Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

11 There was submitted and noted a report by Watch Commander Colin Hooper, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2024, advising

(1) that the Service had attended 753 incidents in the North East Sector during the first quarter that had decreased from last year's Quarter 1 total of 1,108;

(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 140 deliberate fires, 100 accidental fires, 43 dwelling fires, 16 non-domestic fires and that there had been no fire fatalities this Quarter 1 in the North East area;

(4) that SFRS had attended 148 special service incidents ranging from flooding and water rescues to animal rescues, that there had been a total of 21 special service casualties and tragically SFRS attended 6 fatal incidents of which the majority were assisting other agencies; and

(5) of the road and water safety campaigns and preventation and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community as detailed in the report.