

Item: 20

Police and Fire Sub-committee: 19 May 2026.

1. Recommendations

It is recommended:

1.1.

That the Committee approves the attached minute as a true record.

2. Appendix

Draft Minute of the Meeting of the Police and Fire Sub-committee held on 19 May 2026.

Minute

Police and Fire Sub-committee

Tuesday, 19 May 2026, 10:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors David Dawson, Duncan A Tullock, Alexander G Cowie, Mellissa-Louise Thomson and Raymond S Peace.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Graham A Bevan.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Lorna Richardson, Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development.
- Kenny MacPherson, Head of Property and Asset Management.
- Donna-Claire Hunter, Service Manager (Safety and Resilience).
- Kelechi Eze, Solicitor.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:

- David McGroarty, Group Commander.

Police Scotland:

- Chief Inspector Scott Robertson.

Apology

- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor David Dawson.

1. Urgent Items

In terms of Standing Order 13.3, the Council:

Noted that the Chair had permitted discussion of the following urgent item:

- Performance against Local Policing Plan.

2. Performance Against Orkney Fire and Rescue Plan

After consideration of a report by the Local Senior Officer, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from David McGroarty, Group Commander, the Sub-committee:

Scrutinised the statistical performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Orkney Islands area, for the period 1 January to 31 March 2026, detailed in the Quarterly Performance Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Local Senior Officer, and obtained assurance that progress was being made against the objectives.

3. Performance against Local Policing Plan

In terms of section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chair permitted urgent consideration of this item, in order that the Sub-committee could scrutinise performance at this meeting rather than at the next scheduled meeting on 25 August 2026, when the figures would be less current, noting that the performance report had been received by Chief Inspector Scott Robertson from Inverness on 14 May 2025, which was after the agenda for the meeting had been issued.

After consideration of a report by Chief Inspector Scott Robertson, Area Commander, copies of which had been circulated, the Sub-committee:

Scrutinised progress made against the objectives set within the Orkney Islands Local Policing Plan 2023 to 2026 Year 3, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Area Commander, for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, and obtained assurance that progress was being made against the objectives.

4. Conclusion of Meeting

At 11:28 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: David Dawson.