

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD held within MSTEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING, on 26 APRIL 2021.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Kirsteen Sullivan, Charles Kennedy, Andrew McGuire; Graham Hope (Chief Executive, West Lothian Council); Graeme Struthers (Depute Chief Executive, West Lothian Council), AnnMarie Carr (Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services, West Lothian Council), Tim Ward (Senior Manager, Social Policy, West Lothian Council); Lynne Gow (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), David Sharp (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), Alun Williams (Police Scotland); and Yvonne Lawton (NHS Lothian).

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE

The Board approved the minute of its meeting held on 7 December 2020 as a correct record.

3. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - UPDATE ON THE IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19

The Board considered a report presenting an overview of the impact and implications of Covid-19 on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

The Board were advised that like many organisations the SFRS had faced a number of challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In order to support the provision of service delivery to the local community priorities were focussed on the safety of staff and the wider public, the ability to respond when necessary, to prevent and protect, mitigating the impact of fire and the need for any form of rescue and support to partners in prevention work. The report provided a summary of that work undertaken during the past year.

It was recommended that the Board note the contents of the report.

Decision

To note the content of the report.

4. DRAFT LOCAL FIRE & RESCUE PLAN 2021 FOR WEST LOTHIAN

The Board considered a report presenting a draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2021 for the West Lothian Council area.

The Board were provided with a Local Fire and Rescue Plan progress report together with information on the provision of local services. The Plan detailed a framework of local priorities for West Lothian Council

taking account of; The Scottish Government's vision for public services, Strategic priorities set by Scottish Ministers, National outcomes within the National Performance Framework and The Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2016.

The Plan set out a list of the priorities and what would be achieved as a result.

It was recommended that the Board note the contents of the Draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2021 for West Lothian.

#### Decision

To note the content of the report.

### 5. PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020-2021

The Board were provided with an update on Quarter 3 performance 2020/2021, for the indicators that supported the Community Safety Plan.

The Board were advised that for many of the partners involved in the Community Safety Partnership, resources had been realigned to cope and tend to the pandemic. These resources were now returning to their previous posts and 'normal duties'.

As the Community Safety Partners entered their third year of the Community Safety Plan, all existing performance indicators would be reviewed throughout the coming year to assess if they were still 'fit for purpose' post COVID. As a result a new Community Safety Plan for 2022 would likely bring with it a new set of performance indicators.

The report enabled the Board to review and undertake scrutiny of the Community Safety Partners' performance for the period of Q3 2020/21.

It was recommended that the Board note the updated performance 2020/21.

#### Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report;
- 2) To note the performance data attached to the report as an appendix; and
- 3) To request that colleagues from NHS Lothian provide those elected members on the Board with information for 2019/20 in respect of under 18's being admitted to hospital for substance misuse.

### 6. TIMELINE FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2022-2025

The Board considered a report providing a proposed Timeline for the replacement of the West Lothian Community Safety Plan 2022-2025 as

discussed and agreed at the Safer Community Strategic Planning Group (SCSPG) meeting on the 9 March 2021.

It was recommended that the Board note the Timeline and the proposed action for taking forward this important piece of work being carried out by the Community Safety Partners.

#### Decision

1) To note the content of the report;

2) To ask that the Depute Chief Executive provide those elected members on the Board with an update in relation to the appointment of a Police Analyst.

#### 7. THREE YEAR THEMATIC PRESENTATION PLAN 2019-2022

The Board noted the content of the Community Safety Board Three Year Thematic Presentation Plan.