Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted etc.

4 There was heard and noted a report by Station Commander Martine Barr, 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 that

(1) SFRS had attended 698 incidents in the south area comprising of 260 fires and 398 false alarms;

(2) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals response from 1st July 2023 had seen a decrease of 38% in the number of false alarm incidents by operational crews;

(3) the SFRS "Our 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 SFRS wherever possible using the free home fire safety visit phoneline; and

(4) the SFRS was launching the pre-consultation phase of the Strategic Service Review Programme called "Shaping our Future; Your Say", and would be the first stage engagement with staff, communities, trade unions, partners, elected representatives and people across Scotland on the future of the Service.