

## **S27. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – FALKIRK & WEST LOTHIAN COMMAND PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services presenting the quarter 1 local performance report by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

In terms of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, the Council, through this committee, monitors the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the council area.

The committee asked whether cooking fires affected particular age groups, the Local Senior Officer advised they affect people of all ages.

Members acknowledged and welcomed the reduction in the number of deliberate fires and asked what caused the decrease. The Local Senior Officer suggested that one reason was the good work carried out by the Community Planning Partnership in tackling anti-social behaviour. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service work closely with partners to reduce deliberate fire setting and were carrying out extra patrols. The committee recognised that such work provided public reassurance.

The committee considered the future direction of the service, the Local Senior Officer stated that the service was examining new potential areas of service provision such as providing first response medical care.

### **Decision**

**The committee noted the report.**