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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Safe Glasgow Partnership

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Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Service Delivery Review Consultation

Purpose of Report:

To update the Safe Glasgow Partnership members on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Service Delivery Review consultation.

Recommendations:

The Safe Glasgow Partnership members are asked to approve the consultation response.

1 Background

- 1.1 In 2023, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) acknowledged budget challenges and initiated a four-year Strategic Services Review Programme (SSRP) with the assurance given that any changes would be data driven, based on risk and demand, with community safety remaining a top priority.
- 1.2 SFRS wrote to us in June 2023 detailing the following:
 - The temporary withdrawal of Second Fire Appliances in Govan, Maryhill and Cowcaddens Community Fire Stations. These Stations however would continue to have a fully crewed First Appliance available.
 - Springburn Community Fire Station would have its combination height vehicle replaced with a dedicated, environmentally friendly Fire Appliance. This is to support SFRS move to a dedicated Height Vehicle strategy across Scotland.
 - The Water Rescue provision at Polmadie Community Fire Station would change to a dual crewing approach with their Fire Appliances. There would be no change to the provision of Boats berthed at the Nautical College and Transport Museum.
- 1.3 SFRS also advised they would be reviewing the Cowcaddens complex as they now had a modern, fit for purpose and environmentally friendly workshops and stores facility at their National Headquarters in Cambuslang, meaning they no longer required the amount of land at the Cowcaddens site.
- 1.4 In August 2023, we hosted an online Teams information session for SFRS to go through the changes noted above. This session was open to all Elected members and the members of the Safe Glasgow Partnership (SGP).
- 1.5 SFRS advised the SGP at its meeting in November 2023 that they were 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, therefore the development of a new Local Fire and Rescue Plan would be postponed to allow for public consultation to take place on any future changes to service provision as a result of the spending review. There was further discussion at the SGP meeting in March 2024 and it was agreed that SFRS would continue to report on the priorities contained within the current Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Glasgow 2020-2023 until the development and consultation on a new plan had taken place.

2 Future Changes

- 2.1 In April 2024, SFRS advised that they had launched an online survey as they considered future changes to their service. This survey was circulated to all Elected Members, the SGP and all Community Councils encouraging them to complete the survey. SFRS also had in person information sessions at some of their stations that the community were invited to.

- 2.2 In May 2024, we hosted an online information session with SFRS and invited all Elected Members and the SGP and it was also discussed at the SGP meeting in June 2024.

3 SFRS National draft Strategy

- 3.1 SFRS advised the SGP at its March 2025 meeting that their draft Strategy 2025-28 was out for public consultation from 5th February to 2nd April 2025, with all members of this Partnership having been issued with the consultation to comment or circulate to other interested parties. Once the National draft Strategy was approved in summer 2025, SFRS would then begin the process of drafting the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Glasgow, this would go through a consultation process within the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership structures, it would then be considered at the SGP and then, subject to any changes, recommended for approval at the City Administration Committee in 2026.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 In June 2025, SFRS advised that there would be a further consultation for the ongoing SFRS Strategic Services Review Programme (SSRP). SFRS had convened a wide stakeholder group in April 2025 which included SFRS Staff, trade unions, partner agencies and members of the public to evaluate a shortlist of potential change options. The options from this group that are now out for consultation are:

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- Rebuild **Cowcaddens** on Maitland Street site and maintain two wholetime appliances. Reinstatement of second appliance that was temporarily withdrawn September 2023; and
- Reduce the number of wholetime appliances based at **Govan** from two to one. The second appliance was temporarily withdrawn in September 2023; and
- Reduce the number of wholetime appliances based at **Springburn** from two to one; and
- Close **Yorkhill** which has one wholetime appliance based there; and
- Reinstatement of second wholetime appliance at **Maryhill** that was temporarily removed in September 2023.

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- Reduce the number of wholetime appliances based at **Govan** from two to one. The second appliance was temporarily withdrawn in September 2023; and
- Close **Cowcaddens** which has two wholetime appliances based there. Maintain ownership of the neighbouring Maitland Street site for future development; and

- Reinstatement of second wholetime appliance at **Maryhill** that was temporarily removed in September 2023.
- 4.2 This consultation is open from 25th June 2025 – 16th September 2025. As well as the consultation, SFRS also held a series of public engagement events for this consultation which ran throughout July.
- 4.3 We hosted another online engagement event with SFRS and invited all Glasgow City Council Elected Members as well as SGP members. This took place via Teams on Thursday 14th August from 10am-11am. Following this engagement session, there was an additional session for the SGP members from 11am-12.30pm via Teams.
- 4.4 The additional session for the SGP members was to provide the time and opportunity to go through and discuss the proposed options from the SFRS consultation and ask SFRS officers further questions. The views obtained during these sessions were used to compile the collective response to the consultation on behalf of the SGP (see Appendix 1).

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 The Safe Glasgow Partnership members are asked to approve the consultation response.