

## LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY PANEL – 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

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### Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Panel

#### Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 10am

**Present:** Councillors Brennan, Clocherty, Crowther, Daisley, Law, McKenzie, Moran, Quinn, Reynolds and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Culture, Communities and Educational Resources, Service Manager Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Ms R Dillon (Public Protection), Ms A Sinclair for (Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms L Carrick and Mr C MacDonald (Legal & Democratic Services) and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

**In attendance also:** Superintendent P O'Callaghan and Chief Inspector P Cameron (Police Scotland) and Group Commander M Henderson and Station Commander C McGhee (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan Crowther and Daisley attending remotely.

**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 wished Group Commander Henderson well on his forthcoming retirement.

#### **423 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 423**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McGuire with Councillor Jackson substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

#### **424 Police Scotland Performance Report 424**

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022. During the course of discussion on this item, Chief Inspector Cameron referred to an increase in fire-raising crimes. He added that advice is being issued to all householders regarding the dangers of leaving combustible items in common close areas. He emphasised the importance of working in partnership with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and housing providers to ensure safety advice is being provided to householders. There followed discussion on the bulk uplift fee charged to remove such items. Councillor Wilson asked Council officers to provide an update to the next panel in regard to the possibility of the fee being waived if there was a risk of fire. Thanks were expressed by Councillor Clocherty to both Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service on the work carried out by officers in response to Operation Tell, the Police response to fire-raising incidents in Inverclyde and he asked the representatives of both services to extend the Panels appreciation to their colleagues. Chief Inspector Cameron updated Members on the

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progress of the Naloxone programme. He further added that all Police Officers in Inverclyde are being trained and issued with Naloxone kits.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the information contained in the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Council officers to provide an update report to the next meeting of the Panel on the possibility of the bulk uplift fee being waived.

**425 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report 425**

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022.

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

**426 Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Panel Update Report 426**

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

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