

## **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Ward Update noted.**

4 There was submitted a report by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) providing information to the Partnership on the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the Ward for the period 1st July to 30th September 2021, advising

- (1) that 17% of accidental fires in the Ward area had been caused by cooking appliances that involved alcohol or drug impairment, that the common cause of deliberate fire settings had been refuse;
- (2) that non-fire casualties were 5% in the Ward area and this had been the lowest recorded in the past 5 years;
- (3) that Bonfire night had been busy, with no reported violent incidents, however there had been reported incidences of violence against the SFRS in the North Lanarkshire area; and
- (4) that SFRS had started community engagement programmes with officers attending local schools and this would continue following the ease of the COVID19 restrictions; and

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted and thanked Station Commander Cranstoun for the update; and
- (b) raised questions in relation to funding of new smoke alarms for the elderly, to which Station Commander Cranstoun advised that a home fire safety visit could be arranged and if the criteria of funding had been met then fire alarms would be fitted free of charge.