probationary Officers at various operational stations across the Moray area and a further **4** Officers at the Scottish Police College who will transfer to Moray in September 2023

9 Special Constables routinely work alongside full time Moray Officers in Community and Specialist Policing teams including Road Policing and Public Protection. These Special Constable colleagues volunteer considerable personal time in service to our communities and the value of their support cannot be overstated.



Complaints About The Police

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Difference 2023 v 2022	% Change 2023 v 2022
Overall Satisfaction of How Police Dealt With Your incident ²	N/A	67.2%	67.1%		+0.1%
Complaints Received About The Police	N/A	94	91	+3	+3.3%
Number of Complaints Per 10,000 Police Incidents	N/A	44.7	45.7	-1	-2.2%
On Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	114	109	+5	+4.6%
Off Duty Allegations Raised	N/A	0	0	-	0.0%
Quality of Service Allegations	N/A	61	55	+6	+10.9%
Total Allegations	N/A	175	164	+11	+6.7%

² North East Division (Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City)

An **additional 3** Complaints About the Police have been recorded during this reporting period equating to a **3.3% increase**.

‘Off Duty’ allegations against Police Officers remain at zero.

A number of complaints stem from the use of Police powers and procedures and are categorised as ‘Quality of Service Allegations’, which have seen an overall **increase of 6** compared to last year.

Allegations stemming from ‘service delivery’ and ‘service outcome’ also feature within the wider figures and this incorporates the ‘type’ of Police response which the public receive. Call demand and the requirement for Police attendance is decided by a national call handling assessment process based on the level of threat, vulnerability and risk of immediate harm. This can lead to frustration over perceived lack of action or ‘face to face’ contact however ensures that resources are directed to those most in need of assistance.

While any increase in Complaints About the Police is disappointing, our Front Line Resolution process, which affords complainers an opportunity to ask questions and receive an explanation regarding Police action, or perceived lack thereof, remains the primary means by which complaints are resolved. Where complaints are not resolved in this manner, they are subject of a robust investigation by the Professional Standards Department with opportunity, if further dissatisfied, to request a review of the handling of the complaint by the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC).

North East Division continues to promote the use of Body Worn Video (BWV) within operational policing which delivers significant benefits in terms of public trust and confidence. There is also a clear indication that BWV utilisation may lead to a reduction in complaints against Officers. This is due mainly to its ability to support an investigation by offering a credible, concise and somewhat irrefutable recording of an

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incident as it happens. This further reduces the amount of police time required to deal with such complaints therefore providing additional benefits.

Monthly overview of 'User Experience Data' is now embedded in North East Division with public feedback scrutinised at senior management level to ensure appropriate sharing of learning amongst staff and positive action, where required, to proactively reduce Complaints About the Police.



Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Difference 2023 v 5 Year Av	% Change 2023 v 5 Year Av
Common Assault - Recorded	865.8	1,007	907	+141.2	+16.3%
Common Assault - Detection Rate	72.9%	68.9%	71.3%		-4.0%
Robbery - Recorded	13.6	14	19	+0.4	+2.9%
Robbery - Detection Rate	83.8%	64.3%	84.2%		-19.5%
Serious Assault - Recorded	49.2	49	59	-0.2	-0.4%
Serious Assault - Detection Rate	93.5%	79.6%	84.7%		-13.9%
Vandalism - Recorded	501.6	545	565	+43.4	+8.7%
Vandalism - Detection Rate	33.8%	34.1%	36.1%		+0.3%
Public Reports of Street Drinking	1.2	7	2	+5.8	+483.3%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Difference 2023 v 2022	% Change 2023 v 2022
Group 1 Crimes - Recorded ³	N/A	183	183	0	0.0%
Group 1 Crimes - Detection Rate	N/A	55.7%	69.9%		-14.2%
Number of Complaints of Disorder ⁵	N/A	2,404	2,593	-189	-7.3%

³ Crimes of Violence include Murder, Attempted Murder, Culpable Homicide, Cruelty, Neglect and Un-natural Treatment of Children and Adults, Abduction, Robbery, Assault with intent to Rob, Serious Assault, Threats and Extortion and Coercive or Controlling Behaviour (which was added in 2019)

⁵ Disorder includes Public Nuisance, Disturbance, Noise, Neighbour Dispute and Nuisance Phone Call incidents.

Group 1 Crime is a term used to encapsulate all forms of serious non-sexual Violent Crime and incorporates a range of diverse offences. During the reporting period there has been **no change** in recorded Group 1 crimes with a **decrease in detection rate by 14.4%** compared to the same reporting period last year. A significant reason for this reduction in detection rate is the increasing prevalence of online Threats and Extortion crimes, which due to their nature are extremely challenging to detect and therefore adversely affect the overall Group 1 detection rate.

Recorded Robbery (which is also a Group 1 crime) has **decreased by 5** against the figures from last year and are now **much closer** to the 5 Year Average, with a detection rate of **64.3%**. While recognising the decrease in detection rates, caused by some challenging investigations, strong investigative reviews and processes remain in place.

Serious Assaults (also Group 1 crime) were **very similar** to the 5 Year Average but **reduced by 10** compared to last year, although there has been a reduction in the detection rates from the previous year,

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currently **at 79.6%**. We remain committed to robust and professional standards of investigation with a continued focus on this crime type despite the post reduction challenges.

Common Assault has **risen by 16.3%** against the 5 Year Average and **is up by 100 crimes** compared to last year, with **detection rate of 68.9%**. This is slightly below the 5 Year Average and last year's detection rate.

Although there is an **8.7% increase** in Vandalism against the Police Scotland 5 Year Average in Moray, there are **20 less recorded crimes** compared to last year, with a **detection rate of 34.1%**, which is above the 5 Year Average.

As highlighted in the previous report, both Divisional and national teams were allocated to the Moray area to proactively patrol and address occurrences of violence and disorder in Elgin, Forres, Buckie and Keith. This work has had a direct bearing on the recorded reports of disorder across Moray which has **decreased by 7.3%** which in real terms accounts for 189 less calls.

By proactively reacting to these concerns and reports it has allowed us to understand evolving crime patterns, enabling the management and direction of our resources to where there is an identified need, delivered through the Divisional Violence Prevention Board.

Partnership working to deliver 'upstream' and preventative activities remain essential in the effort to reduce Antisocial Behaviour (ASB), Violence and Disorder. Local Community Officers have led work with schools across Moray providing bespoke inputs on ASB, Vandalism, Violence, Substance Misuse, 'Sex and the law' and Hate Crime. Such work will continue with plans for further school based and evening diversionary activity being organised by local Officers into and through the next reporting period, including inputs on knife crime linked to the, 'No Knives Better Lives' campaign.

The Moray 'Community Safety Strategy' provides the forum and basis for the coordination and delivery of all partnership work which we actively participate in.



Acquisitive Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Difference 2023 v 5 Year Av	% Change 2023 v 5 Year Av
Crimes of Dishonesty - Recorded	872.4	954	921	+81.6	+9.4%
Crimes of Dishonesty - Detection Rate	45.4%	31.1%	38.3%		-14.3%
Housebreakings - Recorded	107.2	122	108	+14.8	+13.8%
Housebreakings - Detection Rate	35.8%	34.4%	36.1%		-1.4%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Recorded ⁶	80.4	104	72	+23.6	+29.4%
Motor Vehicle Crime - Detection Rate	44.5%	52.9%	55.6%		+8.4%
Theft of Motor Vehicle - Recorded	32.8	65	42	+32.2	+98.2%
Common Theft - Recorded	253.6	248	227	-5.6	-2.2%
Common Theft - Detection Rate	30.1%	25.4%	29.1%		-4.7%

⁶ Theft from secure motor vehicle; Theft from insecure motor vehicle; Theft of a motor vehicle; Attempted Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

Overall Crimes of Dishonesty have **increased by 9.4%** over the reporting period in comparison with the 5 Year Average and by **33** crimes compared to last year. This could be indicative of the cost of living crisis as we have also seen rises in Housebreaking, and Theft of and from motor vehicles.

Divisional Proactive teams have supported Community Policing Teams in the investigation of Housebreakings, vehicle crime and other linked Acquisitive Crime across Moray. This ensures a thorough and consistent approach to investigations, with the detection rates for these crime types remaining comparable to previous years.

We monitor national crime trends and work closely with other divisions and forces across the UK to ensure we are fully aware and involved in the investigation of any thefts committed by individuals from out with the area. Examples of this being the response to reports of thefts of cooking oil from business premises across the area. These were identified early as generally tying into larger Organised Crime Groups (OCGs), who are operating nationally, processing the cooking oil and financially gaining from its onward supply. This approach ensures all investigative opportunities, crossovers between incidents and links to OCGs are explored.

Although there are increases in Acquisitive Crime across Moray, the level remains relatively low when compared with other localities, however the area has suffered from a small number of mobile criminals travelling into the area, often committing crimes in more rural and remote areas. We encourage communities to report incidents of suspicious activity to Police, CrimeStoppers and to sign up to 'Neighbourhood Watch' and 'Rural Watch' schemes.

The 'North East Partnership Against Rural Crime' (NEPARC) is chaired by Moray Local Area Commander, Chief Inspector Simon Reid and targets a variety of issues including acquisitive and other criminality

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affecting our rural communities in Moray and across the North East. The 2023 – 2025 'NEPARC' strategy was formally launched in March 2023. This comprises key areas which the partnership of some 34 representatives and organisations will work collaboratively to target.

Officers have commenced an initiative termed 'Arcadian Patrols' as part of NEPARC activity in Moray. These are dedicated rural patrols overnight to deter and detect those involved in rural criminality. Alongside these patrols Officers have recently erected 'Rural Watch' signs were along primary road routes in Moray. It is known from research elsewhere in the UK that this tactic has a positive effective in deterring travelling criminals.

Locally based Crime Reduction staff continue to support victims and issue preventative messaging across Moray. Their crucial role helps ensure our communities are aware of the measures they can take to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of Acquisitive Crime.

Increased use of technology has resulted in anticipated rises in reported 'Non-Contact' Frauds and in particular, Cyber Enabled Frauds. The Divisional Cyber-Enabled Crime Team (DCECT), within the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), have responsibility for all investigative and preventative strategies in this area of criminality.

Prevention work undertaken by DCECT over the reporting period has included representation at the Grampian Adult Protection Group's Adults at 'Risk of Financial Harm' sub group. As part of this group, DCECT entered into an agreement with Aberdeen City and Shire Trading Standards to identify victims of crime who would benefit from government funded call screening technology. Vulnerable individuals who have been victims of telephone scams have been approached and a number of devices will be delivered near future. Such an arrangement with Moray Trading Standards will further be explored.

DCECT have delivered 'Cyber Security' advice to secondary school pupils across the Division in line with the roll out of a new 'Student Online Safety Guide'. These have been well received by pupils and parents and are tailored to different age groups. With the success of the sessions, separate engagements took place for parents and we seek to establish these in Moray.

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Road Safety and Road Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Difference 2023 v 2022	% Change 2023 v 2022
People Killed/Seriously Injured	N/A	21	21	0	0.0%
Children Killed/Seriously Injured	N/A	1	2	-1	-
People Killed	N/A	2	4	-2	-
Children Killed ⁷	N/A	0	0	0	0.0%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Difference 2023 v 5 Year Av	% Change 2023 v 5 Year Av
Mobile Phone Offences	50.2	43	22	-7.2	-14.3%
Speeding Offences	320.6	135	390	-185.6	-57.9%
Drink/Drug Driving Offences	106.4	129	101	+22.6	+21.2%
Dangerous Driving	45.2	38	42	-7.2	-15.9%
Disqualified Driving	14.4	22	12	+7.6	+52.8%
Detected Offences Related to Motor Vehicles	1,722.8	1,357	1,685	-365.8	-21.2%

⁷ Child is under 16 years of age.

Tragically, 2 individuals lost their lives on the roads in Moray during the review period. While this is a decrease of 2 compared to the previous year, the loss of any life on our roads is tragic and that is why we are committed to influencing driver behaviours to improve Road Safety as a priority for policing. Analysis of the collision data in respect of accidents where persons have been killed or seriously injured provides that older drivers are disproportionately affected.

We have invested resource towards a number of wider partnership initiatives which aim to have a long term impact in reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on our road networks. For example, Police Scotland chair the Older Road User Group which is a partner led group which has the intention of working in collaboration to reduce the number of older road users killed or seriously injured in line with the targets set out in Scotland’s Road Safety Framework to 2030. The group monitors trends to identify current and emerging opportunities to improve Road Safety for older road users with the current key focus being on ensuring fitness to drive. Part of the work delivered by this group is ‘Driver Engagement North’, a simulator based approach to assist older road users and their families make informed choices about their fitness to drive safely. This simulator allows the driver to assess their hazard awareness in a safe virtual setting.

Police Scotland have secured funding from Transport Scotland to support and promote the roll out of Fitness to Drive Assessments in conjunction with Driving Mobility and DriveAbility Scotland who offer these assessments on a self-referral or agency basis. This work is in the initial stages and further engagement will take place in due course.

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Local road safety initiatives remained a constant focus of the Community Policing Teams across Moray under Operation CEDaR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce). Officers have responded to road safety concerns with targeted activity, positively influencing driver behaviour through education and enforcement. This has been supported by Officers from the North East Road Policing Unit (NERPU) with targeted activity aligned to national Road Safety campaigns and patrolling key routes. While the number of detected speeding offences has **decreased by 57.9%**, we recognise that speeding is an issue in our communities and we remain committed to deploying Officers and the Safety Camera Unit on an intelligence led basis.

During the reporting period the joint working initiative 'Operation Close Pass' was launched again in Moray in order to focus on the safety of cyclists who are regarded as vulnerable road users. With cycling increasing in popularity across Scotland this area has become a key area for focus.

The Police Scotland 'New Drivers Scheme' continues to be delivered, targeting people learning to drive, people who have recently acquired a full licence and employers of new drivers by providing key safety messaging, reinforced through a hard-hitting case study featuring real life footage.

We routinely engage and work collaboratively with Moray Council in respect of road safety matters brought to our attention. We also look forward to participating in the proposed 'Moray Community Road Safety Group' under the auspices of the Moray Joint Community Council, in order to support community and partnership led and delivered road safety activities, when this group is established.

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Protecting People at Risk of Harm

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Difference 2023 v 5 Year Av	% Change 2023 v 5 Year Av
Group 2 Crimes – Recorded ⁸	246.2	322	273	+75.8	+30.8%
Group 2 Crimes - Detection Rate	56.6%	49.1%	59.3%		-7.5%
Rape - Recorded	36.4	57	41	+20.6	+56.6%
Rape - Detection Rate	60.4%	45.6%	70.7%		-14.8%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Difference 2023 v 2022	% Change 2023 v 2022
Domestic Abuse Incidents Reported	N/A	811	851	-40	-4.7%
Domestic Abuse Incidents Detection Rate	N/A	66.0%	72.8%		-6.8%
Hate Crime - Recorded	N/A	49	57	-8	-14.0%
Hate Crime - Detection Rate	N/A	73.5%	56.1%		+17.4%

⁸ Group 2 Crimes of Indecency include Rape, Assault with intent to Rape, Indecent Assault, Sexual Assault, Prostitution related crime and others with an indecent element.

During the reporting period, the Division saw a further increase in the number of Group 2 crimes reported. In Moray this equated to an **increase of 49** crimes against the previous year, which also represents a **rise of 30.8%** when compared against the 5 Year Average.

It is important to note that 5 Year Average figures still remain impacted by the COVID pandemic, during which there was a decline in the number of sexual offences reported.

The detection rate for Group 2 crimes has shown a slight decrease against the 5 Year Average, reflecting the challenges encountered when dealing with complex and challenging enquiries, often historic in nature or involving offending on-line or electronic communications.

The reporting period saw a significant increase in the number of on-line ‘sextortion’ type offences, whereby individuals are induced to perform sexual acts via an online chat facility which are covertly recorded and used in an attempt to extort money. ‘Operation Tambo’ is the national response to such crimes and is delivered locally through the support of the Divisional Cyber Enabled Crime Team. Despite significant efforts, the investigation of such offences remains extremely challenging with those perpetrating the crimes often linked to sophisticated Organised Crime Groups operating out with the UK.

In relation to recorded Rape, **16 more** crimes were reported compared to last year with a **56.6% increase** against the 5 Year Average. The detection rate fell to **45.6%** however this can largely be attributed to the challenges faced when investigating crimes of a non-recent nature, where forensic opportunities, as well as investigative lines of enquiry, are significantly diminished. To highlight the challenges this presents, of the 57 Rapes recorded during the reporting period, 43% occurred over a year prior to reporting and only

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16 of the crimes were reported within timescales allowing forensic evidence to be obtained in relation to the victim or perpetrator.

While it is only right to scrutinise the increase in sexual offences reported, the rise positively demonstrates an emerging willingness of victims to contact Police regarding crimes that may historically have gone unreported.

In respect of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to Police, this year saw a slight **decrease of 4.7%** when compared against the previous year. While there was a similar reduction in the detection rate to **66%**, this remains in line with the force average.

All domestic incidents reported to Police Scotland are subject of intense scrutiny and robust investigation. A new toolkit has been developed by North East Division for all frontline supervisors, to assist them in ensuring enquiries are progressed fully and timeously and all available evidence is gathered. With the support of our Partnership and Coordination Unit and Public Protection Unit, a Divisional oversight process continues to ensure those most at risk are supported and action is taken against those posing the most risk. Locally we are linked into the National Domestic Abuse Working Group, ensuring that good practice and revised guidance is quickly adopted in our working practices.

Our efforts are further supported by the Domestic Abuse Multi Agency Tasking & Co-ordination (MATAC) process which targets domestic abuse perpetrators who present the greatest risk of offending. The key aims of MATAC include the identification of individuals who present the greatest risk, proactive enforcement/active targeting of offenders, and the sharing of information for intelligence development, prevention or enforcement as appropriate.

Perpetrator Management Plans (PMPs) are another tool utilised by Police to proactively target perpetrators of domestic abuse. The ethos of this process being to disrupt, deter or detect the subject by focusing on other areas of offending.

With the majority of Domestic and Group 2 offences being recorded with female victims, we are committed to supporting the Moray Violence Against Women & Girls Partnership with Officers participating in and delivering a number of events, training sessions and briefings. We strongly support the 'Equally Safe' strategy and are proud of our role in actively delivering upon its aim to eradicate violence against women and girls to, "achieve a Scotland in which women and girls are safe to thrive, fulfilling their potential free from violence and abuse". This is further strengthened by the newly publicised Police Scotland Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy, the content of which represents significant and unprecedented levels of engagement with women and girls as well as a wide range of partners and stakeholders.

The national '16 Days of Activism' campaign was also fully supported in Moray during the reporting period and specifically, enforcement days were undertaken by Divisional Officers from Community Policing Teams and specialist units. Media messaging also continued to be driven forward in support of local and national campaigns, most notably the award winning 'That Guy' campaign, challenging men's attitudes and behaviour towards women.

We continue to support victims of Domestic Abuse using tools such as MARAC. This is our Multiagency Risk Assessment Conference, through which we can effectively plan and support victims most at risk. Additionally, we have seen an increase in the use of the DSDAS process which allows Police to disclose, in certain circumstances, details of an offenders past that may help protect a new partner from becoming a victim. The increase is attributed to better understanding by other professionals through awareness

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raising inputs provided by Police Scotland and by members of the public through increased promotion during campaigns like the 16 Days of Activism.

The Division continues to be fully represented at other local, multi-agency and national Police Scotland forums focusing on this priority area. This includes other areas of Public Protection such as the Adult and Child Protection Committees and their various work streams and sub-committees.

With specific regards to Child Protection, the review period saw the successful implementation of the Scottish Child Interview Model (SCIM) within the Division. Supported by a single 'Interagency Referral Discussion' process, the model is resilient and fit for purpose in terms of supporting the Scottish Government's 'Bairns Hoose' model implementation programme.

There has been a **reduction** in the reporting of hate crime, from **57** to **49**, but we still consider this to be an area where there is significant under-reporting. It should therefore be an encouragement to victims that our detection rate has **increased to 73.5%**, showing the dedication we have to detecting these crimes, which have a significant impact on the victims.

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Serious Organised Crime

Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Difference 2023 v 5 Year Av	% Change 2023 v 5 Year Av
Proceeds of Crime Act Seizures ⁹	£265,655	£89,633	£154,559.70	-£176,022	-66.3%
Drug Possession Offences	319.0	350	287	+31.0	+9.7%
Drug Supply Offences	42.2	57	37	+14.8	+35.1%
Indicator	5 Year Average	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Difference 2023 v 2022	% Change 2023 v 2022
Drug Deaths ¹⁰	N/A	10	9	+1	-

⁹ A Division (Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City) reported seizures only.

¹⁰ The data provided cannot be considered official Police Scotland Statistics; The data provided includes 'suspected' drug related deaths, which will not be confirmed, or otherwise, until the post mortem and toxicology procedures are completed- the data may therefore be subject to significant change, following a professional medical assessment as to the cause of death of an individual; comparison with 'confirmed' drug related deaths statistics (e.g. from previous YTD period or similar) will provide an unreliable assessment and should be avoided or heavily caveated; The official figures for Drug Related Deaths for Scotland are compiled and held by National Records of Scotland (NRS), who publish the data annually.

Although the monetary value of assets seized across the North East during the quarter has reduced compared to this period last year, it is noticeable that almost £90,000 in cash has been seized by Community Policing and CID teams during the course of enquiries into Serious and Organised Crime (SOC). This will be processed through the courts and may be seized permanently under Civil Recovery laws for long term benefits to local communities. With our CID teams progressing a number of SOC 'County Line' operations focusing on OCGs based in England and supplying Class A controlled drugs to the North East, a significant number of drug detections and monetary seizures can be attributed to this.

Our proactivity in this area is reflected in the number of Drug Supply Offences which have **increased by 35.1%** against the 5 Year Average. This is also reflected in the number of Drug Possession Offences which have **increased by 9.7%** above the 5 Year Average.

We continue to work closely with partners and support services to better understand the causes of drug deaths and to signpost vulnerable individuals to referral pathways, supporting them through addiction and dependency at the earliest possible point of intervention. SOC Interventions have been developing links into rehabilitation and addiction peer groups and intervention support will ensure Intervention and Diversion can be in place for those at a vulnerable stage in their recovery.

North East Division continues to lead strongly in our approach to SOC. Through our focused monitoring of emerging trends we are able to tackle the widespread and evermore sophisticated nature of this area effectively. By using the '4D' (DETECT-DISRUPT-DETER-DIVERT) methodology, some very positive successes have been achieved through enforcement and our work with key partners to support and signpost those linked to SOC assessed as being in need of intervention.

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Operation Protector, instigated in December 2021, is the North East Divisions multi-agency partnership response to drug related harm within our communities across the Grampian region. The operation was instigated to reduce drug related harm from a more holistic based foundation, prioritising the support of those vulnerable to harm over traditional policing methods, while maintaining public expectation that those committing these harms would be dealt with robustly.

In March 2022, Operation Protector was introduced in Moray with initial focus around establishing a referral route for those dependant on substances direct from Police to Arrows (Quarriers) and thereafter to incorporate regular 'Assertive Outreach' visits to those identified as most vulnerable. In August 2022, the partnership undertook the first of its 'Days of Action' in Moray and have during these welcomed the attendance of members of the Moray Council Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee. The 'Days of Action', see dedicated teams of multi-agency staff undertaking joint working under 'Assertive Outreach', 'Community Outreach', 'Community Safety and Improvement' and 'Enforcement'.

A total of 6 'Days of Action' (August, November and February) have been undertaken in Moray involving Officers from Police Scotland and partners from Arrows (Quarriers), Moray Council, Moray Wellbeing, Circles Advocacy and NHS Grampian. As a result 313 'Assertive Outreach' visits were undertaken, 11 Drug Search Warrants were executed with personal quantities of drugs recovered and those found in possession offered tailored support by a dedicated 'enforcement support team'. Furthermore there were over 300 interactions with members of the public at dedicated 'Community Outreach' hubs across Moray.

A total of 385 additional routine outreach visits have also been undertaken by Community Policing Team Officers and Arrows (Quarriers) during the reporting period in Moray. This ensures proactive outreach continues beyond the 'Days of Action' and ensures a more consistent service for those identified as vulnerable.

Recognising the importance of 'upstream' prevention and intervention, Police Scotland and representatives from all three Local Authorities has been working with the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs (DSM) Foundation (drug and alcohol education charity) to improve the way that drugs education is delivered in schools across the North East. There was overwhelming support for a 12 month pilot of drug/peer pressure based resources into 9 schools across North East Division and work is ongoing to secure funding for the pilot which will focus on providing drug and peer pressure based education (which will include resources relating to exploitation) to all secondary pupils. The pilot will also focus on upskilling professionals (social work, teachers, support workers, school nurses and police) and partners/carers in how to spot early signs of drug use/exploitation and how to report same. It is hoped that this will support the aim of identifying those at risk of County Lines based exploitation at an earlier stage which will allow for effective intervention. The pilot is due to start in August 2023.

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Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

The North East CONTEST Multi-Agency Board and associated Sub-groups continue to deliver the UK National CONTEST strategy across the North East of Scotland.

The **Prevent, Pursue, Protect** and **Prepare** (4P's) principles of CONTEST are the continued focus of the strategy which aims to reduce the risks from terrorism.

The role of all partners within the North East Division CONTEST Multi-Agency Board is to ensure all strands of the CONTEST '4P' framework are proactively and proportionately delivered in a local context, aligned to the UK National Threat Level as determined by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC).

Within Moray a cadre of Local CONTEST Liaison Officers, drawn from Community Policing Teams, receive enhanced training and are tasked with forging and maintaining strong links with relevant sites and venues.

During the reporting period activity has taken place through the delivery of joint briefing and familiarisation events to local and specialist Officers at RAF Lossiemouth.

Within the resilience planning context during the reporting period we have continued to support and jointly deliver multi-agency live play and table top exercises simulating aircraft incidents on and off station and exercised our joint Counter Terrorism response plans for the site. Such activity is not informed by any specific threat or risk to the site but reflects positively the preparedness of both the RAF and Police Scotland and insurance as to the operational competence of our Staff and readiness of our joint plans. Such work will continue into the next reporting period.

Underpinning the close operational working relationships between Police Scotland and the RAF locally there is now involvement of RAF Police personnel in joint training, testing and exercising with other responder agencies. The next of these exercises is due to take place in September 2023 reinforcing the principles of the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Programme (JESIP) in relation to an incident requiring multi-agency assistance.

The 'Protect' strand within the CONTEST strategy has been an area of sustained activity and focus during this reporting period. This is in part due to the introduction of new UK legislation as a result of learning and recommendations from the Manchester Arena Bombing in 2017.

One aspect of this is a legislative tiered framework of measures to protect Publicly Accessible Locations (PALs) which will form the basis of the upcoming Protect Duty Bill known as 'Martyn's Law'.

In response North East Division's Multi-Agency CONTEST board will establish a 'Protect and Prepare' sub group chaired by Local Authorities. This will help ensure all Publicly Accessible Locations (PALs) within Moray are supported to meet the requirements required by this duty later this year. Extensive engagement from Police Scotland's Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSAs) in support of this remains ongoing to assist Moray venues.



Miscellaneous

Stop and Search

Indicator	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023 (Positive)
Consensual	0	N/A
Legislative	373	143
Number of Consensual Stop and Searches Refused	N/A	N/A

*Further Stop and Search data can be accessed at the following location: [Data Publication - Police Scotland](#)

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**REPORT TO: POLICE AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
17 AUGUST 2023**

SUBJECT: THEMATIC REPORT – CYBERCRIME

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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee on Cybercrime.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (J) (4) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the monitoring of delivery of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Moray.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee scrutinise and note the information contained within this report.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Cybercrime continues to rise in scale and complexity in Scotland and globally. Internationally and domestically, criminals can attack business, public services and individuals across borders and jurisdictions.
- 3.2 The threat of large scale economic Cybercrime, Fraud, online child sexual offences and indecent images, cyberstalking, trading of weapons and trafficking of people on the dark web, and numerous other examples show how digitally enabled criminality inflicts disruption, financial harm and human suffering. We also know that Cybercrime is vastly underreported to Police.

4. RESPONSE

- 4.1 Police Scotland as part of our response has developed a Cyber Strategy, 'Keeping People Safe in a Digital World', with two keys strands:
 - Cyber Resilient – to capture digital opportunities for keeping people safe and enable Police Scotland, the public and organisations to recognise, resist and respond to cyber incidents effectively

- Cyber Investigation - to effectively pursue those responsible for Cybercrime while protecting and safeguarding victims.

CYBER INVESTIGATIONS AND DIGITAL FORENSICS

- 4.2 The Cyber Investigation Team specializes in investigating and responding to Cybercrime incidents within Scotland, collaborating with domestic and international partners, including government agencies, private sector organizations and academia for information sharing, joint operations, and capacity building.
- 4.3 Digital Forensic Analysts across Scotland conduct in-depth examinations of digital devices, network traffic logs, and other electronic evidence to identify perpetrators and establish a strong evidential case as expediently as possible.

POLICING IN A DIGITAL WORLD PROGRAMME

- 4.4 The Policing in a Digital World Programme supports our mission to develop a range of capabilities and partnerships to successfully deliver the Cyber Strategy. This means we ensure that all Officers and Staff on the frontline and in specialist roles have the appropriate skills, equipment, technology and support to prevent, respond to and investigate Cybercrime.

PREVENTIONS, PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

- 4.5 The Cybercrime Harm Protection, Incident Support and Training Officers role is an integral part of the national Protect Network and they are focus driven by means of the Strategic Framework for a Cyber Resilient Scotland. At the individual level, the Protect Officers raise awareness and provide support to parents and carers of children and young people and other vulnerable people, sharing the resources available from trusted partners such as Cyber Aware, CEOP and Think You Know.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

The Moray Council's responsibilities with regards to the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 are directly relevant to Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan.

The work undertaken tackling Cybercrime is closely aligned to the overarching LOIP outcome for Moray of "Raising Aspirations."

The work of the partnership contributes directly to priorities 2, 3 and 4 of the LOIP:

"Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray";
"Empowering and connecting communities" and "Improving the wellbeing of our population."

(b) Policy and Legal

This report is presented to the Moray Police and Fire & Rescue Services Committee within its remit for local scrutiny of the Police.

(c) Financial implications

There are no identified financial implications.

(d) Risk Implications

There are no identified risk implications.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no identified staffing implications.

(f) Property

Not applicable.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

Not applicable.

(h) Consultations

The Local Police Plan, upon which the performance is reporting, was subject to consultation with elected representatives and was heavily influenced by ongoing feedback from local communities within the Moray Council area

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Police Scotland's Cyber Strategy and our dedicated Officers and Staff play a crucial role in safeguarding individuals, businesses, and critical infrastructure from the adverse impacts of Cybercrime. By focusing on prevention, investigation, prosecution, and collaboration, Police Scotland aims to keep pace with emerging cyber threats and ensure the safety and security of the Scottish public in the digital age.

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