

**LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 29 NOVEMBER 2018**

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**Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee**

**Thursday 29 November 2018 at 2pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor McVey presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Mr W Rice (Environmental & Public Protection), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

**In attendance also:** Chief Superintendent G Crossan, Chief Inspector D Reilly and Sergeant L Stewart (Police Scotland), Area Manager G Binning, Group Manager D McCarrey and Station Manager M Meehan (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Prior to the commencement of business, Councillor McVey asked that the Committee's best wishes be conveyed to Constables Kenny MacKenzie and Laura Sayer for their continuing recovery following the attack on 1 June. He also asked that the Committee's congratulations be extended to Community PC Kirsty Boyd who had been named Police Officer of the Year 2018 for her contribution to the lives of young people in Inverclyde.

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

**692      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      692**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Moran with Provost Brennan substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**693      Police Scotland Performance Report      693**

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April to 30 September 2018.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the information contained in the report be noted; and
- (2) that arrangements be made for Police Scotland to make a presentation to Elected Members on counter-terrorism activities.

**694      Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report      694**

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

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

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**695 Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (November 2018) 695**

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:** 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.

**696 Scrutiny of Scottish Ambulance Service Activities 696**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the arrangements for scrutiny of the Scottish Ambulance Service.

(Provost Brennan left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:** that the Committee note the information contained within the report in respect of scrutiny arrangements for the Scottish Ambulance Service, specifically the following:

- (1) that there is no legislative obligation under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 for the Scottish Ambulance Service to have its activity formally scrutinised;
- (2) that accountability and governance of the Scottish Ambulance Service is to Scottish Ministers through the Scottish Government Health Directorates; and
- (3) that the Scottish Ambulance Service will become a member of the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership.

**697 Community Safety Report – Youth Gatherings 697**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the responses to large-scale youth gatherings in Inverclyde since 2015.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the multi-agency approach taken in response to large-scale youth gatherings be noted;
- (2) that the overarching aims of promoting safety, providing public reassurance and reinforcing parental/carer responsibilities be noted;
- (3) that the reduction in frequency, numbers, location and seasonal duration of the large-scale gatherings in 2018 be noted;
- (4) that the commitment of resources from partner agencies be acknowledged; and
- (5) that support be given to the continuation of an area based multi-agency approach to large-scale youth gatherings by the Community Safety Partnership.