

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: POLICE AND FIRE SCRUTINY
Meeting: SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date: 13 JUNE 2013
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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As members are aware, one of the key functions of the scrutiny committee is to scrutinise the Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the delivery of their annual plans, as approved by the Environment and Community Safety Committee on the 19 March 2013.
- 1.2 In order to carry out this remits, it is proposed that each organisation would report to Members on a quarterly basis and would present an update on current deployment and performance information. Each of the organisations has prepared a draft template which sets out the proposed format of their reporting, along with the information they will be presenting as part of this scrutiny. These are attached to this report for information. Given this is the first time for such scrutiny, both organisations are mindful that Members will have their own thoughts on the content and style of reports. As such, the styles and content attached will evolve over time and in response to Members needs.
- 1.3 It is proposed that the two chief officers for this area, David Flynn, Police Scotland and Gary Laing, Local Senior Officer Scottish Fire and Rescue service, would report at the following meetings:
 - 6 August
 - 14 November
 - February 2014 TBC
- 1.4 To support this new scrutiny process, it is proposed that for the first meeting, an introductory pack is prepared that includes a range of relevant information for each scrutiny member. This would include the approved plan, the guidance on scrutiny prepared by the Government and some other key background information.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee note the proposed arrangements for scrutinising Police and Fire Services and the proposed structure and contents of those reports.**

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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 506004 and ask for Fiona Campbell.