

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL 10 NOVEMBER 2016

STARRED ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MINUTES

POLICE, FIRE& RESCUE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

5.4 Fire and Rescue Service

There had been circulated copies of a report on the Local Fire Plan Development. LSO Farries advised that the purpose of the report was to seek the Board's views on the development of the next iteration of the Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan (the Plan). He explained that the current, and first, Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan 2014-17 was approved through local scrutiny arrangements in March 2014. The Plan was a 3 year plan and was due to expire at the end of March 2017, a copy of the plan was attached to the report. In recognising that the Plan must reflect national organisational priorities and objectives and meet community needs and expectations, from a local perspective, there was a range of drivers which would support an argument to delay production of the next plan. The LSO recognised the need for SFRS to be fully engaged with the production of the LOIP in the Scottish Borders and highlighted a desire to encompass this work in the local Fire plan. Taking into consideration the main drivers the Local Senior Officer for Midlothian, East Lothian & Scottish Borders proposed that the current Plan was extended until December 2017. The extension of the Plan would allow a Plan development timeline to be adopted as follows:-

- (a) Monitor and horizon scan emerging SFRS organisational, and external stakeholders, strategic priorities, objectives and plans (June -Dec 2016),
- (b) Conduct in depth data analysis of local activity/incidents and emerging risks to inform local priorities and needs in the Scottish Borders area (Jan -March 2017),
- (c) Engage with key stakeholders, partners and members of the community on first tranche priorities, objectives and expectations (April-June 2017),
- (d) Develop new draft Plan for the Scottish Borders (May-July 2017),
- (e) Consult with key stakeholders, partners and members of the community on the draft Plan (August -October 2017), and
- (f) Submit draft Plan for the Scottish Borders for Council approval November – December 2017.

DECISION

- (a) **NOTED** the reports.
- * (b) **AGREED** to recommend to Council that the current Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan be extended until December 2017 and to approve the proposed timeline for the production of the next Scottish Borders Local Fire Plan.