

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – “Shaping Our Future Service” –
Presentation noted.**

4 There was heard a presentation by Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the future model of the fire service, advising

- (1) of the reasons for the need to reform the service;
- (2) of the current status of the operational changes that had commenced in September 2023 and the timeline for the 3 stages of the process which would result in a public consultation at the end of the year;
- (3) of statistical information in relation to incidents that the service had responded to during 2022/23 that had prompted the need for the service to make changes, which included the effects of climate change and the increase of wildfires and flooding;
- (4) that the service had spent years building its knowledge of changing community risk across Scotland and that some of its stations and appliances were not in the correct places to meet risk and demand;
- (5) that the success of the service was down to the staff, and of the mechanisms in place to support training and recruitment;
- (6) that many of the ageing buildings were no longer fit for purpose, and required urgent action and significant investment to make them safer and more suitable for staff;
- (7) of evidence associated to health risks due to exposure to a range of contaminants; and
- (8) of the areas that could be changed that would allow the service to use its resources differently and invest in service development.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for the presentation.