

MORAY COUNCIL

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

Thursday, 21 November 2019

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

PRESENT

Councillor George Alexander, Councillor James Allan, Councillor Paula Coy, Councillor John Divers, Councillor Tim Eagle, Councillor Donald Gatt, Councillor Louise Laing, Councillor Graham Leadbitter

APOLOGIES

Councillor Theresa Coull

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Grant Nicoll, Group Manager, Moray Area, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson and Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson, both Police Scotland; Ms Karen Sievwright, Environmental Health and Trading Standards Manager 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 regards 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.

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4 Written Questions **

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

5 Minute of Meeting dated 22 August 2019

The Minute of the meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee dated 22 August 2019 was submitted and approved.

6 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Moray Performance Report 1 April 2019 - 31 October 2019

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

Councillor Divers was of the opinion that figures for unwanted fire alarm signals had plateaued and sought clarification on how numbers compared with 10 to 15 years ago.

In response Mr Nicoll advised he didn't have the figures to hand but could provide information to the next meeting.

Thereafter the Chair requested a thematic report to the next Committee on unwanted fire alarm signals including information on the equipment used and steps being taken to improve numbers.

As no one was otherwise minded Mr Nicoll undertook to present a thematic report on unwanted fire alarm signals to the next meeting of the Committee.

Thereafter the Committee agreed to:

- i. note performance outlined in the report applicable to annual performance for 1 April 2019 to 31 October 2019; and
- ii. seek a report on equipment used and steps taken to reduce the number of unwanted fire alarm signals.

7 Police Performance Update

A verbal report by Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson provided Committee with an update on Police Performance.

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

8 Thematic Report - Rural Crime

A report by Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson informed Committee about Rural Crime.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the information provided in the report in relation to Rural Crime.

9 Question Time ***

There were no questions raised.

10 Police Operational Update [Para 4]

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