Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2021-22 – Performance report for Quarter 2 noted.

7 There was submitted a report by Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an overview of the current performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service during the period for Quarter 2 2022/23 from 1st July to 30th September 2022, advising

(1) of the progress made in relation to local fire and rescue plan priorities on the prevention and reduction of accidental dwelling fires, accidental dwelling fire casualties, unintentional injury or harm, accidental other building fires, and prevention and protection activities along with details for each Glasgow City Council ward with the year-on-year percentage change and 3-year average change;

(2) that deliberate fires had icreased significantly during this quarter compared to the same period the previous year, however, work was ongoing with partner agencies like Police Scotland and Neighbourhood Co-ordinators to target and reduce those figures;

(3) of a slight increase to the number of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) compared to the same period the previous year, although it should be noted that many historical regular premises of high UFAS acitivity had been directly affected by Covid restrictions in 2021 as there was less occupancy within buildings and now with the gradual return of people to workplaces, this had led to an increase; and

(4) that during the quarter 2 period,

(a) SFRS had responded to a total of 4,268 incidents in the Glasgow City area which showed an increase of 212 incidents from quarter 2 in 2021/22; and

(b) the average number of incidents over the previous three years stood at 3,988 which was a slight increase on the three year average.

After consideration, the Partnership noted that

(i) the spending review for Scottish Fire and Rescue Services in the next financial year could potentially be higher than the estimated £12-18m indicated savings;

(ii) there could be the possibility of industrial action from Scottish Fire and Rescue Services staff in the near future; and

(ii) the new draft Scottish Fire and Rescue Services Local Plan would be brought to a future meeting for consideration.