

THE MORAY COUNCIL**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE POLICE AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
COMMITTEE****THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016****COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN****PRESENT**

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

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor D Slater.

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson, Chief Superintendent Roderick Newbigging and Chief Inspector Stewart Mackie, all from Police Scotland, Aberdeenshire and Moray Division, Mr David Rout, Local Senior Officer and Mr David Meldrum, Group Manager, both from Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (Aberdeenshire and Moray Division), the Head of Development Services and Mrs Lissa Rowan, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the meeting.

1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS AND MEMBERS' INTERESTS

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct, 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 or any declarations of Members' interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

2. EXEMPT INFORMATION

The meeting resolved that in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, 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 paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

<u>Paragraph No. of Minute</u>	<u>Paragraph No. of Schedule 7A</u>
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3. MINUTE OF THE POLICE AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES COMMITTEE DATED 4 FEBRUARY 2016

The Minute of the Meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee dated 4 February 2016 was submitted and approved.

4. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

5. ACTIONS RAISED (UPDATE)

Under reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of this Committee dated 4 February 2016, a report by the Chief Superintendent, Divisional Police Commander, C3 Division, Police Scotland provided the Committee with a response in relation to actions raised at the meeting of this Committee on 4 February 2016.

During discussion, clarification was sought in relation to i6, in particular what it should achieve, why there had been so many delays and whether there had been any impact as a result of the delays.

In response, Chief Superintendent Newbigging advised that he was not in a position to provide clarification on i6 as this was not his area of expertise.

It was therefore queried whether a report could be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee detailing the current position in relation to i6 delivery. Chief Superintendent Thomson agreed to this request.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the response to actions raised at the meeting of this Committee on 4 February 2016 as set out in Section 4 of the report; and
- (ii) that the Divisional Commander would provide a report detailing the current position in relation to i6 delivery to a future meeting of this Committee.

6. FIRE AND RESCUE FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTLAND 2016

A report by the Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service informed the Committee of the recently published Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2016 and associated public consultation.

The Head of Development Services highlighted the consultation questions as set out in Appendix 1 of the report and the corresponding paragraphs of the Fire and Rescue Framework at Appendix 2 and went through each question in turn, asking for any comment from the Committee.

Following consideration of all the consultation questions, the Committee unanimously agreed to answer “yes” to all of the questions detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

The Head of Development Services advised that if any member of the Committee wished to make any additional comment in relation to the Fire and Rescue Framework, they should advise him following the meeting. This was agreed.

Thereafter, the Committee:

- (i) agreed to note the publication of the draft Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2016 as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (ii) answered “yes” to all of the consultation questions detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (iii) agreed to advise the Head of Development Services of any additional comment in relation to the Fire and Rescue Framework following the meeting.

7. OPERATIONAL VERBAL UPDATE - FIRE

The Committee was provided with an informative oral update on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) operational matters from Mr David Meldrum, Group Manager, SFRS, where he advised that, during the previous quarter, the Fire Service had been involved in fires, road traffic collisions, rescuing people from water, special services and false alarms. He further advised that they had taken part in 2 multi agency exercises which included a water rescue exercise alongside RNLi, Coast Guard and Police Scotland and a joint exercise with the Defence Fire Service at RAF Lossiemouth. In addition, he made reference to the ongoing work in relation to prevention/protection and response/resilience.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the informative operational update from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

8. FIRE AND RESCUE PERFORMANCE

A report by the Local Senior Officer (LSO), Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service informed the Committee of the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) locally in respect of the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17.

During his introduction, Mr Rout, LSO advised that he was delighted to report that many indicators were at a 5 year low with 11 of 13 indicators reflecting a strong downward trend and thanked Elected Members, Officials, Partners and Staff for their support and excellent work.

The Committee joined the Chair in commending the Fire Service on an excellent performance report and thereafter agreed to note the performance outlined in the report applicable to annual performance for 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

9. POLICE PERFORMANCE

A report by the Chief Superintendent, Divisional Police Commander, North East Division, Police Scotland informed the Committee of the performance of Police in respect of the Local Policing Plan 2014-2017, and other key indicators.

During his introduction, Chief Superintendent Thomson referred to an increase in the number of "Quality of Service Allegations" that had been made compared to the previous year and sought the agreement of the Committee to bring a report to a future meeting of this Committee once he had identified the reasons behind this increase. This was agreed.

Chief Superintendent Thomson further advised that there had been a request from HMICS that the Scottish Crime Recording Standard figures be presented to Scrutiny Committees. These figures had been included in this report for scrutiny and would be presented every 6 months. This was noted.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the performance as set out in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) to note that the Local Commander will continue to report to the Committee quarterly on performance measures against service objectives as articulated in the 2014-17 Local Policing Plan;
- (iii) that the Divisional Commander would provide a report in relation to the rise in the number of "Quality of Service Allegations" to a future meeting of this Committee; and
- (iv) to note that the Scottish Crime Recording Standard figures would be presented every 6 months to this Committee for scrutiny.

10. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions raised.

11. OPERATIONAL VERBAL UPDATE [PARA 14]

The Committee agreed to note an informative oral update from Chief Inspector Mackie, Aberdeenshire and Moray Division in relation to operational matters and the responses to the relevant questions thereafter.