

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan for  
Midlothian 2014 – 2017: Police Scotland – Local Police Plan for  
Midlothian 2014 - 2017****Report by Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive****1 Purpose of Report**

This report invites the Council to approve the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan and the Police Scotland Local Policing Plan for Midlothian for 2014 – 2017, which accompany the agenda for this meeting.

**2 Background**

- 2.1** In April 2013 the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Police Scotland were created and one year interim plans for 2013-14 were developed. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland have now developed three year plans for Midlothian. The plans have been subject to public consultation. As part of this process they have been reviewed by the Community Safety Partnership, at Delivery Group and Safer Communities Board meetings. The Safer Communities Board meeting 18 February 2014 recommended that the plans be approved.

Both the SFRS and Police Scotland are obliged under Part 2, Chapter 8A, Section 41, E (4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, to submit the plans to the Council for the approval.

**3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Plan**

This plan provides information on the following Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (SFRS) priorities in relation to Midlothian:

- Reduction of Dwelling Fires
- Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties
- Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting
- Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions
- Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

In addition, the plan highlights how their contribution to community safety will be measured. The Community Planning Partnership arrangements that exist across Midlothian are the overall framework within which the SFRS delivers its services to local communities. By working with others, the SFRS aims to strengthen their connection with local authorities and other partners to ensure they meet the aspirations of the communities they serve. The SFRS strategic Plan 2013-2017 sets out the following four key aims of the SFRS and supports the SFRS Framework:

- SFRS Strategic Aim 1: Improve safety of our communities and staff
- SFRS Strategic Aim 2: More Equitable Access to Fire and Rescue Services
- SFRS Strategic Aim 3: Improved outcomes through partnership
- SFRS Strategic Aim 4: Develop a culture of continuous improvement

This local plan takes full account of the aims and performance measures contained within these documents and the wider priorities of the Midlothian Community Planning Partnership.

### **3 Police Scotland**

This plan provides information on the following Police Scotland priorities in relation to Midlothian:-

- Tackling Substance Misuse
- Protecting People
- Reducing Violence
- Making our Roads Safer
- Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
- Tackling Serious and Organised Crime
- Housebreaking

Similarly , the Police Scotland Plan explains how their contribution to community safety will be measured and also sets out the following key aims of Police Scotland, viz: \_

- Make communities safer and reduce harm by tackling and investigating crime and demonstrating pioneering approaches to prevention and collaboration at a national and local level.
- Strengthen Scotland's reputation as a successful and safe country by demonstrating excellence in effectively planning for and responding to major events and threats.
- Provide an efficient, effective service focused on protecting frontline services, delivering the benefits of police reform and promoting continuous improvement.
- Make communities stronger and improve wellbeing by increasing public confidence and reducing fear of crime, making the new Police Service of Scotland an exemplar of visible, ethical and responsive policing.

## **Report Implications**

### **4.1 Resource**

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

## 4.2 Risk

There are no risks attached to the Council arising from this report. However, in the event that the plan is not approved, this could impact on the Council being able to meet the aims of the Single Midlothian Plan.

## 4.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

x Community safety

☐ Adult health, care and housing

☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child

☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian

☐ Sustainable growth

☐ Business transformation and Best Value

☐ None of the above

### 4.4.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

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## 3.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

The aims of the respective plans are in accordance with the aims of the Midlothian Single Plan

## 3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach

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## 3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

Consultation in this respect has been undertaken by the SFRS either directly or via the Community Planning process.

## 3.7 Ensuring Equalities

These are addressed by SFRS and Police Scotland in their respective reports.

## 3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

N/A

## 3.9 IT Issues

N/A

## 4 Recommendations

The Council is invited to approve the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan and the Police Scotland Local Policing Plan for Midlothian for 2014 – 2017.

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**Background Papers:**

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