

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	14 May 2014
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014 - 2017
REPORT NUMBER	OCE/14/016
CHECKLIST RECEIVED	Yes

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report brings before the Council for its interest the final draft of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Aberdeen City 2014 – 2017 issued by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and referred to the Council by the Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committee at its meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council reviews the content of the Aberdeen City Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014 – 2017 and subject to any agreed changes resolves to approve it.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The report has no immediate financial implications for the Council. The financial implications of discharging the Council's responsibilities under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (the Act) are kept under review and reports will be brought to the appropriate Committee as required.

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The discharging of the Council's responsibilities in relation to the Act is of direct relevance to the delivery of the Council's responsibilities in relation to Community Planning, the Single Outcome Agreement and the Business Plan.

### 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

At its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 the Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committee had before it a report by the Chief Executive in

relation to the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014 – 2017 (OCE/14/009).  
The Committee resolved:-

- i. To defer consideration of the Aberdeen City Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014 – 2017 to enable the Local Senior Officer to discuss with the Council, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Chief Officer the retention of the Control Room in Aberdeen given the statutory duty placed upon the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to reduce the risks to our communities, to make certain they receive the best possible service, including reduction of accidental dwelling fires, reduction in fire casualties and fatalities, reduction of deliberate fire setting and general fire safety promotion throughout the City, noting the expertise that would be lost should the Control Room be closed; and
- ii. To refer the Aberdeen City Local Fire and Rescue Plan to Council on 14 May 2014 for further consideration.

The purpose of this report is to present to the Council for its approval the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Aberdeen City Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014 – 2017 (attached as Appendix 1).

The Aberdeen City Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014 – 2017 is a 3 year plan and details local priorities, actions and outcomes for the Aberdeen City area.

The plan is underpinned by and delivered through an internal Annual Action Plan with a regular outcome-based performance report being presented to the Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committee for scrutiny.

The Council will be aware that the Act places a duty on the SFRS to prepare a local fire and rescue plan for the local authority area:

- The SFRS must prepare a local fire and rescue plan for each local authority area.
- The SFRS must submit a local fire and rescue plan for approval to the local authority for the area to which the plan relates.
- The SFRS must give to a local authority such information or reports relating to the carrying out of the Service's functions in the local authority's area as the authority may reasonably request.
- The Local Senior Officer for each local authority area for the purpose of carrying out on behalf of the Service delegated functions including:

1. the preparation and review of the local fire and rescue plan
2. the provision of information to the local authority
3. the receiving of feedback from the local authority
4. The SFRS's functions relating to its duty to participate in Community Planning.

The local authority may monitor and provide feedback to the SFRS on the manner in which the Service carries out its functions in the authority's area.

## **Consultation**

A robust local consultation and engagement process was undertaken by the Local Senior Officer involving key internal and external stakeholders on the development, publication and communication of the draft Aberdeen City Local Fire and Rescue Plan for 2014-17.

A separate report was provided to the Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committee outlining more detailed information on the outcome from this consultation.

The consultation process commenced in December 2013 and closed on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

## 6. IMPACT

As noted above, the subject matter of this report is relevant to the Council's work in relation to Community Planning, the Single Outcome Agreement and the delivery of the Business Plan.

The subject matter of the report will be of interest to the public

## 7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The report proposes the Council's approval of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Aberdeen City for the coming three years. Through ongoing review of the progress made in delivering the Plan, the opportunity is provided to the Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committee both to augment any positives and mitigate any negatives which emerge.

## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

## 9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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