

**THE MORAY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE POLICE AND FIRE**  
**AND RESCUE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 8 AUGUST 2013**

**COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN**

**PRESENT**

Councillors D. Ross (Chairman), R. Shepherd (Depute Chairman), G. Alexander, J. Divers, G. Leadbitter, M. McConachie and C. Tuke.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors G. McDonald and E. McGillivray.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Superintendent Craig Blackhall, Chief Inspector Willie Findlay, Chief Inspector Support Andrew Todd, all of Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Police Scotland, Mr David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Mr Rae Cameron and Mr Kevin Lackie, Group Managers (Moray Command), all of Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Head of Development Services, the Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator and Mr Darren Westmacott, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the meeting.

Also in attendance by invitation, Assistant Chief Officer Robert Scott, Director of Service Delivery North, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (in respect of Item 5), Sergeant Graham Sloan, Scottish Police Federation (in respect of Item 6) and Mr Terry Whyte, Northern Area Chairman of the Fire Brigades Union (in respect of Item 6(a)).

Also in attendance as observers, Mr Brian Barbour and Ms Morag McLaughlin, Scottish Police Authority, and Mr Bob Benson and Ms Marieke Dwarshuis, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board.

**1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS**

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillor's Code of Conduct, the meeting noted that there were no declarations from group leaders or spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how members will vote on any item on the Agenda.

**2. EXEMPT INFORMATION**

The Meeting agreed, in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, that the public and media representatives be

excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the Items of Business appearing at the relevant paragraphs of this Minute as specified below so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the appropriate paragraph of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

<u>Para No. of Minute</u>	<u>Para No. of Schedule 7A</u>
17	11
18	14

### **3. WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

There were no written questions.

### **4. WELCOME**

The Committee joined the Chairman in welcoming Mr Brian Barbour and Ms Morag McLaughlin, Scottish Police Authority, and Mr Bob Benson and Ms Marieke Dwarshuis, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board to the meeting to observe proceedings.

### **5. VERBAL INTRODUCTION AND UPDATE BY DIRECTOR OF SERVICE DELIVERY NORTH, SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

The Committee noted an interesting and informative presentation from Assistant Chief Officer Robert Scott, Director of Service Delivery North, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the responses to the relevant questions thereafter.

### **6. PRESENTATION BY SERGEANT GRAHAM SLOAN, SCOTTISH POLICE FEDERATION**

The Committee noted an interesting and informative presentation from Sergeant Graham Sloan, Scottish Police Federation and the responses to the relevant questions thereafter.

### **7. PRESENTATION BY MR TERRY WHYTE, FIRE BRIGADES UNION**

The Committee noted an interesting and informative presentation from Mr Terry Whyte, Northern Area Chairman of the Fire Brigades Union and the responses to the relevant questions thereafter.

## **8. A THEMATIC INSPECTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL POLICE AND LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLANS AND ASSOCIATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT**

There was submitted and noted a report by David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service informing the Committee of the report and summary of findings published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Scotland, supported by Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate for Scotland, entitled "A thematic inspection of the development of local police and local fire and rescue plans and associated arrangements for local scrutiny and engagement". A copy of the report and summary of findings were provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

## **9. OPERATIONAL UPDATE (VERBAL) – FIRE**

The Committee noted an informative update on operational matters from Mr Rae Cameron, Group Manager, Moray Command, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the responses to the relevant questions thereafter.

## **10. POLICE VEHICLES & STATIONS**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Superintendent Mark, McLaren, Divisional Police Commander, Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Police Scotland informing the Committee of the current status of the new Tomintoul Police Station and to advise the Committee of the number of police vehicles within The Moray Council area.

## **11. POLICE PERFORMANCE**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Superintendent Mark, McLaren, Divisional Police Commander, Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Police Scotland informing the Committee of the performance of Police Scotland locally in respect of the Local Policing Plan 2013-2014, and other key indicators. A copy of the performance report was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

During discussions, the Chairman proposed that future performance reports consider figures on calls made to emergency and non-emergency numbers and, if available, figures relating to the Moray area. There being no one otherwise minded, this was unanimously agreed.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed to note:-

- (i) performance of Police Scotland locally, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) that future performance reports would consider figures on calls made to emergency and non-emergency numbers and, if available, figures relating to the Moray area.

## **12. FIRE AND RESCUE PERFORMANCE**

There was submitted a report by David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service informing the Committee of the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service locally in respect of the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2013-2014. A copy of the performance report was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

In response to various queries, the Committee unanimously agreed that future performance reports consider figures in relation to referrals of crime to Police Scotland and success rates and the installation of home smoke detectors.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed to note:-

- (i) the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service locally, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) that future performance reports would consider figures in relation to:-
  - (a) referrals of crime to Police Scotland and success rates; and
  - (b) installation of home smoke detectors.

## **13. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2013 – 2016**

There was submitted a report by David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service informing the Committee of the first Strategic Plan for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and invite a response to the formal consultation process.

During discussions, the Chairman moved that delegated authority be given to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in consultation with the Head of Development Services and the Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire & Moray to compile a draft response to the consultation for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2013 – 2015 for circulation to the Committee for comments prior to final submission. There being no one otherwise minded, this was unanimously agreed.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note the draft Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (ii) delegate authority to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in consultation with the Head of Development Services and the Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire & Moray to compile a draft response to the consultation for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016 for circulation to the Committee for comments prior to final submission.

#### **14. QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions raised.

#### **15. ELECTED MEMBER'S ENGAGEMENT DAY – 27 SEPTEMBER 2013**

The Committee noted an informative update from David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire & Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on the Committee's engagement day to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service training facilities in Portlethen on 27 September 2013. He advised that Committee Members would be given an overview of delivery, a tour of the facilities and given an opportunity to try equipment in emergency drill scenarios.

#### **16. MR KEVIN LACKIE, GROUP MANAGER, MORAY COMMAND, SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

The Committee, in noting that this would be the last meeting of the Committee prior to his retirement, joined the Chairman in paying tribute to Mr Kevin Lackie for his contribution to the delivery of fire and rescue services in Moray and wished him well for the future.

#### **17. OPERATIONAL UPDATE (VERBAL) – FIRE (PARA 11)**

The Committee noted an informative update on operational matters from David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire & Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the responses to the relevant questions thereafter.

#### **18. OPERATIONAL UPDATE (VERBAL) – POLICE (PARA 14)**

The Committee noted an informative update on operational matters from Superintendent Craig Blackhall and Chief Inspector Willie Findlay, Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Police Scotland and the responses to the relevant questions thereafter.