

MORAY COUNCIL

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

THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors W Wilson (Chair), J Allan (Depute), G Cowie, P Coy, L Creswell, J Divers, S Morrison, A Patience and R Shepherd.

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Superintendent C Thomson, Divisional Police Commander, North East Division, Police Scotland; Mr D Rout, Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; Mr D Meldrum, Group Manager, Elgin City Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services, and Mrs C Howie, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Committee.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION

Chief Inspector D Ross, C3 Division, Police Scotland.

1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS AND MEMBER'S 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 Member's 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.

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3. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

4. OVERVIEW OF POLICE SCOTLAND

The Committee was provided with an informative Overview of Police Scotland by Chief Superintendent C Thomson, Divisional Police Commander, North East Division, Police Scotland.

The Committee agreed to note the informative overview by Chief Superintendent Thomson, Divisional Police Commander, North East Division, Police Scotland.

5. DELIVERING THE SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LOCALLY – PRESENTATION

The Committee was provided with an informative presentation on Delivering the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Locally by Mr David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire and Moray.

The Committee agreed to note the informative presentation by Mr Rout, Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire and Moray.

6. COMBINING OF REPORTS

The Committee agreed to combine Item 7 – Delivering the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Locally and Item 8 – Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan Review – Presentation, as the presentation on the Local Review was directly relevant to the outcomes of the review.

7. MORAY LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN REVIEW – PRESENTATION and OUTCOMES OF THE REVIEW OF SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE MORAY LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN

A report by David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire and Moray informing them of the Outcomes of the Review of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan. The report was considered in conjunction with an informative presentation on the Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan Review provided by Mr David Meldrum, Group Manager, Elgin City Fire Station Scottish Fire and Rescue Services.

In response to a query from Councillor Creswell in relation to links to the Licensing Board and a report by HM Inspectorate, Mr Rout undertook to provide a copy of the report, in confidence, to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee agreed to note the informative presentation by Mr Meldrum and following consideration of the report the Committee agreed to:

- (i) note outcomes of the review of Moray Local Fire and Rescue Plan, attached as Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) a report, along with a new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Moray, being presented to a future meeting of the Committee for approval; and
- (iii) the recent HM Inspection report being brought to the Committee in confidence in August.

8. OPERATIONAL UPDATE – SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – VERBAL UPDATE

Prior to the Committee being provided with the update Mr Rout took the opportunity to announce that Elgin Community Fire and Rescue station had gone live as a co-response station supporting the Scottish Ambulance Service to respond to Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest where they are nearer to the patient. He took the opportunity

to invite the Elected Members, Partners and the public to any Moray community fire and rescue station to attend a 20 minute presentation on cardiac arrest and how to save a life.

Thereafter the Committee was provided with an informative Operational Update – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service by David Meldrum, Group Manager, Elgin City Fire Station.

The Committee agreed to note the informative update by David Meldrum, Group Manager, Elgin City Fire Station.

9. POLICE PERFORMANCE

Under reference to paragraph 2 of the minute of the special meeting of this Committee dated 26 March 2014 a report by Chief Superintendent C Thomson, Divisional Police Commander, North East Division, Police Scotland on Police Performance. A copy of the performance report was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

In response to a query from Councillor Coy in relation to group 2 crimes, Chief Superintendent Thomson undertook to bring a more detailed report on group 2 crimes to a future meeting of the Committee.

During discussion of the report Councillor Allan advised he had been involved in a recent operation on drug raids and Committee joined him in commending the officers on the work undertaken.

With the permission of the Chair, Chief Superintendent Thomson introduced Chief Inspector D Ross who provided Committee with an overview of the transition since the Aberdeen control room ceased operation and invited Members to visit the control room in Dundee to see the operation for themselves.

Thereafter the Committee agreed to:

- (i) note the performance outlined in the report;
- (ii) note that the Local Commander will continue to report to the Committee quarterly on performance measures against service objectives as articulated in the 2017-20 Local Policing Plan, yet to be approved;
- (iii) receive a more detailed report on group 2 incidents to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (iv) join with Councillor Allan in commending the officers for work undertaken in relation to drugs raids.

10. FIRE AND RESCUE PERFORMANCE

A report by Mr David Rout, Local Senior Officer, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on the Fire and Rescue Performance. A copy of the performance report was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the performance outlined in the report applicable to the annual performance for 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

11. POLICE SCOTLAND, NORTH EAST DIVISION: CYBERCRIME

Under reference to paragraph 14 of the minute of this Committee dated 16 February 2017 a report by Chief Superintendent C Thomson, Divisional Police Commander, North East Division, Police Scotland informing the Committee of the risks posed by Cybercrime and the work being undertaken by the North East Division and Police Scotland to reduce the risk of harm it causes to our communities.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the report.

12. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions raised.

13. OPERATIONAL UPDATE ON MORAY LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017-2010 – VERBAL UPDATE [PARA. 14]

The Committee was provided with an informative oral update on the Moray Local Policing Plan 2017-2020 by Chief Superintendent C Thomson, Divisional Police Commander, North East Division, Police Scotland.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the informative operational update from the North East Division, Police Scotland.