

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 24 April 2019. Minute of Meeting of the PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Jennifer Stewart, the Depute Provost, Convener; Councillor Lesley Dunbar, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Cameron, Duncan, Greig, Houghton, Townson, Wheeler and Sandy Stuart (as substitute for Councillor Alphonse).

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WELCOME FROM THE CONVENOR

The Convenor welcomed everybody to the meeting including Councillor Stuart who was substituting for Councillor Alphonse.

The Convenor updated the Committee on a COSLA Police Scrutiny Forum that had been held recently in Edinburgh.

The Committee heard that this had presented an opportunity to interact with similar functions from across Scotland. The Convenor was pleased to advise that in comparison to what had been learned, this Committee was well formed and disciplined in its activities which had developed excellent relationships with Police, Fire and Council services.

The Convenor had shared this positive working and commitment with the other bodies.

URGENT BUSINESS

2. The Convenor intimated that there was no urgent business.

EXEMPT BUSINESS

3. The Convenor intimated that there was no exempt business

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. The Convenor asked for declarations of interest of which there were none.

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MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019

5. The Committee had before it the minute of the previous meeting.

The Committee resolved:-

to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting

SFRS 6 MONTHLY REPORT - Q1-Q3 SCRUTINY REPORT

6. The Convenor advised that due to an ongoing major incident, it would be beneficial for the Local Senior Fire Officer to present his report earlier than intended.

The Committee agreed and heard from Bruce Farquharson who provided an oversight of the report.

The Committee heard that positive action in the areas of Home Fire Safety, Bonfire Night and Unwanted Fire Alarms had all contributed to a reduction in these instances.

Home Fire Safety involved partner working with statutory and voluntary bodies and had generated additional opportunities to enhance the work already undertaken and fine tune the existing targeting approach.

Whilst there had been an increase in Deliberate Fire Setting, actions involving local communities and schools had presented an opportunity for education and public awareness which it is hoped will lead to future reductions.

The Committee heard that the success of the 2018 Bonfire Night planning would be a feature in this year's activities.

The Committee heard that following any fatal or injury resultant fire, a debrief was held to ensure that all staff welfare was considered and where necessary, health and wellbeing interventions applied.

The Committee acknowledged the quality and content of the report.

The Committee resolved:-

to note the report.

COMMITTEE PLANNER

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7. The Committee had before it the Committee Planner and heard from the Clerk on the current and future business.

The Committee heard that whilst the Annual Committee Effectiveness Report had been deferred to the June meeting, as this was the first such report, ongoing reviews suggested that amended timelines and reporting would feature for the 2019/20 report which would see earlier exposure to members.

The Committee heard that members valued the exposure to services during recent visits and that these had enhanced understanding of activities which allowed assurance to better applied. The Committee were keen that these continue.

The Committee resolved:-

to note the Committee Planner.

RESILIENCE ANNUAL REPORT 240419

11. The Committee had before it the Resilience Annual Report which also included the PREVENT Update.

The Committee first heard from the Assurance Manager who provided a summary of the organisational resilience aspects of the report.

The Committee heard that processes and procedures had been adapted following self-assessment of resilience arrangements in 2017 and that in addition every incident is followed by an internal debrief. This identifies lessons to be learned and actions to be taken to improve the Council's response to incidents.

Activities were in place to produce a single generic Emergency Plan across all Council services to assist Duty Emergency Response Co-ordinators (DERCs) discharge their duties.

The Committee next heard from Derek McGowan who summarised the PREVENT aspects of the report.

The Committee heard that the planned delivery dates for implementation of the identified 18 Actions would be met and that the activity remained under constant review based around global and local activity and included the benefit of a Peer Review Team to assist.

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The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to note the progress made with implementing the recommendations of the PREVENT peer review; and
- (ii) instruct the Chief Officer – Governance to submit a further report to the October 2019 Committee consolidating the Council's resilience arrangements within a single generic emergency plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

12. The Committee had before it the Environmental Noise Action Plan Update and heard from Nick Glover who provided a summary of the report.

The Committee heard that the plan was subject to legal review every 5 years and from the review and areas that required to be changed were identified.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the 5 new Noise Management Areas and 1 Quiet Area in relation to round three of the noise mapping process detailed in Table 1 and 2.
- (ii) to agree to submit the approved areas to the Scottish Government by end April 2019.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 13 JUNE 2019 AT 10:00

- **Councillor Jennifer Stewart, the Depute Provost (Convenor)**

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