Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2024, advising the Partnership

(1) that the Service had attended 688 incidents in the North East area these being 157 fires and 346 false alarms;

(2) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a decrease of 35% in the number of false alarm incidents by operational crews; and

(3) the Scottish Fire and Rescue “Make the Call Campaign” was appealing to communities across Scotland to help save a life and consider home fire safety when checking in on vulnerable neighbours, patients, friends, and family members and to put them in touch with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service wherever possible using the free home fire safety visit phoneline.