

**LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN FOR ARGYLL AND BUTE 2014-17**

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**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee, in its terms of reference, scrutinises the performance of Scottish Fire and Rescue through the Local Fire and Rescue Plan. Quarterly performance reports are prepared and presented to the Committee.
- 1.2 The scrutiny of performance is based on the targets set out in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan, which is updated annually and is closely linked to the Single Outcome Agreement. This Plan is a requirement of the Police and Fire Reform Act 2012.
- 1.3 This report presents the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 to the PRS Committee for approval and to form the basis of future scrutiny of Scottish Fire and Rescue's performance.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

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  - 1 Note the content of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17
  - 2 Approve the Plan as a basis for future scrutiny of Scottish Fire and Rescue activity in Argyll and Bute

**3 DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Police and Fire reform Act 2012 set out specific responsibilities for the Local Commander for Police Scotland and the Local Senior Officer for Scottish Fire and Rescue in relation to their respective local services. This included engagement with Community Planning and specific engagement with the local authority on developing plans for each local service.
- 3.2 The legislation states that the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) have a statutory duty to consult all local authorities on their strategic plans
- 3.3 The Act sets out a clear role for local government in local service delivery and states that each local authority in Scotland will directly influence the delivery of police and fire and rescue functions in their areas.

- The local commander and local senior officer have a statutory duty to work with the local authority to set priorities and objectives for police and fire and rescue services in the local area;
- The local commander and local senior officer are required to prepare the local plan for police and a local plan for fire and rescue, that meets the needs of the local area for approval by the local authority;
- The local authority has powers to specify policing measures that it wishes the local commander to include in the local police plan;
- The local commander and local senior officer are required to provide information and reports in response to (reasonable) requests from the local authority;
- The local authority has statutory powers to monitor the delivery of police and fire and rescue functions in the area;
- The local authority has statutory powers to provide feedback to the local commander and local senior officer and to make recommendations for improvements.

3.3 The local commander and local senior officer have a statutory duty to prepare a local police plan and a local fire and rescue plan for their area, which must:

- build on the principles set out in the national priorities and objectives for the services;
- be prepared in consultation with the staff representatives and other interested parties, for the approval of the local authority;
- incorporate the local priorities and objectives developed with the local authority;
- set out the proposed arrangements for delivery of those priorities and objectives;
- identify outcomes against the achievement of priorities and objectives may be measured;
- make clear how the arrangements for local service delivery will contribute to the outcomes identified through community planning.

3.4 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 is attached to this report for the attention of the PRS Committee.

## **4 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 sets out the level of service against which the Local Senior Officer for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will be scrutinised by the PRS Committee.

## **5 IMPLICATIONS**

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| 5.1 | Policy              | None from this report   |
| 5.2 | Financial           | None from this report   |
| 5.3 | HR                  | None from this report   |
| 5.4 | Legal               | The Plan is compliant with the provisions of the Police and Fire Reform Act 2012                          |
| 5.5 | Equal Opportunities | The Plan specifically addresses equality outcomes the report and is compliant with the 2010 Equality Act. |
| 5.6 | Risk                | None from this report   |
| 5.7 | Customer Service    | None from this report   |

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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