

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25 MARCH 2021

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 25 March 2021 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Interim Head of Service Public Protection and Covid Recovery, Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Service Manager Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Mr I Hanley (Community Safety & Resilience), Ms A Sinclair (Interim Head of Legal Services), Ms D Sweeney and Ms L Carrick (Legal Services), ICT Service Manager and Mr P Coulter (for Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety).

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent D Duncan and Chief Inspector P Cameron (Police Scotland) and Group Manager D McCarrey and Station Commander D Fothergill (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

137 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 137

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor J McEleny, with Councillor Robertson substituting, and Councillors Jackson and Wilson.

138 Police Scotland Performance Report 138

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April 2020 to 31 January 2021.

During the course of discussion on this item Chief Inspector Cameron provided an overview of the Distress Brief Intervention pilot scheme which seeks to address mental health distress. Chief Inspector Cameron advised the Committee that Inverclyde Police are beginning the roll out of training which will provide officers with a tactical option to consider when dealing with a person in distress.

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

139 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service - Local Fire & Rescue Plan for Inverclyde 139

There was submitted a Local Fire & Rescue Plan for Inverclyde covering the period 2019-2022 by the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

During the course of discussion on this item clarification was sought on the fire safety audit of empty commercial properties. Group Manager McCarrey advised that such audits are not carried out. He further confirmed that he would work with the Council on this matter if requested to do so. In relation to the Distress Brief Intervention pilot

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scheme, Group Manager McCarrey confirmed that the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service are working with the partner agencies.

Councillor Curley left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Decided: that the Local Fire & Rescue Plan for Inverclyde 2019-2022 be noted.

140 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (March 2021) 140

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

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