

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 26 February 2020. Minute of Meeting of the PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Stewart, Convener; Councillor Lesley Dunbar, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Cameron, Duncan, Greig, Houghton, Townson and Wheeler.

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URGENT BUSINESS

1. **The Committee resolved:-**
to note there was no urgent business.

EXEMPT BUSINESS

2. **The Committee resolved:-**
to note there was no exempt business.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. **The Committee resolved:-**
to note there were no declarations of interest.

DEPUTATIONS

4. There was no deputation.

REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL, COMMITTEES OR SUB COMMITTEES

5. There were no referrals.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 4 December 2019.

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The Committee resolved:-

to approve the minute as a correct record.

COMMITTEE PLANNER

7. The Committee had before it the Committee Planner.

The Committee resolved:-

to note the Committee Planner.

NOTICES OF MOTION

8. There was no Notice of Motion.

PERFORMANCE REPORT - APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2019 - POL/20/028

9. The Committee had before it a report by the Local Divisional Commander, Police Scotland which presented the Police Scotland Performance Report – April - September 2019 for scrutiny.

The report recommended : -

that the Committee discuss, comment on and endorse the report.

The Committee heard a summary of the report and reference to its relevancy to the developing Local Police Plan.

The Committee commented on the increase in Complaints Against The Police and suggested that future explanation in these area would be of benefit.

The Committee were advised that variances could exist regarding recording of Racially Aggravated Harassment/Conduct and Hate Crime due to the way these matters were recorded. This could include double-counting.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to endorse the report;
- (ii) to request a future Thematic Reports on Complaints; and
- (iii) to request an update on Racially Aggravated Harassment / Conduct and Hate Crime reporting.

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ABERDEEN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN STRATEGY - POL/20/025

10. The Committee had before it a report from the Aberdeen Violence Against Women Partnership which provided information to the Committee in relation to the Aberdeen Violence Against Women Partnership (AVAWP).

The report recommended :-

that the Committee discuss, comment on and endorse the report and related Strategic Plan and Terms of Reference.

The Committee heard a summary of this local, multi-agency mechanism to deliver on 'Equally Safe', the Scottish Government strategy to prevent violence against women and young girls.

The AVAWP governance was under the Aberdeen City Executive Group for Public Protection.

The Committee resolved:-

(iv) to endorse the report; and

(v) to request future reporting and updates as approved by the Aberdeen City Executive Group for Public Protection.

THEMATIC REPORT - COERCIVE CONTROL - POL/20/026

11. The Committee had before it a report by the Local Divisional Commander, Police Scotland which provided information in relation to 'Coercive Control' and the implementation of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018.

The report recommended :-

that the Committee discuss, comment on and endorse the report.

The Committee resolved :-

to endorse the report.

THEMATIC REPORT - MENTAL HEALTH WELLBEING - POL/20/027

12. The Committee had before it a report by the Local Divisional Commander, Police Scotland which provided information to the Committee on the approach to mental health matters for all staff, in particular front line Officers in regard to the recognition and treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The report recommended :-

that the Committee discuss, comment on, and endorse the report.

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The Committee resolved:-

- (vi) to endorse the report; and
- (vii) to request further information on the Buddy App.

SFRS Q3 YTD SCRUTINY REPORT 2019-20 - FIR/20/037

13. The Committee had before it a report by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) which provided detail on the performance of the SFRS in the Aberdeen City area.

The Committee heard that the report highlighted progress in the delivery of local priorities as set out within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan and the SFRS framework document.

The Committee resolved:-

to note the content of the report.

CORONAVIRUS - CURRENT POSITION - GOV/20/064

14. The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Officer – Governance which provided members with assurance that Aberdeen City Council, along with relevant external partner organisations was monitoring the situation and had established plans in place to support the response should people become unwell.

The report recommended :-

that the Committee note the content of the report.

The Committee resolved:-

to approve the recommendation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15. The Committee noted the date and time of its next meeting as Tuesday 13 May 2020 at 10.00am.

- COUNCILLOR JENNIFER STEWART, CONVENER

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