



COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN FOR WEST Lothian 2014/2017.

REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report asks Council Executive to approve the West Lothian Local Fire and Rescue Plan for 2014/17.

B. RECOMMENDATION

Council Executive is recommended to give approval for the West Lothian Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014/17.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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| I Council Values | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being honest, open and accountable• Focusing on our customers' needs• Making best use of our resources• Working in partnership |
| II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment) | The production and Council approval of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan is a statutory requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. |
| III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers | None at this stage. |
| IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators | A suite of performance indicators will be established following final approval of the plan |
| V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement | These measures support the outcome – We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities. |
| VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property) | The council contributes to directly and in partnership to the delivery of the plan |
| VII Consideration at PDSP | Services for the Community PDSP on the 5 February 2014 and 8 April 2014 |
| VIII Consultations | None |

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D.1 Background

Under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 Section 41E, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) must prepare a Local Fire and Rescue Plan for each local authority area and submit it for approval to the local authority for which the plan relates.

At the time of the establishment of the new Fire and Rescue Service for Scotland a one year interim Local Fire Plan for each Local Authority area covering the period 2013/14 was developed and this was considered by the Services for the Community PDSP, and then approved by the Council Executive.

D.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2014 – 2017

Following the publication of the SFRS Strategic Plan 2013-2016 and identification of national priorities within this, the Local Senior Officer for Falkirk and West Lothian has drafted the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2014-2017.

In accordance with the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, the plan sets out the following:

- Priorities and objectives for SFRS in connection with the carrying out duties in West Lothian of SFRS's functions
- The reasons for selecting each of those priorities and objectives
- How SFRS proposes to deliver those priorities and objectives
- In so far as is reasonably practicable, outcomes by reference to which delivery of those priorities and objectives can be measured
- How those priorities and objectives are expected to contribute to the delivery of any other relevant local outcomes which are identified by community planning
- Such other matters relating to the carrying out of SFRS's functions in West Lothian as SFRS thinks fit.

There are seven priorities identified within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2014 – 2017, these being:

- Local Risk Management and Preparedness
- Reduction of Dwelling Fires
- Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties
- Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting
- Reduction of Fires in Non-Domestic Property
- Reduction in Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies
- Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

D.3 Amendments to Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2014 – 2017

The West Lothian Local Fire and Rescue Plan recognises the strong and positive contribution that partnership working and community planning has on the direction and implementation of the plan. At the Services for the Community PDSP on the 5 February, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were asked to make a number of additional amendments to the draft Plan.

These were to demonstrate enhanced alignment to the priorities of the Single Outcome Agreement. The inclusion of specific and measurable improvement targets for West Lothian, to allow Panel Members to exercise their scrutiny function and to outline the summary of resources available to deliver the Fire and Rescue Plan. The revised plan was then recommended for approval by Council Executive by the Services for the Community PDSP on the 8th of April 2014.

E. CONCLUSION

This report provides Council Executive with the opportunity to consider the West Lothian Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014/17 as a statutory requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

The Plan aligns to the priorities of the West Lothian Strategic Assessment on Community Safety and continues with the excellent partnership working on Community Safety which is evident in West Lothian.

With the addition of the amendments the Plan has been strengthened to ensure a strong local emphasis on partnership, delivery and adequate scrutiny.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Services for Community PDSP – 19 March 2013

Council Executive – 23 April 2013

Services for the Community PDSP – 5 February 2014

Services for the Community PDSP – 8 April 2014

Appendix: Two

Appendix 1 - Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2014-2017.

Appendix 2 – Consultation response on draft local Fire And Rescue Plan for West Lothian

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