

4. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

A report had been circulated by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an update on the Local Plan Performance for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in West Lothian for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 September 2018.

David Lockhart, Area Manager updated the Panel on a number of personnel changes within the Strategic Leadership Team including the appointment of the new Fire Chief, Martin Blunden who would be taking over from Alistair Hay.

The seven objectives contained in the local Fire and Rescue Service Plan for 2014-17 were set out in the report. David Lockhart, Area Manager presented the report and highlighted a number of improvements in the reporting period compared to previous years. An appendix provided the Panel with additional information on action under each objective during the reporting period.

The Panel was informed that there had been a reduction of 15% in accidental dwelling fires in the year to date period when compared to the same period in the previous year. The report provided detailed information relating to these incidents.

The majority of deliberate fires continued to involve woodland/grassland and loose refuse including wheelie bins. SFRS attended 178 deliberate secondary fires which correlates to 82% of all deliberate fires in West Lothian council area during this reporting period, this was mainly due to a significant spike in July as a result of fair weather conditions.

In relation to non-domestic fires there was a 27% reduction for the same reporting period 2017-18 with the highest occurrences being in secure accommodation.

Questions raised by Panel members were then dealt with by the Area Manager.

The Panel was asked to note the contents of the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.