

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

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**SUBJECT: HER MAJESTY'S FIRE SERVICE INSPECTORATE – LOCAL AREA
INSPECTION DUNDEE CITY**

Abstract

The report contains information relating to a recent report published by Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate (HMFSI) on the local area inspection of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) within Dundee City that took place during January/ February 2016.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide information for the Committee regarding a recent report published by HMFSI on the local area inspection of SFRS service delivery within Dundee City that took place during January/ February 2016.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members:

Note, acknowledge the positive outcomes and question the content of the report.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 During 2015/16 HMFSI commenced a programme of local area inspections of SFRS service delivery within local authority areas. The inspections examine the development of local fire and rescue plans and help to provide assurance about the way in which the SFRS is meeting this intention and explores the relationship with the local authority and other key partners.

4.2 The local area inspection of SFRS service delivery within Dundee City was the fifth such inspection within a local authority area to be undertaken by HM Fire Service Inspectorate. This was also the first involving the newly appointed Chief Inspector of HMFSI in Scotland.

4.3 The local area inspections are structured in such a way that they closely follow the structure of 'The Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2013' which sets out the expectations of Scottish Government on the SFRS:

- The Local Fire and Rescue Plan and Single Outcome Agreement
- Improved Service outcomes and protecting frontline services
- More equal access to specialist resources and national capacity
- Strengthened connection between SFRS and communities

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- 4.4 Overall the report is extremely positive and acknowledges the strong local partnerships, the open and engaging attitude of staff and the willingness to act to support partner's objectives where possible.
- 4.5 A small number of issues highlighted as part of the inspection and detailed within the overall conclusions of the report have either been addressed already or are currently being progressed.
- 4.5 A full copy of the HMFSI inspection report is attached as Appendix 1. This along with the other reports of all local area inspections of SFRS service delivery within local authority areas that have already been completed can be found at:
<http://www.gov.scot/about/public-bodies/HMFSI/Reports-Publications>

5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- 6.1 There are no environmental issues arising as a consequence of this report.

7 SUMMARY

- 7.1 This report contains information relating to a recent report published by HMFSI on the local area inspection of the SFRS within Dundee City that took place during January/ February 2016

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