

Minute

Police and Fire Sub-committee

Tuesday, 21 November 2023, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors David Dawson, Duncan A Tullock, Graham A Bevan, Alexander G Cowie, Raymond S Peace and Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

Clerk

- Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).

In Attendance

- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Donna-Claire Hunter, Service Manager (Safety and Resilience).
- Veer Bansal, Solicitor.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:

- Scott Gibson, Area Commander.
- David McGroarty, Group Commander.

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Police Scotland:

- Inspector David Hall.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor David Dawson, Chair.

1. Local Fire and Rescue Plan

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Safety and Resilience), the Sub-committee:

Noted:

1.1. That the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had a statutory role to prepare a local fire and rescue plan for local authority approval.

1.2. That, following a review of the current Local Fire and Rescue Plan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service aimed to share the Plan with key stakeholders, including the local authority, by the end of the calendar year.

1.3. That the review, referred to at paragraph 1.2 above, would be used to help inform the options development process for service changes in the coming year.

1.4. That Scottish Fire and Rescue Service anticipated that, once the options development process and full public consultation on the proposals had been completed, the local plan would be revised to take account of any operational changes.

1.5. That, once the steps outlined at paragraphs 1.2 to 1.4 above had been completed, the local fire and rescue plan would be presented to the Police and Fire Sub-committee for consideration.

2. 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 Services, Orkney Islands area, for the period 1 July to 30 September 2023, 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.

3. Performance Against Local Policing Plan

After consideration of a report by Chief Inspector Scott Robertson, Area Commander, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from Inspector David Hall, the Sub-committee:

Scrutinised progress in respect of the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2023 to 2026 Year 1, for the period 1 April to 30 September 2023, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Area Commander, and obtained assurance that progress was being made against the objectives.

Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson left the meeting during discussion of this item.

4. Conclusion of Meeting

At 15:25 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: David Dawson.