

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REPORT TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE – 2012/13

Abstract

This report provides members with background information in relation to the attached Tayside Fire and Rescue Board, Draft Towards a Safer Tayside Public Performance Report 2012-2013. This report relates to the activities and performance of Tayside Fire and Rescue for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, and is the final report under the auspices of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board following the commencement of the new Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on 1 April 2013.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members note the performance of the former Tayside Fire and Rescue, during the reporting year 2012-2013, as contained within the attached Draft Towards a Safer Tayside Public Performance Report.

2 BACKGROUND

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 places a statutory duty on each local authority and its partners to secure best value and continuous improvement, and participate in Community Planning. The act also requires them to report to the public on the outcomes of its performance. This final Tayside Fire Board Annual Public Performance Report therefore details Tayside Fire and Rescue's performance against the action points listed in the Towards a Safer Tayside Action Plan 2012/13. The action points were identified as being key to Tayside Fire and Rescue delivering its mission, aims and strategic objectives, whilst taking cognisance of other key drivers, including fire service reform and the transition to the new Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

The attached Draft Public Performance Report (Appendix 1) will be submitted to a transitional Fire and Rescue Board, made up of former Tayside Fire and Rescue Fire Board Members for approval in May, before being published and distributed to key internal and external stakeholders.

3 SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE DURING 2012/13

The service delivered a number of successful outcomes during reporting period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013. The more notable outcomes are highlighted in the 'Chief's Remarks' of the attached Draft Public Performance Report and include exceeding the annual target of conducting 15,000 Home Fire Safety Visits, fire deaths falling by two thirds, and a sustained reduction in the number of fires and other emergency incidents, including dwelling fires, secondary fires and malicious calls.

In the new Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, local resources will continue to be focussed on reducing the number of fires and other emergencies incidents. Areas of

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continuous improvement are therefore now reflected in the seven priorities set out in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee City, which has been produced by the Local Senior Officer on behalf of the new Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. For Dundee City, the priorities include reducing unwanted calls, which account for approximately 48% of fire and rescue operational activity within the Dundee City area and reducing the number of secondary fires, which account for approximately 31% of fire and rescue activity within the Dundee City area.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a consequence of this report.

5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An equality impact assessment has been carried out in line with the services current equality policy.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

This report will have no direct impact on the environment.

7 SUMMARY

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 places a statutory duty on each local authority and its partners to report to the public on the outcomes of its performance.

The Towards a Safer Tayside Annual Public Performance Report 2012/13 is the final report to be published under the auspices of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board.

The report details Tayside Fire and Rescue's performance against the action points listed in the Towards a Safer Tayside Action Plan 2012/13.

Any future performance improvements have been reflected in the priorities set out in the Dundee City Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2013/14.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 No background papers, as defined in Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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