

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 27 September 2018 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, MacLeod, J McEleny, McVey, McCabe (for Moran), Quinn and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities, Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Service Manager (Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent S Carle, Superintendent D Lang and Chief Inspector D Reilly (Police Scotland), Area Manager G Binning and Group Manager D McCarrey (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener welcomed to the meeting, Chief Inspector Debbie Reilly, the newly appointed Local Commander.

Councillor McVey also asked that the Committee's best wishes be conveyed to Constables Kenny MacKenzie and Laura Sayer for their continued recovery following the attack on 1 June and Chief Inspector Reilly undertook to do this.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

534 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 534

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Moran, with Councillor McCabe substituting, and Councillor Murphy.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

535 Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report 535

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on current and emerging issues relating to both Police and Fire and Rescue Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the report in respect of current and emerging national issues relating to Police and Fire and Rescue matters be noted; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the scrutiny arrangements in respect of the Scottish Ambulance Service.

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536 Scottish Police Authority Annual Review of Policing 2017/18 - Consultation Response 536

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of a response made to the Scottish Police Authority in respect of the Annual Review of Policing 2017/18.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the response made to the Scottish Police Authority in respect of the Annual Review of Policing 2017/18; and
- (2) that arrangements be put in place with a view to establishing a dialogue between the Convener of the Committee and the Chair of the Scottish Police Authority Board.

537 Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Governance Arrangements 537

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of governance arrangements in respect of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership.

Decided: that the governance arrangements for the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership be noted.

538 Roads Policing – New Structure 538

Chief Superintendent Stewart Carle provided the Committee with a briefing on the new Roads Policing arrangements which will result in the relocation of the Roads Policing Unit to Govan.

He indicated that he understood Members' concern regarding the proposed restructure but explained that the move would achieve economies of scale and provide greater resilience in Inverclyde and throughout the Division. There would now be a 3 group rather than 5 group pattern (with 9 sergeants and 69 constables across three shifts), providing 24/7 coverage for K Division.

Under the new arrangements, on a seven day basis, a vehicle would be dispatched to operate solely in K Division and at night there would be a dedicated car in the area, freeing up local constables for other duties. Community Policing would be responsible for speed monitoring work.

He accepted that travel time had to be taken into consideration but indicated that when the analysis had been carried out, the majority of incidents in K Division had been in Renfrew and at Glasgow Airport with fewer than a third of all incidents taking place within Inverclyde Council boundaries.

Chief Superintendent Carle answered a number of questions in relation to his briefing and confirmed that the position would be reviewed after six months of operation, involving scrutiny against trends and incidents. He confirmed that the Committee would be advised of the results of the review.

539 Police Scotland Performance Report 539

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April to 31 July 2018.

(Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the report be noted;
- (2) that future reports include year-on-year statistics for comparison purposes;

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(3) that future reports include information on the deployment of tasers and armed response incidents; and

(4) that it be noted that a report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on youth gatherings and anti-social behaviour.

540 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report**540**

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 April to 30 June 2018.

Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.