

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 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 October to 31st December 2024, advising the Partnership that

- (1) the Service had attended 852 incidents in the South area, these being 259 fires, 200 special services and 393 false alarms;
- (2) Q3 of 24/25 saw an overall reduction of 4% in incidents attended in the South compared to last year's Q3 total
- (3) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a decrease in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews;
- (4) the figure of 150 Deliberate Fires in Q3 2024/25 shows a decrease of 9% from last year's quarter however remains below the 5-year average:
- (5) the figure of 56 Dwelling Fires in Q3 2024/25, this is the same number as the previous year's quarter and the joint lowest record in the past 5 years;
- (6) overall, there were 10 fire casualties in total, all of which were a result of accidental dwelling fires, tragically there was one fire fatality which can be attributed to an accidental dwelling fire; and
- (7) that during the Q3 period, SFRS attended 200 special service incidents, ranging from flood and water rescues to animal rescue.