

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

Housing and Communities Committee: 03 February 2021

Subject: Fire and Rescue Quarter 3 Scrutiny Report for the period 1st October – 31st December 2020.

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to allow the Local Senior Officer to provide the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Group with appropriate performance data measured against priorities in the West Dunbartonshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Group is asked to note the contents of the attached Scottish Fire and Rescue Service West Dunbartonshire Council Year to Date Report covering the period 01 October 2020 – 31 December 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 and rescue services. In West Dunbartonshire, due to some conflict issues a decision was taken to transfer this accountability from the Community Planning Partnership to the Housing and Communities Committee.

4. Main Issues

Local Fire Plan

- 4.1** Scottish Fire and 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 Quarter 3 covering the period of 01 October 2020 to 31 December 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 11%, the overall total number of incidents has decreased by 3%. There has been a 14% decrease in the number of Special Service type

incidents and the number of fire and non-fire casualties has decreased by 48%. 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 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 Community Planning Partnership.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Local Fire Plan Quarter 3 Progress Report – (01 October 2020 – 31 December 2020)

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All