



REPORT TO: SAFER & STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2009

SUBJECT: FIRE AND RESCUE FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTLAND 2009 - CONSULTATION

BY: MORAY COUNCIL, CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The Safer & Stronger Strategic Group is asked to consider the draft of the Second Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2009 document which has been issued by the Scottish Government for consultation.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 **It is recommended that the Group Consider the draft of a second Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2009 and forward any response to the Chief Executive, the Moray Council, in order that he may formulate the Council's formal response to the Scottish Government.**

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Under the provisions of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, Scottish Ministers are required to review the Framework from time to time to ensure that it reflects the priorities, objectives and guidance required by Fire and Rescue Authorities in connection with carrying out their statutory responsibilities.

3.2 The Head of Scottish Resilience: Fire and Rescue Services has issued the second draft Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2009 for public consultation and is seeking responses from stakeholders by 20 September 2009. (Copy attached as **APPENDIX 1**.)

3.3 The draft document refers to National Outcome 9: "We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger and National Outcome 11: "We have strong resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others." both of which come under the remit

of the Safer and Stronger Strategic Group and has therefore been referred to this Group for comment. Copies of the consultation document have also been passed to Councillors J. Divers, R. Shepherd and M. McConachie who are the Council representatives on the Grampian Joint Fire and Rescue Board.

- 3.4 Due to the short-timescale for response, it is recommended that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Convener and Depute Convener, to formulate the council's response based on the comments received from the Safer and Stronger Strategic Group and any from the Council representatives.

### SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans**  
Response to this consultation relates to the local key priority as detailed under National Outcome 11 in the SOA "that our community will be resilient to emergencies"
- (b) **Policy and Legal**  
None.
- (c) **Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**  
None
- (d) **Consultations**  
Head of Scottish Resilience: Fire and Rescue Services consultation on the second draft Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2009 (ongoing until 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009)

### 5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 **The Scottish Government draft of a second Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2009, which has been developed in partnership with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) has been issued for consultation and comments on the draft Framework are invited by the deadline of 20 September 2009.**

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Background Papers: Letter dated 22 June 2009 from Scottish Resilience: Fire and Rescue Services, The Scottish Government

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