

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – FALKIRK & WEST
LOTHIAN COMMAND PERFORMANCE REPORT**
Meeting: SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date: 09 JANUARY 2014
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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Following the establishment of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on 1 April 2013 under the provisions of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, local senior officers are required to report on performance with regard to progress being made on the local fire and rescue plan as well as the provision of local services.
- 1.2 Members will recall the first local plan was approved by the Environment and Community Safety Committee in March 2013 and is noted as a background paper to this report.
- 1.3 The Senior Local Officer has provided the following three reports for Members to consider as follows:
- The quarter 2 performance report for the Falkirk Council area. The report compares performance for quarter 2 against that of quarter 1, as well as comparison with the West Lothian Council area and Scotland as a whole. This was information previously requested by Members;
 - A report on the fire related risks posed by smoking and smoking related materials. This provides an analysis of the issues and prevention strategies. This was a report requested by Members;
 - An overview of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan; and
 - A report on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity during the 2013 firework / bonfire period.
- 1.4 A local officer from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will attend Committee to present these reports and answer questions from Members.

2. CONCLUSION

- 2.1 This report provides an opportunity for Members to fulfil their scrutiny role on local fire and rescue services as set out in the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, and take a view on the submitted reports.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee:

- 3.1 Notes and comments on the quarterly performance report;**
- 3.2 Notes and comments on the report on fire related risks posed by smoking and smoking related materials;**
- 3.3 Notes the report on the strategic plan; and**
- 3.4 Notes the report on service activity during the recent firework / bonfire period.**

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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1. Reports to Environment and Community Safety Committee – 19 March 2013. Annual Police and Fire Plans.**

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone Falkirk 01324 506046 and ask for Andrew Wilson.