

Agenda item	4
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THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Badenoch and Strathspey Committee

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Report title: Scottish Fire and Rescue Committee Performance Report for Q1 and Q2 of 2017-18

Report by: Local Senior Officer for Highland

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1** This report provides an update to Badenoch and Strathspey Committee Members on progress against the priorities outlined in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Committee Plan for Badenoch and Strathspey 2017-2018.

Priority areas are identified through a range of Intervention, Prevention and Protection activities which are delivered through partnership to reduce the risk to the communities of Badenoch and Strathspey.

The report also contains previously agreed information and performance data as requested by Local Committees.

2. Recommendation

- 2.2** Committee Members are invited to **comment on** and **scrutinise** the attached Badenoch and Strathspey Performance Report.

3.	Badenoch and Strathspey Performance Report
3.1	The attached performance report provides the current figures for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2017-18 from the central Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) performance management database against the key indicators and timelines of previous reports.
3.2	In achieving the priorities within the Local Committee Plan for Badenoch and Strathspey 2017-2018 a number of activities are being progressed including: the delivery of free home fire safety visits (HFSVs) and post domestic incident response (PDIR) aimed at reducing dwelling house fires. SFRS continues to play an active part in the delivery of partnership safety initiatives including the Driving Ambition road safety programme and the reduction of fire-related antisocial behaviour through targeted youth engagement activities and thematic action plans.
3.3	<p>Analysis of the detail behind the performance report for the Badenoch and Strathspey area generally shows encouraging results across the performance indicators during Q1 and Q2 2017-18 when compared with the previous reporting periods. However, it must be emphasised that the baseline figures for some indicators are very low and this can make meaningful statistical analysis challenging.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The occurrence of three (3) Accidental Dwelling Fires attended by SFRS in Q1 and Q2 of 2017/18 is a slight increase on the zero (0) attended in Q3 and Q4 of 2016/17, but a slight decrease on the four (4) attended in the previous Q1 and Q2 period. Analysis of these domestic fires identifies that damage was limited to less than 5 metres. Two (2) fires required no form of intervention by SFRS crews and the other required the use of a hose reel jet. These statistics suggest that the dwelling fires were detected at a very early stage and is testament to the success of SFRS domestic fire prevention activities and the swift response from SFRS crews to contain the fires. b. During Q1 and Q2 of 2017-18 SFRS attended no Accidental Dwelling Fires in the Badenoch and Strathspey area which led to fatalities. This continues the existing trend. c. There have been zero (0) Non-Fatal Accidental Dwellings Fire Casualties at fire incidents attended by SFRS during Q1 and Q2. This extends the trend of no such casualties to 32 months. d. There were zero (0) Deliberate Fires attended by SFRS during Q1 and Q2. This extends the trend of no such incidents to 17 months. <p>SFRS refers any suspicious fires, or patterns of potential wilful fire raising, to Police Scotland for detailed investigation.</p>

	<p>e. SFRS attended twelve (12) Special Service Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) during Q1 and Q2 of 2017-18. Of those incidents attended: eight (8) only required crews to make vehicles or the scene safe; three (3) required the extrication of a casualty; and one (1) did not require any action. This figure continues a reducing trend of SFRS attendance and involvement at RTCs in the Badenoch and Strathspey area over the last year.</p> <p>f. A total of thirty-seven (37) occurrences of Unwanted False Alarm Signals (UFAS) were attended by SFRS during Q1 and Q2 in the Badenoch and Strathspey area. This is a decrease of eight (8) incidents compared to Q3 and Q4 of 2016-17 and a decrease of eleven (11) on the previous Q1 and Q2 period. Detailed analysis has identified that UFAS incidents were dispersed over twenty (20) premises. Eight (8) premises produced two or more UFAS occurrences and these accounted for twenty-five (25) of the total incidents attended.</p> <p>g. SFRS continues to work with the responsible person for each premises which generates repeated false alarms. The aim is to prevent the reoccurrence of this type of incident by advising on equipment and its effective management.</p>
3.4	SFRS continues to actively deliver and refine its Retained Duty System (RDS) recruitment and training processes to meet national and local needs. Key stations and communities are targeted across the Badenoch and Strathspey area. SFRS promotes campaigns within partner agencies, through local media and key community contacts. Continued local area support is requested for the communities identified.
4.	Implications
4.1	Not applicable.
<p>Date: 3 November 2017</p> <p>Author: Group Manager Gordon Morrison</p> <p>Attachment: Highland – Badenoch and Strathspey Committee - Performance Report</p>	