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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Local Police &amp; Fire Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>6 June 2019</b>
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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee on current and emerging issues relating to Police and Fire and Rescue Services.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The report provides an opportunity for the Committee to be made aware of national initiatives, reviews and consultations and, where appropriate, to inform members' consideration of future agenda items relating to Police and Fire and Rescue matters.
- 2.2 In order to ensure that elected members can make representations to the national authorities as required in relation to wider scrutiny issues and concerns, elected members may be interested to note the following updates from external agencies including, but not limited to, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, Her Majesty's Fire Inspectorate, Audit Scotland and the Accounts Commission in relation to the work carried out by the Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and consider and respond to consultations on strategic Police and Fire and Rescue priorities and Scottish Police Authority and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plans. This report is intended to draw these elements together with a view to informing and shaping future meeting agendas as appropriate and raising awareness of emerging issues.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the information contained within the paper in respect of current and emerging national issues relating to Police and Fire and Rescue matters.

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## 4.0 SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY

- 4.1 **SPA Board and Committee Meetings:** The May Board meeting of the Scottish Police Authority was held on [22 May 2019](#) in Edinburgh and in addition to the regular standing items also considered the following matters: Brexit Contingency Planning, Armed Policing Deployment Model and the proposed roll out of Digital Triage Devices (Cyber Kiosks).
- 4.2 **Staffing Appointments:** The SPA have appointed Malcolm Graham as Deputy Chief Constable with Police Scotland in addition to the appointments of Kenny MacDonald and Gary Ritchie to the rank of Assistant Chief Constable.

## 5.0 HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY IN SCOTLAND

- 5.1 **Local Policing+ Inspection of the Resourcing of Events:** A report was published by HMICS in respect of [Local Policing+ Inspection of the Resourcing of Events](#) with the aim to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the way in which Police Scotland resources events. Although the inspection examined how the process works in Greater Glasgow Division, the subject of events resourcing was raised by officers and staff in previous inspections.

In this report HMICS identified key findings and made fifteen recommendations in relation to Police Scotland's overall approach to resourcing events. In response to the inspection, Police Scotland will be asked to create an action plan to address the recommendations. The implementation of these recommendations will allow Police Scotland to develop its processes regarding the resourcing of events, ensuring that they continue to be policed safely whilst reducing the impact upon officers, staff and local communities.

## 6.0 SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD

- 6.1 **Scottish Fire and Rescue Board:** The most recent meeting of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Board was held on [25 April 2019](#). The meeting considered updates from other Committee meetings as well as update reports from the Chief Officer and SFRS Board Chair.
- 6.2 The Scottish Fire & Rescue Board has provided advance notice that the Board Meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 will be held in Inverclyde (venue TBC).

## 7.0 SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

- 7.1 **SFRS Recruitment:** The Chief Officer of SFRS formally welcomed 61 new firefighters who will work to protect communities across Scotland. The trainees graduated at the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service's National Training Centre following a 14 week training schedule. There was a vacancy for 1 new recruit to join the Service in Inverclyde ensuring a full quota of staff across the authority area.
- 7.2 **SFRS Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2022:** SFRS published their draft Strategic Plan for the period 2019-2022. This matter has been tabled as a separate agenda item.

## 8.0 INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

- 8.1 **Community Safety & Violence Prevention Initiative:** A report to a previous Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee advised members of a joint proposal between Police Scotland and Inverclyde Council regarding a community safety and violence prevention initiative. Members should note that the report was presented to the Inverclyde Alliance Board at its meeting on 18 March 2019 and was endorsed by the Alliance Board. The proposal is currently progressing ahead of a predicted roll-out in June 2019. A progress

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report will be presented at a future Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee.

## 9.0 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

9.1 None

## 10.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 10.1 Finance

There are no financial implications.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/(savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With effect from	Annual net impact £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

### 10.2 Legal

There are no legal implications.

### 10.3 Human Resources

This report does not impact on Human Resources.

### 10.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
X	NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

### 10.5 Repopulation

This structure is intended to protect and assist the local communities.

## 11.0 CONSULTATIONS

11.1 None.

## 12.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 Community Safety & Violence Prevention Initiative (Inverclyde Alliance Board, Agenda Item 12) (in respect of 10.1).

[Community Safety & Violence Prevention Initiative \(Inverclyde Alliance\)](#)