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REPORT TO: ANGUS COUNCIL SCRUTINY & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN FOR ANGUS 2017 - 2020

Abstract

The Report contains background information in support of Member's approving the final draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus 2017-2020.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present, for approval, the final draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus 2017-2020, which is attached at **appendix one**.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members:

- (i) Approve the final draft Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan for Angus 2017-2020, and
- (ii) Note the contents of the report and supporting appendices

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4 LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN FOR ANGUS 2017-2020

- 4.1 The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) 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.
- 4.2 The first Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus covered 2014 – 2017. This plan was developed to provide direction for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service at a local level and to support the initial transition and consolidation process following the creation of the national Fire and Rescue Service under the 2012 Act.
- 4.3 The publication, in October 2016, of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's new three-year Strategic Plan provides the national strategic framework that underpins the requirement to undertake the mandatory review of all Local Fire and Rescue Plans.

- 4.4 The development of a new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus provided an opportunity to review how well the Fire and Rescue Service within Angus had performed against existing priorities. Furthermore, it helped to identify areas for improving the safety and overall wellbeing of the communities of Angus against a backdrop of increased demand for public services and changing risk profile. The outcome of the review formed the basis of a draft plan for public consultation. The review was consolidated into report format and attached at **appendix two**.
- 4.5 Public consultation on the draft plan ran from 21 June until 13 September 2017. Engagement with key stakeholders also took place, including staff, elected members and community planning partners. Written and emailed responses to the consultation were received from a variety of organisations and individuals. These were, on the whole very supportive of the draft plan and comments noted were fully considered. As a result of the feedback received, amendments have been made to the plan. In the main these are grammatical changes which provide further clarification or emphasis where appropriate.

5 COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus supports the crucial role of Community Planning in helping to deliver the ambitions of the Angus Community Planning Partnership. The priorities within the draft plan align to the shared outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), Locality Plans and the related Angus Council Safer Communities Strategy.

6 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 A single Equality Impact Assessment was prepared to provide supporting information for the preparation of all SFRS Local Plans. The evidence within the impact assessment was considered and applied as appropriate to the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- 7.1 There are no environmental issues arising as a consequence of this report.

8 SUMMARY

- 8.1 The attached final draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus sets out proposed priorities for improving community safety, whilst helping to address inequalities and enhancing the overall wellbeing of the communities of Angus. The SFRS's contribution towards supporting the Angus LOIP and Locality Plans sits within the context of the draft plan.

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