

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by Watch Commander Craig Ryder, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st September to 31st December 2024, advising

- (1) the Service had attended 1,147 incidents in the North West area, these being 304 fires, 239 special services and 604 false alarms;
- (2) Q3 of 24/25 saw an overall reduction of 10% in incidents attended in the North West 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 of 16% in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews;
- (4) the figure of 170 Deliberate Fires in Q3 2024/25 shows a decrease of 21 from last year's quarter however remains below the 5-year average;
- (5) the figure of 65 Dwelling Fires in Q3 2024/25, this saw an increase of 3 as the previous year's quarter;
- (6) overall, there were 13 fire casualties in total, all of which were a result of accidental dwelling fires, of these, 11 resulted from accidental dwelling fires, while 2 occurred in outdoor settings; and
- (7) that during the Q3 period, SFRS attended 239 special service incidents, ranging from flood and water rescues to animal rescue.