

# Minute of Meeting



## Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
19 February 2018	11.00am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

### Present:

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

### In attendance:

<b>Midlothian Council</b>	
Kevin Anderson, Head of Customer and Housing Services	Verona MacDonald, Democratic Services Team Leader
<b>Police Scotland</b>	
Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark	Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson
<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b>	
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 13 November 2017 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

## 5. Public Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Midlothian Local Performance Report – Quarter 3, 1 October to 31 December 2017</b>	<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>Stephen Gourlay advised that with the budget settlement now known this gave the Fire and Rescue Service a mandate to proceed with the transformation process as outlined by him at the previous Board meeting. He advised that planning permission had been granted to build an £11m training centre for the East of Scotland at Newbridge and once further details were available he would provide this to the Board. He emphasised the importance to the Service of public engagement in the transformation process.</p> <p>Dean Mack then provided the Board with a summary of the Quarter 3 report highlighting the key elements. He advised that only one of the reported areas was off target, namely, deliberate secondary fires and that Scotland-wide this figure had increased. Thereafter, Stephen Gourlay and Dean Mack responded to comments and questions raised by Elected Members relating to the impact of GDPR on the sharing of information and the risks associated with empty buildings and possible solutions to minimise this risk.</p>		
<b>Decision</b>		
The Board noted the terms of the Quarter 3 report.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Midlothian Community Fire and Rescue Plan 2018 (for Information)</b>	<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
Stephen Gourlay presented the report to the Board advising them that after the public consultation in December minor changes were made and this would be presented to the Council in March for approval.		
<b>Decision</b>		
The Board noted that the Midlothian Community Fire and Rescue Plan 2018 would be presented to Council for approval.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Transformation Proposal – Stakeholder Briefing Note January 2018 (for information)</b>	<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
Stephen Gourlay presented the report to the Board for their information and advised that there had been some changes since the Briefing in October and if any Elected Member would like to discuss further this could be arranged.		
<b>Decision</b>		
The Board noted the Briefing Note.		

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Police Scotland Midlothian Scrutiny Report 1 April 2017 – 31 December 2017</b>	<b>Police Scotland</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
<p>Chief Superintendent Clark introduced the report. She provided information regarding how the reformatting of areas would impact on Midlothian. She emphasised that the Police continued to focus on a co-ordinated approach to prevention, well-being and engagement.</p> <p>Chief Inspector Simpson highlighted some of the key points from within the report which included missing person incidents, bogus workmen crimes, domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour incidents. Also highlighted was the positive actions by the Police which are detailed under 'What are we doing next' within each section of the report.</p> <p>Thereafter the Chief Superintendent and the Chief Inspector responded to comments and questions raised by Elected Members which included financial harm/scam awareness and the increased public incidents on the A68 road.</p> <p>Elected Members expressed their congratulations on the decrease in Housebreaking and the new housing Welcome Packs.</p>		

Decision
The Board noted the content of the Report.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Annual Police Plan 2018/19 Engagement</b>	<b>Head of Customer and Housing Services</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
The Head of Customer and Housing Services advised the Board that the closing date for feedback from Elected Members on the Annual Police Plan 2018/19 was 21 February 2018.		
<b>Decision</b>		
The Board agreed that information relating to how to provide comments on the engagement process would be circulated to all Elected Members		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
<b>7</b>	<b>Consultation on HMICS Scrutiny Plan 2018-19 – Letter dated 9 January 2018</b>	<b>Head of Customer and Housing Services</b>
<b>Outline of report and summary of discussion</b>		
The Head of Customer and Housing Services advised the Board that due to the lateness in receiving the above letter he had received confirmation that feedback could be lodged after the deadline date.		
<b>Decision</b>		
The Board agreed that the letter would be circulated to all Elected Members with a request that any feedback on the proposals be forwarded to the Head of Customer and Housing Services as soon as possible		

The meeting terminated at 11.55 am.