

# Minute

## Police and Fire Sub-committee

Tuesday, 14 February 2023, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



## Present

Councillors David Dawson, Duncan A Tullock, Alexander G Cowie, Raymond S Peace, Jean E Stevenson and Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

## Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Graham A Bevan.

## Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

## In Attendance

- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Kenny MacPherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities.
- Georgette Herd, Solicitor.
- David Miller, Safety and Resilience Officer.

## Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:

- Scott Gibson, Local Senior Officer.

## Police Scotland:

- Chief Inspector Scott Robertson, Area Commander.

## Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

## Chair

- Councillor David Dawson.

## 1. Tribute to Scottish Fire and Rescue Firefighter

The Chair referred to the death of Firefighter Barry Martin who, after sustaining critical injuries tackling a blaze in Edinburgh, had passed away, following which the Sub-committee observed a minute's silence.

## **2. Urgent Item**

In terms of Standing Order 13.3, the Sub-committee:

Noted that the Chair had permitted discussion of the following urgent item:

- Local Police Plan.

## **3. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

### **Performance Against Orkney Fire and Rescue Plan**

After consideration of a report by Scott Gibson, Local Senior Officer, copies of which had been circulated, the Sub-committee:

Scrutinised the statistical performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Orkney Islands area, for the period 1 October to 31 December 2022, detailed in the Quarterly Performance Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Local Senior Officer, and obtained assurance that progress was being made against the objectives.

## **4. Performance Against Local Policing Plan**

After consideration of a report by Chief Inspector Scott Robertson, Area Commander, copies of which had been circulated, the Sub-committee:

Scrutinised progress in respect of the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2020-2023, for the period 1 April to 31 December 2022, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Area Commander, and obtained assurance that progress was being made against the objectives.

## **5. Urgent Item**

### **Local Police Plan**

In terms of section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chair permitted urgent discussion of this item in order that the Sub-committee could consider a formal Council response to a consultation exercise through the appropriate governance process, prior to submission.

After consideration of a joint report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

**5.1.** That Community Empowerment legislation was driving the future landscape across Community Planning Partnerships, with the police having clearly defined roles.

**5.2.** That the Orkney Local Policing Plan had been designed to articulate the broad contribution to the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, in keeping with the commitment to table long term issues, in partnership with local partners and communities.

**5.3.** The draft Orkney Islands Police Plan 2023-2026, attached as Appendix 1 to the joint report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, which was subject to public consultation, with responses required by 12 February 2023.

**5.4.** That the Council had requested an extension to the deadline for responses to enable the Police and Fire Sub-committee to consider a draft response, which was granted.

**5.5.** The Council's draft response to the consultation on the Orkney Islands Police Plan 2023-2026, attached as Appendix 2 to the joint report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.

The Sub-committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

**5.6.** That the Council's response to the consultation on the draft Orkney Islands Police Plan 2023-2026, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved for submission to Police Scotland by the revised deadline of 16 February 2023.

The Sub-committee noted:

**5.7.** That, due to the time constraints involved, the Chief Executive would be requested to exercise emergency powers to authorise submission of the Council's response to the consultation on the Orkney Islands Police Plan 2023-2026, prior to approval by the Council.

## **6. Conclusion of Meeting**

At 15:05 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: David Dawson.