

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6 FEBRUARY 2020

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 6 February 2020 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, MacLeod, J McEleny, McVey, Moran, Murphy and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Mr I Hanley (Community Safety & Resilience), Ms R Dillon (for Head of Environmental & Public Protection), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

In attendance also: Superintendent D Leitch, Chief Inspector D Reilly and Inspector A Durk (Policy Scotland), Area Manager G Binning, Group Manager D McCarrey and Station Commander S MacMillan (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).

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

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener referred to the death in December 2019 of a local serving Police Officer and he asked that the Committee's condolences be passed on to the Officer's family, friends and colleagues.

83 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 83

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jackson and Wilson and Chief Superintendent Murray.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

84 Police Scotland Performance Report 84

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April to 31 December 2019.

During the course of discussion on this item, reference was made to the fact that almost 30% of the 98 missing people in Inverclyde in the reporting period were looked after and accommodated children from young persons' units within the area and Councillor Moran, as Convener of the Health and Social Care Committee, stated that he would raise this Committee's concerns with the Chief Officer of the Inverclyde HSCP.

The Police Scotland representatives were asked if statistics were collected on the number of victims of crime suffering from mental illness.

In this regard, Chief Inspector Reilly advised that statistics on this were not routinely recorded. She indicated that this was a very complex issue, particularly due to problems of categorisation which were based on individual perceptions of mental illness. Police Scotland did, however, have a bespoke database of vulnerable people, including those with a mental illness, which was based on identification of vulnerability by the Police but this did not involve input from any other agencies.

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With regard to information sharing, protocols had been established and data was shared through the Concern Hub to the multi-agency Adult Protection Committee.

At the conclusion of the discussion on this subject, the Convener indicated that it would be his intention to raise the issues identified with the Chief Officer of the Inverclyde HSCP.

Police Scotland representatives were also asked if it would be possible to include within the statistics presented to the Committee, information on the number of crimes committed by repeat offenders and Chief Inspector Reilly confirmed that she would speak to the data analyst within the Police to ascertain if this would be feasible.

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

85 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – Spotlight on Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals 85

There was submitted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing details of unwanted fire alarm systems (UFAS) incidents which were attended by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service covering 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 up to December 2019.

It was noted that work was being carried out in conjunction with East Renfrewshire Council to plan and implement a version of the NHS TAKE5 initiative, aimed at reducing the number of false fire alarms, which would be bespoke to all Council premises including office and education facilities. The proposal was to run a pilot across East Renfrewshire Council early in 2020 with a view to launching it within Renfrewshire and Inverclyde thereafter.

Decided: that the spotlight report on unwanted fire alarm signals be noted.

86 Fire and Rescue Local Inverclyde Update 86

There was submitted a Fire and Rescue Local Inverclyde update covering recruitment, the Retained Duty System (RDS) Recruitment Strategy and the Local Fire and Rescue Plan. There was circulated to the Committee, a letter from the Local Senior Officer requesting the participation of Inverclyde stakeholders in a short survey which would inform the revisions required in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan.

Decided: that the local update report be noted.

87 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (February 2020) 87

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

Area Manager Binning confirmed during discussion on this item that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was able to manage the risk when a second appliance at Greenock Fire Station was dispatched to a major incident outwith Inverclyde or should the appliance be stood down due to exceptional circumstances.

Decided: that the current and emerging national issues relating to Police and Fire and Rescue matters be noted.

88 Consultation on Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) Scrutiny Plan 2020-21 88

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development appending a consultation response to HMICS in respect of its scrutiny planning arrangements for the period 2020-21 which had been submitted by

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the consultation deadline of 17 January 2020.

Decided: that approval be given to the consultation response to HMICS appended to the report.