

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE POLICE AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2014

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors D Ross (Chairman), G Alexander, G Leadbitter, E McGillivray and C Tuke.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors R Shepherd (Depute Chairman), J Divers, M McConachie and G McDonald.

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Superintendent Mark McLaren, Chief Inspector Andrew Todd, both of Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Police Scotland, Mr David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Mr David Meldrum, Group Manager for Community Safety both of Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Head of Development Services, and Mrs Lissa Rowan, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the meeting.

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. POLICE SCOTLAND LOCAL POLICING PLANS – MORAY LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2014-17

Under reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of this Committee dated 6 February 2014, there was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Mark McLaren, Divisional Commander, Aberdeenshire & Moray Division, Police Scotland presenting to the Committee the Police Scotland Local Policing Plan 2014-17.

During discussion surrounding Key Performance Indicators (KPI) in the Local Policing Plan 2014-17, concern was raised that there was no KPI to reflect joint visits with The Moray Council to licensed premises or any KPI to reflect Police Scotland's commitment to ensure road safety by issuing parking fines if necessary.

In response, Chief Superintendent McLaren advised that statistical information regarding joint visits with The Moray Council to licensed premises and the issuing of parking fines can be provided in quarterly performance reports, to enable scrutiny in these areas.

During further discussion, the Chairman requested that the number of police officers currently in Moray be detailed in the Local Policing Plan 2014-17 to enable benchmarking. In response, Chief Superintendent McLaren agreed to amend the section in the Local Policing Plan 2014-17 regarding policing of the area to include “a commitment to provide officer numbers for the area to enable monitoring of this data”.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Police Scotland Moray Local Policing Plan 2014-17 subject to an amendment to the section regarding policing of the area to include “a commitment to provide officer numbers for the area to enable monitoring of this data”; and
- (ii) that statistical information regarding joint visits with The Moray Council to licensed premises and the issuing of parking fines be provided in quarterly performance reports, to enable scrutiny in these areas.

3. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – MORAY LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN 2014-17

Under reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of this Committee dated 6 February 2014, there was submitted a report by David Rout, Local Senior Officer (LSO), Aberdeenshire & Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service presenting to the Committee the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17.

During discussion, Mr Rout, LSO sought agreement from the Committee regarding his intention to add 2 statements to the section in the SFRS Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 entitled Priorities, Actions and Outcomes. The first addition stated “We will achieve it by continued and sustained approach to Retained Duty System recruitment in partnership with local authority and other partners” and the second addition stated “In doing so, we will add value and increase public safety by:”. This was agreed.

During further discussion, the Chairman requested that the number of retained fire fighters in Moray be included in the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 to enable future benchmarking in this area. In response Mr Rout, LSO advised that he would include a structure detailing the number of fire fighters in Moray in the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17.

Thereafter, the Committee approved the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 subject to the following additions:

- (i) that the section of the plan entitled Priorities, Actions and Outcomes include an additional 2 statements, the first stating “We will achieve it by continued and sustained approach to Retained Duty System recruitment in partnership with local authority and other partners” and the second stating “In doing so, we will add value and increase public safety by:”
- (ii) that a structure detailing the number of fire fighters in Moray be included in the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17.

4. NOTE OF THANKS

The Committee joined the chair in thanking Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for their work in completing the Police Scotland Moray Local Policing Plan 2014-17 and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17, and for their continued good work over the previous years.