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EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICE AND FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT
1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Councillors Graham Barton, Graham Boyd, Neal Ingram, Clare Maitland, Jim Todd, Claire Leitch, June Kyle, Neill Watts and Elaine Stewart.

OFFICERS PARTICIPATING: Katie Kelly, Depute Chief Executive; Iain Tough, Head of Corporate Support; and Lynn Young, Democratic Services Officer.

ALSO PARTICIPATING: Chief Superintendent Faroque Hussain; Chief Inspector Nathan Calderwood; and Sergeant Graeme Smith (all Police Scotland); Area Commander Ian McMeekin, Local Senior Officer; Gordon Harkins, Fire Protection Officer; and Lyndsay Lamont, Assistant Team Leader (all Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

APOLOGIES: Councillors James Adams and Lillian Jones.

CHAIR: Councillor Graham Barton, Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. No declarations of interest were intimated by the Members present in relation to the items of business on the Agenda.

**EAST AYRSHIRE POLICE SCOTLAND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY REPORT -
REPORTING PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 - 30 JUNE 2022**

2. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Local Policing Commander, Police Scotland, which provided a summary of Police Scotland's performance for the reporting period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022.

Arising from discussion, Members noted the following:-

- the partnership working in respect of tackling and promoting hate crime and in particular to the Ayrshire Equality Partnership Conference to be held on 5 October 2022 at Ayrshire College, Kilmarnock Campus. It was agreed that an invitation be issued to the members of the Committee;
- the worrying increase in bladed weapons recovered following Stop and Search incidents;
- multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) and how sexual offenders are managed within our communities, and it was agreed that a joint Spotlight Session between Police Scotland and East Ayrshire Council MAPPA be delivered at the next meeting; and
- the significant increase in sophisticated on-line fraud and the arrangements and measures currently in place to provide anti-fraud information to all residents.

It was agreed to note the terms of the report submitted and the further information as provided at the meeting.

SPOTLIGHT SESSION: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE

3. There was received a presentation from the Area Commander which highlighted current practice in relation to anti-social behaviour in Kilmarnock Town Centre and other areas.

During the discussion Members raised the following matters:-

- (i) the on-going programme of improvements to Kilmarnock Bus Station and the need for behavioural change by users of the station. Whilst there was an appreciation as to the delay to the improvement works, the area appeared untidy, unclean and not safe for travellers. It was agreed to (a) remit to the Depute Chief Executive to arrange for a deep clean of the bus station; (b) to explore options, including the introduction of stewards at busy times, to ensure travellers feel safe at the station; and (c) to arrange a walk around of the bus station and surrounding area for the Members of the Committee; and
- (ii) options being explored for the introduction of video doorbells for residential areas where there are high levels of anti-social behaviour.

The Chair thanked the Area Commander for his informative presentation.

Councillor Ingram joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE UPDATES

4. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, which advised of the progress made against the priorities contained within East Ayrshire's Local Fire and Rescue Plan, and provided Members with other key Fire and Rescue Service updates.

Arising from discussion, Members noted the following:-

- the measures in place to increase the Retained Duty Service availability in Muirkirk;
- the ground breaking creation of the community garden at Kilmarnock Fire Station and the possible links with local Community Groups within the Belfield, Kirkstyle and Shortlees area; and
- the work currently being done in relation to the cost of living crisis and in particular around the dangers of alternative sources of heating, lighting and cooking. It was noted that SFRS colleagues would be in attendance at the CPP Board and Elected Member joint session to discuss the cost of living crises to be held on 22 September 2022.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Performance Summary Report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2022; and
- (ii) to note the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service update and further information as provided at the meeting.

PRESENTATION: SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - POST NON-DOMESTIC INCIDENT RESPONSE

5. The Committee received a presentation from the Fire Protection Officer on Post Non-Domestic Incident Response.

The Chair thanked the Fire Protection Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for his informative presentation.

UPDATE REPORT

6. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive which updated on current and emerging issues which related to the Police and Fire and Rescue Services; and which provided an opportunity for Members to be made aware of the national initiatives, reviews and consultations and, where appropriate, informed Members consideration of future Agenda items which related to Police and Fire and Rescue matters.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the updates in respect of current and emerging national issues which related to police and fire and rescue matters;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL RISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE UPDATES

7. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive which updated on the performance of the Risk Management Centre's Community Safety Department and which provided a comprehensive overview of the Service with updates on ongoing Service upgrades.

It was agreed to note the performance of the Risk Management Centre and current operational activity, and the updates provided at the meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1145 hours.