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**Please find attached the reports in respect of Items No. 9 and 10 on the agenda for the above meeting**

9.	<b>Police Force of Scotland - 'J' Division Spotlight</b> (Pages 3 - 6)  Consider an update for the local Police Inspector detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Cheviot area. (Copy attached.)	15 mins
10.	<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Services</b> (Pages 7 - 12)  Consider update detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Cheviot Area. (Copy attached.)	15 mins

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## Cheviot Locality Committee

November 2017

Report from  
Inspector Carol Wood  
Inspector John Scott



This report will update the **Cheviot Locality Committee** on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period 1<sup>ST</sup> September to the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

The Ward Plan Priorities for each area:

### **Jedburgh and District Ward**

#### **Drugs Dealing & Misuse**

Official stop and search figures will be reported to the Police and Fire Scrutiny Board.

During the reporting period four persons were charged with possessing a controlled substance. These were all within Jedburgh.

Additionally one male was reported for production of a cannabis cultivation and supplying a controlled substance. The cultivation was discovered when officers attended at an address in an outlying area of Jedburgh.

We will remain visible in the community to develop intelligence on people who deal in and use controlled drugs. We will continue to work with our partners, combining education and enforcement strategies. We continue to receive intelligence from the public in relation to drug matters whether that is persons being in possession or persons dealing drugs and we would encourage this. Completely anonymous information can be left on Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

#### **Road Safety**

There have been very few incidents of note during the reporting period relating to road issues:

In the early morning of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017, a passing motorist came across a one vehicle accident just north of Jedburgh on the A68. The driver had exited the vehicle uninjured. Officers attended and the male was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was subsequently charged with a drink driving offence and reported accordingly.

On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 a report was received of careless driving. The driver of a vehicle had overtaken another vehicle in a dangerous position, just north of Jedburgh. The complainer needed to evasive action to prevent a road crash. A positive line of enquiry is being progressed to trace the offending driver.

During the reporting period a number of road checks have been carried out. This resulted in one driver being issued with a fixed penalty notice for speeding offence.

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### Antisocial Behaviour

A number of individuals have been charged with causing a breach of the peace. These incidents are isolated and there is no pattern to them.

We continue to engage with those responsible for any antisocial behaviour in the ward area and there are a number of ongoing matters being dealt with at present in Jedburgh. These are being addressed through partnership with the Anti Social Behaviour Unit and relevant Landlords.

### Rural Crime

We have continued to receive reports of fuel thefts from vehicles in Jedburgh / Ancrum and St Boswells. There does not appear to be any pattern to these thefts and enquiries are continuing into the reports.

Overnight on 16/18<sup>th</sup> September 2017, pens containing partridges were opened near to Longleefoot Farm and the birds set free. Enquiries are continuing this incident although due to the rural location it will be difficult to detect this.

Overnight on 27/28<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a shed at Longnewton Sawmill was entered and property stolen. Again the rural location makes it difficult to establish who was responsible for this theft.

### Kelso and District Ward

On 30<sup>th</sup> October the new Kelso Station Assistant commenced working for Police Scotland and is presently undergoing her training. We welcome Jenny Inkster to the station and look forward to working with her.

### Dishonesty

Police are investigating a fraud where an 85-year-old man was visited at home in Tweedsyde Park, Kelso, he gained access to his personal computer and removed a five figure sum of money from his bank account. This occurred between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October. This is an unusual crime in that the culprits tricked their way into the home to commit the crime rather than doing this on the telephone or online.

Inquiries are ongoing to identify the suspect and communities are reminded never to let any unsolicited callers into their homes or provide them with access to any of your personal details or information. Keeping your information safe is crucial and those involved in these crimes are simply looking for an easy victim.

If you have any concerns regarding personal security or those of your family who may be vulnerable, advice is available on the Police Scotland website.

### Road Safety

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Drivers are reminded to pay particular attention to the road conditions over the coming months in particular on rural roads. It is reported that there will be some prolonged cold conditions in the coming weeks and drivers should pay attention to advice issued by Scottish Borders Council and the Police with regards to road conditions. The SB Alert messaging system is used widely by agencies and weather and driving advice will be issued through this system.

There have been no drink driving offences detected in the reporting period.

### **Drug Dealing and Misuse Of Drugs**

There have been 5 drugs offences in the Kelso area in the reporting period, all of these relate to possession offences.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

Anyone who is the victim of antisocial behaviour, should report this at the time of the incident to the police or if it is an ongoing issue, this can be reported to the Antisocial Behaviour Unit helpline on **0800 028 5711**.

Following a number of complaints regarding Antisocial Behaviour in Roger Fish Gardens, a public meeting was held led by Rt Hon John Lamont MP. As a result further diary sheets were issued and residents visited to request the reporting of any further issues.

### **Other Information**

#### **Sheep Worrying**

Police Scotland are running a month long campaign to prevent livestock worrying.

The Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime, a multi-agency partnership which includes Police Scotland, National Farmers Union of Scotland and Scottish Land & Estates, is working with Scottish Natural Heritage, the Kennel Club and the National Sheep Association (Scotland) to promote responsible dog walking in the countryside.

Rural dog owners and those who choose to exercise their dogs in the countryside must ensure they are under control at all times and try to avoid going into fields where livestock is grazing.

The worrying of sheep and other livestock by dogs not only has an obvious financial and emotional impact on farmers when their animals are killed or injured, but also has an effect on the animals themselves, their productivity and welfare.

We are encouraging farmers and landowners to engage with dog walkers and to help keep them informed by putting up signs on gateways and on key roads and paths alerting them to the presence of sheep and other livestock in their fields and suggesting alternative routes

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Farmers and those who use the countryside are urged to report all incidents of livestock worrying to police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Police Scotland will robustly enforce the existing legislation, ensuring all reported cases of livestock being attacked by dogs are thoroughly investigated and offenders reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### **You're View Counts**

Police Scotland are continuing to consult communities on what their policing priorities are. We would encourage all Community Council to promote the survey and to take the time to complete it on line.

The survey takes just 5 minutes and this has informed us on what matters locally.

The results of the survey are updated with the results from each quarter and this will allow us to shape the priorities going forward.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation/>

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“Keeping People Safe”



**Cheviot Locality Committee 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.**

**(Station Manager Don MacNeil)**

**Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Cheviot Locality Committee on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity since the last report to the forum on 13th September 2017.

Station Manager (SM) Matt Acton has moved to the Response and Resilience directorate, based in the City of Edinburgh LSO area. SM Don MacNeil has taken over the relevant service delivery responsibilities from SM Acton.

Within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017 for the Scottish Borders, five priorities and actions outcomes are identified;

1. Reduction of Dwelling Fires
2. Reduction of Fire Casualties and Fatalities
3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting(Not including Dwellings)
4. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
5. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions.

**Response & Resilience activity in the Cheviot Area September and October 2017**

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	3	3 x Accidental	0
Fire- other	2	1 x Vehicle 1x Refuse	0
Special Service	7	2 x RTC 2 x Fuel Leak 1 x Water Rescue 1 x Flooding 1 x Provided Water	0
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	21	Commercial/industrial	0

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### Partnership Working

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Community Action Team (CAT) within the Scottish Borders core work centres on the on-going delivery of the SFRS Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) policy. The team continues to expand its partnership working with key agencies including Police Scotland, Health, Social care and Housing in order to focus on members of local communities at High Risk from fire and achieve outcomes in helping to reduce overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires.

The team also facilitated the 'Crucial Crew' initiative for 1500 Primary 7 school children from the Scottish Borders over a 3 week period, during September and October 2017.

Command Officers within the Scottish Borders continue to attend the Safety Advisory Group meetings to ensure SFRS assist in the production of appropriate operational plans for special events taking place in the Scottish Borders.

### Resilient Communities

The annual Resilient Community Coordinators evening took place at the SBC bunker on 24/10/17, with representatives from across the Borders attending. The SFRS provided an overview of the resources stationed in the Borders and the joint work being carried out between Resilient Community groups and partner agencies including the SFRS.

### Drivewise Borders

SFRS staff took part in a multi-agency Young Drivers Initiative at Charterhall near Greenlaw. This event provided an opportunity for approximately seven hundred 14-17 year olds from all secondary schools in the Scottish Borders to attain the following learning outcomes:

- Explain good and bad driving behaviour.

- Learn basic driving skills.

- Understand the importance of a good attitude towards driving.

- Display and understand appropriate driver and passenger behaviour.

### Farm Fire Safety

Work has taken place in partnership with Police Scotland, the NFU, NFU Mutual and the Scottish Association of Young Farmers. Events included farm walk and talks, attending agricultural shows, markets and auctions, and engagement with young members of the farming community. During the events, Fire Safety and security were promoted.

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### Prevention and Protection

Fire prevention and protection activity over recent years has been key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses in Scotland thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The seasonal community safety calendar provides the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year.

Activity which is ongoing now within the Cheviot Ward area;

- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in all our local stations provide Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. These free visits provide the householder with a home visit, focussing on identifying and reducing the risks of fire in the home. Smoke detectors with a 10-year battery life are provided as part of this free service.
- Cheviot Youth Group Initiative- Crews from Kelso Fire Station are taking part in an initiative to engage with the local Cheviot Youth Group at The Planet, Kelso. This initiative involves a series of visits and discussions around life in the fire service and will include valuable safety messages, including fire safety in the home, bonfire night safety, water safety, amongst other topics. It is also a great opportunity for the firefighters to become positive role models for the young people of Kelso.

- Living Safely in the Home (LSITH).

The LSITH initiative within the Cheviot locality is continuing as a collaborative approach with community partners and SFRS staff.

There have been 143 Level 1 Conversations with 72 consented referrals being made to the Cheviot Community Healthcare Team. An evaluation of this trial is now complete. It is anticipated the initiative will be rolled out to the Teviot and Liddesdale locality in early 2018, with the aspiration to have it mainstreamed throughout the Scottish Borders.

- We are continuing to develop a strong partnership with the local Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service and involvement in Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). The Local Area Liaison Officer (LALO) and Scottish Borders Station Manager for Prevention and Protection are fully involved in all local MARAC processes, attending the monthly conferences and all steering group meetings.
- Fire Safety Audits provide a targeted examination of a business premises and their relevant documents to ascertain how the premises are being managed regarding fire safety. The enforcement officer also engages with members of staff to confirm their level of fire safety awareness.
- Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals are being addressed by our phased intervention actions which identifies premises which are producing 'false alarms', provides guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence, and can also evoke legislation if occurrences fail to reduce in number.
- The partnership between the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and British Heart Foundation (BHF) continues with crews facilitating CPR training for members of the public.

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All 356 of SFRS's fire stations are equipped with BHF donated 'Call Push Rescue' training kits and each station acts as a base for local people to learn vital cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills and potentially save someone's life if they go into cardiac arrest.

Prior to March 2015, the survival rate from out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the Scottish Borders was just four per cent, below the Scottish average of 7 to 10 per cent. Two years on, and through this partnership approach, the figure for the Borders has risen to 29 per cent.

### **Thematic Action Plan**

Crews are currently engaged with the Autumn Thematic Action Plan, which focusses on the following areas of Fire Safety;

Reduce:

The number of deliberate primary and secondary fires

Fires involving refuse/rubbish

Fire related antisocial behaviour

Unsafe Bonfires

Accidents and injuries arising from outdoor fires and/or misuse of fireworks

Ensure compliance with firework legislation

Report on acts of violence on SFRS staff

Refuse/rubbish/fly tipping referrals/uplifts

The Winter TAP is being prepared with a focus on Fire Safety in the home during the festive season.

### **Retained Duty system**

Jedburgh fire station is at full establishment, however it is anticipated vacancies will arise at Kelso.

If anyone interested in joining they are welcome to meet the local crew during their weekly training nights, which take place as follows:

Kelso Fire Station:                      Tuesday- 1830-2030hrs

Further details on vacancies are available on the My Job Scotland website:

[www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/emergency-services](http://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/emergency-services)

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### **Transformation Consultation**

SFRS has started a consultation process with staff, which will also involve key stakeholders to progress the development of a Fire and Rescue Service, which will allow us to meet today's risks and do so much more for Scotland. Further information is available on the SFRS website:

[www.firescotland.gov.uk/transformation](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/transformation)

### **Local Fire and Rescue Plan**

We have a statutory responsibility to publish a Local Fire and Rescue Plan. The plan aligns to the SFRS Strategic Plan and adds local context by reflecting priorities for the Scottish Borders.

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Scottish Borders 2014- 2017 set out the priorities for the SFRS. This plan has been reviewed and has informed the 2018 Community Fire and Rescue Plan which is currently out for consultation.

This plan reflects a partnership approach and takes cognisance of the Scottish Borders Community Plan themes.

Consultation on the plan opened on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and will close on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

To ensure we review and manage all responses consistently you are invited to provide comment in our online survey.

This can be accessed at:

[firescotland.citizenspace.com](http://firescotland.citizenspace.com).

We welcome your feedback on the plan as you reflect the needs of the community, as well as highlighting priorities for the SFRS.

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