

Minute of Meeting



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
4 June 2018	11.00am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Curran (Chair)	
Councillor McCall	Councillor Muirhead
Councillor Munro	Councillor Small

In attendance:

Midlothian Council	
Kevin Anderson, Head of Customer and Housing Services	Edel Ryan, Environmental Health Manager
Janet Ritchie, Democratic Services Officer	
Police Scotland	
Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark	Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	
Stephen Gourlay, Area Manager	Dean Mack, Group Manager

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Parry.

2. Order of Business

The Order of Business was as set out in the Agenda.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

4. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of Meeting of 19 February 2017 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Public Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.1	Fly-tipping in Midlothian	Head of Communities and Economy
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The report dated 24 May 2018 was presented by the Environmental Health Manager advising the Board of the enforcement powers available regarding fly-tipping under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (as amended) and to advise on the measures that are available to a variety of agencies including Midlothian Council, Police Scotland and Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) under the Act. She continued by providing a summary of the contents of the report and highlighted the restricted resources in addressing this issue.</p> <p>Thereafter a discussion took place on the challenges faced in tackling fly-tipping and some of the proposed actions in attempting to address this issue. It was recognised that CCTV cameras did work in stopping fly-tipping where they were installed but the issue moved to another site therefore it was very difficult to identify fly-tippers. Also raised was the route the general public could take in reporting fly-tippers and it was noted the various agencies that this could be reported to: Midlothian Council, Police Scotland, SEPA and Dumb Dumpers hotline.</p> <p>The Environmental Manager confirmed that she would provide clarity on the arrangements for landowners who are required to dispose of fly-tipping on their land.</p>		
Decision		
<p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the legislative powers available to Midlothian Council, Police Scotland and SEPA regarding fly-tipping. 		

- Noted the current programme developed by the Council to review fly-tipping enforcement by focusing limited resources most effectively.
- Considered how Police Scotland and other agencies could most effectively contribute to addressing the ongoing issues around fly-tipping.

5.2 POLICE SCOTLAND

The Chair, on behalf of the Board congratulated the Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark on recently being awarded the Queen's Medal for services to Police.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.2.1	Annual Review of Policing 2017/18 - letter dated 26 April 2018	Scottish Police Authority
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The Head of Customer and Housing Services summarised the content of letter dated 26 April 2018 received from the Scottish Police Authority with regards to the Annual Review of Policing for 2017/18. He further advised the Board that he had provided draft responses to the questions and this should be returned to the Scottish Police Authority by 29 June 2018.		
Decision		
The Chair requested that any amendment to these responses should be forwarded to the Head of Customer Housing Services before 29 June 2018.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by
5.2.2	Community Action Team (CAT) Midlothian – Activity Summary January to March 2018	Police Scotland
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
Chief Inspector Simpson apologised that the Scrutiny report was not available and this was due to the figures only being finalised last week but he now had the figures and would provide a verbal update on these after the Community Action Team Report.		
Chief Inspector Simpson spoke to the terms of the Report which summarised the activities of the Community Policing Team during the quarter of January to March 2018. Councillor Muirhead asked if this report was available to the public as it was marked 'Restricted'. Chief Inspector Simpson confirmed that this report was available to the public and for future reports 'Restricted' would be removed.		
Thereafter, he responded to questions raised by Members of the Committee relating to young people and alcohol and the issues that arose at public events without the CAT team's presence. Further discussion took place on the issues of young people obtaining alcohol and proxy purchasing and the principles around this.		
Decision		
The Board noted the terms of the Report.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by
5.2.3	Scrutiny Report January to March 2018 – Verbal Update	Police Scotland
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Chief Inspector Simpson provided a verbal update explaining that in the new formatted report details are provided firstly on the overall well-being of adults and the key indicators are around the number of missing person incidents for adults which had dropped by 4% in the last year. He advised that a high number of these incidents identified vulnerable individuals.</p> <p>He further provided the board with a summary of the key performance indicators which included: reduction in bogus workmen crimes; reduction in domestic abuse incidents; hate incidents rose very slightly; reduction in Antisocial Behaviour incidents; Drug supply, production and cultivation has improved; reduction in housebreaking; reduction in Crimes of dishonesty; a drop in overall violent crime and a drop on figures in all road casualties. He advised that the incidents of missing persons, in particular young people is an issue every day of the week and this has increased over the last year with a large number of these being looked after children. Overall he advised the Board that it was a very positive report for the last 12 months and thanked his staff for their hard work and the Community for their support.</p> <p>Thereafter Chief Inspector Simpson responded to questions raised by Councillor Muirhead with regards to the high percentage of young people going missing in the looked after category. He explained that this included children in residential but also children in foster care and that a high number of these incidents are repeated incidents from the same individuals. These children are very vulnerable and the Police were working closely with Children and Families and the Children’s Reporter in looking at how to reduce these figures.</p> <p>On a request from the Chair the Chief Inspector confirmed that the report would be circulated to all Members as soon as available.</p>		
Decision		
The Board noted the update.		

5.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Report No.	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.3.1	Midlothian Community Fire and Rescue Plan 2018 – for approval	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Stephen Gourlay provided updates regarding the Fire and Rescue Service: The Chief will retire next March with a campaign to recruit; The national terms and conditions have now been agreed and will be phased in over the coming months; Pay negotiation are ongoing at a national level and the world class facility at Newbridge will be completed next year with parts of the facility available from December onwards. He further advised that the national consultation on the</p>		

transformation proposals closed on 14 May 2018 and after the results have been analysed a report will be brought back.

Stephen Gourlay then presented Midlothian Community Fire and Rescue Plan 2018, advising that this had been presented to the Police Fire and Rescue Board on 19 February 2018 for information. This was now presented for approval before being presented to Council in June 2018.

Decision

The Board noted the content of the Report.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.3.2	Scottish Fire and Rescue Board – Local Plan Performance year-end report 2017-18	Scottish Fire and Rescue Board
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Dean Mack provided a summary of the yearly Performance report 2017-18 highlighting the performance summary of the key indicators. He advised that there was an improvement on accidental dwelling fires, fire casualties and false alarms. There was a slight increase in deliberate fires excluding dwellings, Specials Service –RTCs and Special Service Casualties but overall good results on performance in Midlothian.</p> <p>Dean then briefly provided further information on some of the key indicators, The Prevention and Protection Activities, Home Fires Safety Visits and Partnership working as detailed within the report.</p> <p>Thereafter Dean Mack responded to questions raised by members which included the main cause of accidental dwelling fires and deliberate fires, any patterns to these and the actions taken to address this issue.</p>		
Decision		
The Board noted the terms of the year end Performance Report.		

The meeting terminated at 12.16 pm.