



REPORT TO: ANGUS COUNCIL SCRUTINY & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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**SUBJECT: DRAFT SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
CONSULTATION**

Abstract

The Report contains background information in support of Member's noting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (SFRS) Draft Strategic Plan 2019-22 for consultation.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the SFRS Draft Strategic Plan 2019-22, which is currently out for consultation and attached at **appendix one**.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members:

- (i) note the attached draft Strategic Plan;
- (ii) note the 10-week consultation period, which started on 09 May and runs until 18 July, and
- (iii) participate in the consultation, by sharing their views on the SFRS's strategy.

3 SFRS STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2022

3.1 The SFRS launched on 09 May 2019 a new draft Strategic Plan for public consultation. The plan marks an important stage in the development of the Service and sets out the SFRS's commitments to the delivery of a first class fire and rescue service for all people across Scotland.

3.2 The Plan has been developed by building on the successes and experience gained over recent years. In particular, the SFRS has drawn from the results of its first ever staff survey in 2018 as well as its transformation consultation in 2018, which gathered views on the future of the SFRS and involved our staff, partners and the public. The consultation set out the SFRS's need to transform, and presented a vision of how the Service could do even more for the people of Scotland.

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- 3.3 Local authorities remain vitally important partners for the SFRS not just scrutinising its local performance but in helping shape our overall strategic direction. To help in the formation of that strategic direction, the SFRS invites members of the Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee, to comment on its proposals and ensure they are focused on the most important priorities and that they will continue to meet the evolving needs of our communities. An online consultation survey <https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/> has been created for gathering views. This will remain open until the formal consultation closes on 18 July 2019.
- 3.4 Following the consultation, the SFRS will produce an updated version of the Strategic Plan that incorporates any feedback received. The Plan will then will be laid before Parliament by October 2019 for final approval.

4 ANGUS LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Following approval and publication of the Strategic Plan, there will be a requirement to undertake a mandatory review of the current Angus Local Fire and Rescue Plan. Intended timescales and arrangements for this review, will be brought forward to the committee, following approval and publication of the SFRS Strategic Plan.

5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 An Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment has been completed on the draft Strategic Plan 2019-22. It concludes, the Strategic Plan provides opportunities to make a positive impact across all protected characteristics, and an opportunity to make a positive impact regardless of equality characteristics, to all of Scotland's communities.

6 SUMMARY

- 6.1 The SFRS are consulting on the attached Draft Strategic Plan 2019-22. The consultation closes on 18 July, and members are invited to comment on the proposals within The Plan.

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