

**13 December 2021 at 10 am.**

A Remote Meeting of the **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FORUM**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Campbell, Convener; Councillors Douglas, Reddin and Weir.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Campbell (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Community Partnership Manager, and Administrative Officer, North Lanarkshire Council; Chief Superintendent Alan Waddell, Superintendent Andrew Thomson, and Chief Inspector Gillian Norrie, Police Scotland; Group Commander, Martyn Brandrick, and Station Commander, Brian Kane, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. Ashraf, Duffy, Hogg, and Lennon and the Head of Communities, North Lanarkshire Council and the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

1. No declarations were made.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FORUM - MINUTE**

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Forum held on 20 September 2021.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minute be approved.

**SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - NORTH LANARKSHIRE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

3. There was submitted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) providing an overview of performance for the period July to September 2021, which provided statistical information on key priority areas compared with the corresponding period from the previous year, together with the three-year average.

Group Commander, Martyn Brandrick then outlined the key points of note from each of the priority areas, and provided details of (a) activities undertaken to help reduce the number of accidental dwelling fires related to distraction and drug/alcohol impairment, which had included the distribution of "Your Guide to Fire Safety" literature, that provided advice on safe cooking methods, and the linked work undertaken with the Community Justice Service to offer Cook Safe presentations; (b) the continuing work of the North Lanarkshire Fire Crews and Prevention and Protection staff to complete the high number of Home Fire Safety Visits; (c) the partnership work with Police Scotland to tackle deliberate fire setting, particularly related to refuse fires, by carrying out joint Fire Safety and Crime

Prevention initiatives across North Lanarkshire, with particular attention having been paid to the Fortissat and Motherwell South East and Ravenscraig ward areas; (d) the unprecedented number of telephone calls and information requests on the new linked smoke detector standards since the Scottish Government had begun its advertising campaign in August, which had resulted in SFRS attendance at numerous community groups across North Lanarkshire to provide guidance and presentations on the options available to community members in an attempt to ease concerns; (e) the attendance of SFRS Community Action Teams at various North Lanarkshire school hubs over the summer holiday period, to engage with children from deprived areas as well as care experienced backgrounds, to promote water safety awareness and raise awareness of deliberate secondary fires linked to anti-social behaviour; (f) the development of a range of Fire Skills presentations to be delivered to individuals between 18 and 24 years old as part of the SPFL Trust "Off the Bench" programme that was run from Motherwell Community Football Club over a 12 week period and combined physical activity with classroom time, and allowed partner organisations to work with local young people who had committed or were considered likely to commit offences or engage in anti-social behaviour; (g) recent incidents of note, and (h) preliminary bonfire night activity and statistics.

**Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.

### POLICE SCOTLAND - NORTH LANARKSHIRE PERFORMANCE REPORT

4. There was submitted a report by Police Scotland (1) outlining policing performance and activity in North Lanarkshire for the period July to September 2021 compared with the corresponding period from the previous year; (2) focusing on the priorities contained within the Local Policing Plan 2020-2023; (3) providing statistical information to assess the effectiveness of the Local Police Plan in terms of priorities, performance and community engagement, and (4) presenting some qualitative data to give an oversight of activities that had taken place across the authority area.

Chief Superintendent Alan Waddell then outlined the key points of note from each of the policing priorities and provided further detail on various aspects of the operational performance of Police Scotland in North Lanarkshire, including details of (a) the launch, by Lanarkshire Police Division, of the Herbert Protocol, an early intervention and risk reduction scheme to help find vulnerable people living with dementia in care homes, with family or independently in their own homes, who were at risk of going missing; (b) Operation MOTOX, which had been launched in partnership with the Council in July 2021, had the aim of tackling the illegal use of off-road motor bikes and quads by way of a range of partnership enforcement, education and intervention tactics, and had resulted in a 32% reduction in incidents across North Lanarkshire compared to the same period in the previous year; (c) an intended period of reflection amongst senior management, following the return of officers from COP 26, to identify lessons that could be taken from policing such an event that could be used to improve service delivery in Lanarkshire, and (d) the commencement of the national campaign "16 Days of Action" which sought to tackle violence against women and girls.

**Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.