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**REPORT TO: PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

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SUBJECT: LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN FOR PERTH & KINROSS 2020

Abstract

The Report contains background information in support of Member's approving the final draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross 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 Perth & Kinross 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 Perth & Kinross 2020.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4 BACKGROUND

- 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 Our first Local Fire and Rescue Plans were published in April 2014 and 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.
- 4.3 The publication of our new Strategic Plan 2019-22 in October 2019 instigated a requirement to carry out a mandatory review of all Local Fire and Rescue Plans.
- 4.4 The development of a new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross provided 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. Furthermore, it helped to identify areas for improving the safety and overall wellbeing of the communities of Perth & Kinross against a backdrop of increased demand for public services, changing risk profile and more recently the impact of Covid. The outcome of the review formed the basis of a draft plan for consultation.
- 4.5 Public consultation on Local Plan Review ran from 16 January until 18 March 2020. Written and emailed responses to the consultation were received from a variety of organisations and individuals. These were, overall very supportive of the review and comments noted were fully considered as part of the production of the new Local Plan. Due to the current pandemic there has been no opportunity for physical engagement around the new Perth & Kinross Local Plan.

5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was prepared to provide supporting information for all SFRS Local Plans. The evidence within the impact assessment was considered and applied as appropriate to the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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

7 SUMMARY

- 7.1 The attached final draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross sets out proposed priorities for improving community safety, whilst helping to address inequalities and enhancing the overall wellbeing of the communities of Perth & Kinross.

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