

Bonfire debrief presentation noted.

3 There was heard a joint presentation by Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Inspector Jamie McFarlane, Police Scotland and Darren Lambie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the Bonfire 2025 debrief, advising

- (1) of the number of multi-agency meetings that had taken place, that included officers from NRS, Wheatley Housing Group, SFRS and Police Scotland to discuss and progress plans, look at emerging intelligence and any actions required to mitigate risk during this period;
- (2) that the SFRS Community Action Team, in conjunction with Police School Engagement Officers had successfully engaged with 6500 primary school pupils and 7500 secondary school pupils across Glasgow, focussing primarily on safety but also on the potential for anti-social behaviour that could occur during this period;
- (3) that Police Scotland dedicated significant resources throughout the period with 123 additional officers available to respond to any firework related calls, which was over and above officers already on duty who would respond to business as usual demand; and
- (4) of the 4 phases of the police operation prior to, on the night and the debrief process with a key element of the process emanating from positive local engagement;
- (5) of the powers around the dispersal and firework control zones which provided officers with the means to manage any large scale antisocial behaviour that could be associated with bonfire season as well as providing reassurance to the public;
- (6) that the areas that had dispersal and firework control zones, experienced a decrease in incidents and crimes compared to the previous year and this decrease was also replicated throughout the rest of the city with only the city centre noting an increase in all crimes during this period;
- (7) that local engagement was lead by GCC liaison teams that issued reassurance letters across the city based on areas that had been identified as potential hot spots; and
- (8) of the improvements that were made each year in relation to multi-agency support, particularly with the addition of the Wheatley Housing Group to the MATAC meetings.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked Station Commander Morrow, Inspector McFarlane and Darren Lambie for their joint presentation and the work that they do in relation to improving the planning and outcomes around Bonfire night;

- (b) welcomed the ongoing preparations from all multi-agency partners;
- (c) acknowledged that there would be additional efforts made to engage with other housing providers in future bonfire planning, due to residents stockpiling bonfire materials in their properties and gardens; and
- (d) noted that Bonfire planning could start earlier next year, potentially in line with the firework control zone timelines, which could aid with engaging with Housing Associations and communities and allow for the Bonfire Protocol document being released earlier.