**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.**

**8** There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Russell McKinlay, 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

(1) that the Service had attended 688 incidents in the North East Sector during the fourth quarter that had decreased from last year's Quarter 4 total of 921;

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

(3) that there had been 98 deliberate fires, 59 accidental fires, 43 dwelling fires, 11 non-domestic fires and that there had been no fire fatalities this Quarter 4 in the North East area;

(4) that SFRS had attended 185 special service incidents ranging from flooding and water rescues to animal rescues and that there had been a total of 15 special service casualties; and

(5) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community as detailed in the report.