

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted etc.

6 There was submitted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st September to 31st December 2024, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the Service had attended 810 incidents in the North East area, these being 256 fires, 172 special services and 382 false alarms;
- (2) that Q3 of 2024/25 saw an overall reduction of 4% in incidents attended in the North East compared to last year's Q3 total;
- (3) that the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a 20% decrease in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews;
- (4) that the figure of 138 Deliberate Fires in Q3 2024/25 showed an increase from last year's quarter however remained below the 5-year average;
- (5) that overall, there were 3 fire casualties in total, all of which had been a result of accidental dwelling fires and that there were no fire fatalities which was the lowest number recorded during this quarter since SFRS records had begun in 2013; and
- (6) of a verbal update by Station Commander John Allan regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) thanked Station Commander Allan for his update; and
- (c) suggested that community councils and Area Partnership members get together to apply for funding in order to arrange a series of activities in local schools during the Easter and Summer holidays.