



**SCOTTISH**  
**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

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*Report to:*

**The Chief Executive and Falkirk Council Scrutiny  
Committee**

***SUBJECT: LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN 2013 FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL  
PERFORMANCE REPORTING.***

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2013 for Falkirk Council was formally agreed by the Falkirk Council Environmental and Community Safety Committee on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2013.
- 1.2 The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 Section 41H states that, *Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (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.*
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to outline proposals for the reporting of performance to the Chief Executive and Falkirk Council Scrutiny Committee, against the Falkirk Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2013.

**2. PERFORMANCE REPORTING**

- 2.1 It is proposed that:

2.1.1 The Chief Executive and Falkirk Council Scrutiny Committee will receive a performance report on a quarterly basis, following the completion of internal quality assurance of incident data by SFRS.

2.1.2 The quarterly report will cover the following areas, which align to the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2013 for Falkirk:

**Response Activity**

- Accidental Dwelling Fires.
- Fire Fatalities
- Fire Casualties.
- Fires in Non domestic properties
- Deliberate Dwelling fires
- Deliberate Secondary Fires.
- Road Traffic Collisions
- Road Traffic Collision fatalities/ Casualties
- Unwanted Fire Signals

**Additional activity performance data available**

- Other Primary Fires
- Violence to Crews
- Incidents Involving Drugs or Alcohol
- Incidents caused by Smoking Materials
- Special Services

**Protection Activity**

- Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006 audits

**Prevention Activity**

- Home Safety Visits (HSVs)
- Community engagement visits and events.

2.1.3 Performance data will be provided, where possible, per ward level.

2.1.4 Direct comparison of performance data will be measured against the same quarter of the previous year.

2.1.5 The use of three-year trend graphs will depict short to medium term performance.

### **3. BENCHMARKING**

- 3.1 It is recognised as best practise to benchmark fire and rescue service activity against outcomes for SFRS and another local authority area, similar in size, population and social & economic profile as Falkirk. Therefore, it is proposed to benchmark performance against SFRS and the West Lothian Council area.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Chief Executive and Falkirk Council Scrutiny Committee is invited to:  
Consider and make any comment in relation to the proposed quarterly performance report format.

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