

Minute

Police and Fire Sub-committee

Tuesday, 25 February 2025, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors David Dawson, Duncan A Tullock, Graham A Bevan, Alexander G Cowie, Raymond S Peace and Jean E Stevenson.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Kenny MacPherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities.
- Donna-Claire Hunter, Service Manager (Safety and Resilience).
- Veer Bansal, Solicitor.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:

- Scott Gibson, Local Senior Officer.
- Alistair Holden, Station Commander.

Police Scotland:

- Chief Inspector Scott Robertson.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor David Dawson.

1. Performance Against Local Policing Plan

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 covering 1 April to 31 December 2024, and obtained assurance that progress was being made against the objectives.

2. Performance Against Orkney Fire and Rescue Plan

After consideration of a report by Scott Gibson, Local Senior Officer, copies of which had been circulated, the Sub-committee:

Scrutinised the statistical performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services, Orkney Islands area, for the period 1 October to 31 December 2024, 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. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Draft Strategy

Consultation Response

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities, the Sub-committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council**:

3.1. That the draft consultation response to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Draft Strategy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, be approved.

3.2. That powers be delegated to the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, to submit the response, on behalf of the Council, to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service by the deadline of 2 April 2025, following consultation with the members of the Police and Fire Sub-committee, if required, in order to finalise the draft response.

The Sub-committee noted:

3.3. That, due to the time constraints involved, the Chief Executive would be requested to exercise emergency powers to authorise submission of the Council's response by 2 April 2025.

4. Conclusion of Meeting

At 15:02 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: David Dawson.