

The Highland Council

**Lochaber Area Committee
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Scottish Fire and Rescue Area Committee Performance Report for 2014-15

Report by Local Senior Officer for Highland

Summary

This report and accompanying Lochaber Area Performance Report details fire and rescue service performance against the key areas of planned activity identified during the Ward consultation sessions.

Activity areas were identified through a range of Intervention, Prevention and Protection activities delivered in partnership to reduce risk to the communities of Lochaber.

1. Lochaber Performance Report

1.1 The attached area performance report for Lochaber details the areas of activity and service delivery set against the main priority areas as identified by communities during the Ward consultation sessions of 2013.

These areas are:

- Reducing accidental dwelling house fires and the resultant fatalities and casualties
- Reducing deliberate fires
- Reducing road traffic collisions
- Reducing the number of attendances to unwanted fire alarm signals (false alarms)

1.2 In achieving these priorities a number of activities have been identified which include: the delivery of free home fire safety visits (HFSV) and post domestic incident response aimed at reducing dwelling house fires; supporting the partnership delivered road safety programmes; Driving Ambition; and the reduction of fire-related antisocial behaviour through targeted youth engagement activities and thematic action plans.

1.3 Through the Fire Safety Enforcement Staff the Service continues to carry out legislative fire safety audits, supporting a reduction in fires and fire related injuries in non-domestic premises.

1.4 With the introduction of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) procedure on 1 December 2014 there is now a standard management model to reduce the number of UFAS across all areas of Scotland and effectively manage an appropriate response to repeat UFAS calls from known premises. Personnel throughout Lochaber are tasked with:

- Working more closely with all 'duty holders' post UFAS events to review, and where appropriate, improve management arrangements within premises.

1.5 Community and Firefighter safety remain at the forefront of service delivery activities in Lochaber and activity includes operational risk visits, multi-agency training and exercises, community resilience initiatives and management of resource availability.

Additional information as requested at the last round of Area Committees has been included in the performance report:

- Workforce statistics including establishment and availability figures
- Highland wide performance

Recommendation

Committee Members are invited to **comment** and **scrutinise** the attached Area Performance Report.

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Attachment:

Lochaber Performance Report