

MINUTE
of
CABINET
(POLICE & FIRE)

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 12 September 2024.

Present:

Councillor Owen O'Donnell (Leader)	Councillor Katie Pragnell
Councillor Andrew Anderson (Vice Chair)	Councillor Gordon Wallace
Councillor Caroline Bamforth	

Councillor O'Donnell, Leader, in the Chair

Attending:

Steven Quinn, Chief Executive; Louise Pringle, Director of Business Operations and Partnerships; and John Burke, Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff; Chief Inspector Graeme Gallie, (Area Commander); Inspector Brian Eaglesham, Police Scotland; Area Commander Kevin Murphy; and Group Commander Alan Coughtrie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Apology:

Councillor Danny Devlin

CHAIR'S REMARKS

944. The Leader welcomed Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff and Area Commander Kevin Murphy to their first meetings of the Cabinet (Police and Fire).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

945. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

POLICE SCOTLAND – PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 1 - 2024-25

946. The Cabinet considered a report by the Divisional Commander, Police Scotland, providing details of the performance of the police over the first quarter of 2024-25. The

report also provided statistical information in relation to various categories of crimes and offences committed during the reported period together with comparative statistics for the corresponding period in 2022-23.

Chief Superintendent Ratcliff introduced the report, highlighting the positive performance shown, but indicating that there was no room for complacency. Furthermore, she thanked members of the Council and partners for their support during the disorder that had taken place in some parts of England and Northern Ireland as this had been an area of concern for residents.

Chief Inspector Gallie then reported on the performance of the police against the five local policing priorities contained in the East Renfrewshire Policing Plan 2023-26, summarising the information contained within the report.

Chief Inspector Gallie provided some examples of the work being done in East Renfrewshire by officers of Police Scotland on all of the areas of focus covered, which were highlighted within the report.

In conclusion, Chief Inspector Gallie congratulated Constables Darren McGowan and Alexandra Murphy, and Special Constable Victor Monaghan who had been recognised at the recent Divisional Commander awards.

There followed a question and answer session in the course of which Chief Superintendent Ratcliff and Chief Inspector Gallie responded to a number of questions and provided clarification on a range of operational issues within East Renfrewshire and the crime statistics recorded in the report. In particular, on violence against women, fraud offences, shoplifting, house breaking, drug statistics, knife crime and reporting of hate crimes. They also provided further information on the introduction of body worn video to officers in East Renfrewshire.

The Cabinet noted the report.

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (SFRS) PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2024-25

947. The Cabinet considered a report by the Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), providing details of the performance of SFRS in East Renfrewshire during the first quarter of 2024-25 against the key priorities in their local plan.

Introducing the report, Area Commander Murphy thanked the Leader for his welcome and looked forward to working in partnership with the Council, Police Scotland and other partners going forward.

Group Commander Coughtrie then reported on the performance of SFRS on performance over quarter 3, summarising the information provided in the report. In particular, he highlighted the Strategic Service Review Programme, which had received 6,400 responses across 80 engagement events. A public consultation would follow on the proposed changes to Scottish Fire and Rescue Services based on this feedback.

Thereafter, he presented the statistical information contained within the report.

There followed a question and answer session in the course of which officers Murphy and Coughtrie responded to a number of questions and comments on a range of issues recorded in the report. Mainly, the discussion focused on the success of the Fire Skills course, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training, and levels of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS).

It was also suggested that in future the report should include more of the information relating to home fire safety visits and other proactive work carried out by fire crews in the area.

Thereafter the Cabinet agreed to note the report.

CHAIR

