Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2023/24 – Performance report for Quarter 2 noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by Area Commander David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) providing an overview of the current performance for Quarter 2 2023/24, from 1st July to 30th September 2023, advising

(1) of the progress made in relation to local fire and rescue plan priorities on the prevention and reduction of accidental dwelling fires, unintentional injury or harm and prevention and protection activities along with details for each Glasgow City Council ward with the year-on-year percentage change and 3-year average change;

(2) that deliberate fires had significantly decreased during this quarter compared to the same period the previous year;

(3) that accidental dwelling fire casualties had shown a slight increase, with tragically 1 fatality, compared to the previous quarter;

(4) of a decrease of 28% in non-fire casualties from the previous year's quarter, which was the lowest number recorded in the preceeding 5 years;

(5) that this was the first reporting period since the changes to the Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023, resulting in a reduction of 48% on the previous year's quarter;

(6) of a decrease of 50% on the previous year's quarter in relation to deliberate fire settings, indicating the lowest number recorded since SFRS data gathering began; and

(7) that during Quarter 2, SFRS had responded to a total of 3,001 incidents in the Glasgow City area, showing a reduction in each category overall.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) that for information purposes, a breakdown of all UFAS incidents per Ward would be issued to Members in due course; and

(b) that SRFS had indicated that it would continue to educate businesses and organisations of premises in areas where recorded UFAS levels were higher due to larger concentration of premise type e.g. offices, hotels, student accommodation etc; and

(c) a verbal update from Area Commander David Murdoch, regarding correspondence previously issued to all Members in relation to the development of new Local Fire and Rescue Plans, intimating that SFRS

(i) was currently assessing the Scottish Government's spending review for the period 2023/24 to 2026/27, the potential savings required and the impact that these might have on service provision;

(ii) had agreed that the development of a new Local Fire and Rescue Plan be postponed to allow for public consultation to take place on any future changes to service provision as a result of the spending review;

(iii) would be revising the current Local Fire and Rescue Plan once all options had been developed following the public consultation and would report back to this Partnership with a full update; and

(iv) was committed to meeting with any Elected Member in the city to discuss the spending review and any potential changes to service provision that might affect their Wards.