

MINUTE
of
CABINET
(POLICE & FIRE)

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 13 June 2024.

Present:

Councillor Andrew Anderson (Vice Chair)
Councillor Caroline Bamforth

Councillor Katie Pragnell

Councillor Anderson in the Chair

Attending:

Louise Pringle, Director of Business Operations and Partnerships; Stephen Bell, Community Safety Manager; and John Burke, Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Superintendent Steven Meikle; Chief Inspector Graeme Gallie, (Area Commander); Inspector Michelle Grant; Inspector Brian Eaglesham Police Scotland; Area Commander David McCarrey; and Group Commander Alan Coughtrie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Apology:

Councillor Owen O'Donnell

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

870. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

POLICE SCOTLAND – PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 4 - 2023-24

871. The Cabinet considered a report by the Divisional Commander, Police Scotland, providing details of the performance of the police over the fourth quarter of 2023-24. 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.

Superintendent Meikle introduced the report, and referred to the promotion achieved by Inspector Michelle Grant, who would be moving to the Greater Glasgow area. She would be replaced in her role by Inspector Brian Eaglesham who was introduced to the Cabinet.

Superintendent Meikle also thanked Area Commander David McCarrey for his hard work in the area over the years, working in partnership with Police Scotland, and congratulated him on his retirement.

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 concluded by giving 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.

There followed a question and answer session in the course of which 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 crimes of shoplifting, sextortion and the replacement for Inspector Grant as co-chair of the Violence Against Women Group.

The Cabinet noted the report.

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (SFRS) PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2023-24

872. 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 fourth quarter of 2023-24 against the key priorities in their local plan.

Introducing the report, Area Commander McCarrey referred to the Fire Skills course which had been a great success for all involved. He also referred to consultation being carried out to shape the future of fire and rescue services and encouraged all members of the Cabinet to participate in the range of consultation opportunities that would be made available 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 reduction in Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) and the reduction in costs that this reduction resulted in.

There followed a question and answer session in the course of which officers McCarrey 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, installation of fire detection equipment in properties and the disposal and storage of lithium batteries, particularly used in e-bikes.

Thereafter the Cabinet agreed to note the report.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair, on behalf of the Cabinet, thanked both Inspector Michelle Grant and Area Commander David McCarrey for all of their work in the communities of East Renfrewshire during their time in the Police and Fire services, respectively.

In offering congratulations to Inspector Grant on her promotion and to Area Commander McCarrey on his retirement, he presented gifts to both officers on behalf of the Cabinet.

Inspector Grant and Area Commander McCarrey both responded in appropriate terms, highlighting the partnership work between Police and Fire and Rescue Services in East Renfrewshire.

CHAIR

