

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 25 February 2020

Local Fire and Rescue Plan – Review 2020

Executive/routine
Wards
Council Commitments

1. Recommendations

1.1 To note the report and to feed into the survey.

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Report

Local Fire and Rescue Plan – Review 2020

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Local Senior Officer for Edinburgh has asked for committee members to participate in a short survey on local service provision.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is required under the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, as amended by the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, to prepare Local Fire and Rescue Plans for each local authority in Scotland.
- 3.2 The publication of a new Strategic Plan 2019-22 in October 2019 now instigates a requirement to carry out a mandatory review of all Local Fire and Rescue Plans.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Local Senior Officer for Edinburgh has asked for committee members to participate in a short survey on local service provision.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The survey is open until 18 March 2020. A report will be published in the future on the outcome of the review and will inform revisions to the Local Fire and Rescue Plan.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Not applicable

8. Background reading/external references

8.1 [Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2019-22](#)

9. Appendices

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**LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN
REVIEW 2020**

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Introduction

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is required under the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, as amended by the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, to prepare Local Fire and Rescue Plans for each local authority in Scotland. Our first Local Fire and Rescue Plans were published in April 2014. These were reviewed and replaced in 2017/18.

These Plans were developed to direct the Service through its initial transformation journey and to forge our place as a national organisation with a strong sense of local accountability. Against the drive of public sector reform, the local planning landscape continues to evolve to tackle inequalities and improve community outcomes through strong and open collaborative working.

The publication of our new Strategic Plan 2019-22 in October 2019 now instigates a requirement to carry out a mandatory review of all Local Fire and Rescue Plans. This review will provide us with information on how well we are performing against our existing priorities as well as highlighting areas for continued improvement and opportunities for change against the growing needs of our communities.

The Local Senior Officer will be leading this work in your local authority area. To support the review a range of statistics will be assessed to determine if SFRS activities are having the desired impact and to confirm future priority areas.

Review Process

The primary focus of SFRS will remain on the delivery of our core functions, but we will also consider how we may collaborate more to expand our reach and support a wider range of local needs.

The views of partners and communities are an important part of this review, and committee members are invited to participate in a short survey and give your views on our local service provision. The survey is available online on the SFRS Consultation Hub and will be open until 18 March 2020. It can be accessed at: <https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/planning-and-performance/local-fire-and-rescue-plan-review-2020/>

For information the survey questions are attached in appendix 1 which can also be used to respond by sending to the address highlighted.

In due course a report will be prepared on the outcome of the review. This will inform what revisions will be required in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan. If you wish to discuss this further or wish to discuss any other fire and rescue service matter, please do not hesitate to use the following contact information:

Kenneth Rogers, Local Senior Officer

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**LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN ENGAGEMENT
FEEDBACK RECORD**

Local Authority Area:

Edinburgh

Name of organisation/representative:

1. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you in how the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is performing in your area?

Very satisfied	Quite satisfied	Neither/ Nor	Quite dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
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2. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you at the way in which the SFRS understands and reflects local needs in their plans and activities?

Very satisfied	Quite satisfied	Neither/ Nor	Quite dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
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3. Has there been any change in the quality of services delivered by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service over the last 3 years?

Much better	A little better	No change	A little worse	Much worse
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4. In the past 3 years are you aware of any change and innovations used to improve service provision and outcomes?

Much more	A little more	No change	A little less	Much less
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5. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the level information you received on local fire and rescue activity or developments?

Very satisfied	Quite Satisfied	Neither/ Nor	Quite dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
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6. Listed below are a number of core fire and rescue services, please rate these in terms of their importance to you:

	Very Important	Quite Important	Neither/ Nor	Not important
Being prepared for and responding to fires				
Promoting fire safety in the home				
Enforcing fire safety in non-domestic buildings				
Being prepared for and responding to road traffic collisions or serious transport incidents				
Being prepared for and responding to animal rescues				
Being prepared for and responding to flooding incidents				
Helping you be prepared for emergency situations				

7. Listed below are other services we would like to do more of, please rate these in term of importance to you:

	Very Important	Quite Important	Neither/ Nor	Not important
Being prepared for and responding to acts of terrorism				
Working with partners to identify and help people at risk of preventable accidents in their home				
Working with partners to reduce crime and improve safety				
Working with partners to support young people				
Working with partners to support older people				
Working with partners to improve the health and wellbeing of communities				

Working with partners to support the local economy and those in poverty				
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8. Are there any other fire and rescue activities which are important to you that are not listed?

9. Are there any areas that we need to improve on in your locality?

Thank you for completing this survey.

Please can you return this to:

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