

Report by the Local Senior Officer Joe McKay - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Housing & Communities Committee: 4 November 2020

Subject: SFRS Q2 Scrutiny Report 1st July – 30th September 2020

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to present to committee performance data which shows progress against the priorities detailed in the West Dunbartonshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Members are asked to note the contents of the attached SFRS West Dunbartonshire Council Year to Date Report covering the period 1st July – 30th September 2020

3. Background

- 3.1** As part of the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2013 new arrangements were put in place for local scrutiny and engagement. These arrangements place a requirement on Local Authorities to scrutinise local police and fire & rescue services. In West Dunbartonshire, as with many Local Authorities, a decision was taken to transfer this accountability to the Community Planning Partnership. However, following recent discussions, scrutiny responsibility has transferred to the Housing & Communities Committee.

4. Main Issues

Local Fire Plan

- 4.1** Scottish Fire & Rescue Services (SFRS) for West Dunbartonshire report on performance against key local priorities on a quarterly basis. The report attached at appendix 1 details the SFRS performance for Q2 - 1st July – 30th September 2020. It details performance against the key local priorities detailed in the local fire plan for West Dunbartonshire and shows trends over time for these priorities.
- 4.2** As can be seen from page 4 of the report, primary and secondary fires have increased by 25%, the overall total number of incidents has increased by 2%. There has been a 2% decrease in the number of Special Service type incidents and the number of fire and non-fire casualties has decreased by 26%, we have seen a reduction in the number of false alarms by 9% from the same period in 2019/20.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no personnel issues.

6. Financial & Procurement Implications

6.1 The commitments made in the local plans will be delivered within available resources

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 There may be risks associated with not taking actions to deliver on the key priority areas as detailed in the plans. These are picked up through the strategic register of SFRS.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 Any equalities related impacts arising from this report, and associated Equalities Impact Assessments, will be carried out through SFRS.

9. Consultation

9.1 The performance report is presented for discussion and review. The local plan was developed in consultation with communities and key partner agencies.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 This report details performance and local actions taken by SFRS in relation to priority areas of West Dunbartonshire CPP.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 -

Local Fire Plan Year to Date Progress Report - 1st July – 30th September 2020

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All