

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Communities Committee Briefing Note



<b>Report to:</b>	<b>ABERDEEN COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE</b>						
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2026</b>						
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>LOCAL FIRE &amp; RESCUE PLAN REVIEW</b>						
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<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose</b>						
1.1	The purpose of this report is to give the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee members an update on the Local Fire and Rescue Plan (LFRP) for Aberdeen City.						
<b>2</b>	<b>Background</b>						
2.1	Local Fire and Rescue Plans are a statutory requirement under the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. These plans set out how Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) will deliver services locally, reflecting community risk profiles and priorities.						
2.2	In November 2023, the SFRS Board agreed to postpone the development of new Local Fire and Rescue Plans due to significant financial and operational challenges. This decision reflected the budget allocation at that time and the measures required to achieve necessary savings.						
<b>3</b>	<b>Main Report/Detail</b>						
3.1	At the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee meeting on the 28 <sup>th</sup> of March 2024 the current Aberdeen City LFRP was approved to be extended with the following amendments to the priorities wording:						
3.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Domestic Fire Safety and Unintentional Harm and Home Safety <b>(Previously Improving Fire Safety in the Home)</b></li> <li>2) Non-Fire Emergencies and responding to the impact of Climate Change <b>(New priority)</b></li> <li>3) Deliberate Fire Setting <b>(Previously Reducing Deliberate Fires)</b></li> <li>4) Non-Domestic Fire Safety including Accidental Primary and Secondary Fires <b>(Previously Improving Fire safety in the Business Community)</b></li> <li>5) Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</li> <li>6) Operational Preparedness and Community resilience <b>(Previously Emergency Response and Community Resilience)</b></li> </ol>						
3.3	<b>Current Aberdeen City LFRP included as part of this report.</b>						

	<p>The new SFRS Strategy 2025–28 has now been produced and published. As such a review of the current LFRP is now required. This review will support the delivery of the SFRS 2025 - 28 Strategy, assess progress against our current LFRP priorities within the Local Authority area and help identify priorities for future plans. It will also reaffirm our commitment to public service reform and ensure robust alignment with key local partnerships (including Community Planning, Community Justice and Local Resilience arrangements) to deliver enhanced collaborative outcomes for the communities we serve.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
4.1	<p>The review of the current LFRP will commence in the coming months. It is anticipated that outcomes of the review will be shared with relevant committees during the first half of 2026, with updated Local Fire and Rescue Plans presented in subsequent reporting periods.</p>
4.2	<p>Local authority committees will be engaged with to discuss and identify priorities based on LOIPs and PLACE-based plans and where appropriate, these priorities will be incorporated into the revised LFRP to ensure alignment with broader community objectives.</p>
4.3	<p>We remain committed to working closely with all stakeholders throughout this process to ensure that the next Aberdeen City LFRP is both informed and robust.</p>
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