

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

5 There was submitted and noted 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 that

- (1) the Service had attended 810 incidents in the North East area, these being 256 fires, 172 special services and 382 false alarms;
- (2) 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; and
- (3) there were 40 dwelling fires in Q3, this being a decrease of 25% from last year and the lowest number of dwelling fires recorded in Q3 for the past 5 years;
- (4) there were 3 fire casualties, thankfully none being fatal, but all of which were a result of accidental dwelling fires; and
- (5) Home Fire Safety Visits had resumed; this would be delivering a more targeted visits to high-risk individuals who meet a new eligibility criterion, incorporating wider health and social care issues.  
<https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/contact-us/home-fire-safety-visits/>

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Watch Commander Hooper for the work that Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had done with children and schools over the last few years, in educating children about the dangers of Bonfire and fireworks.