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**Report to: Council**

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**Date of Meeting: 15th May 2014**

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**Subject: Local Fire Plan for Clackmannanshire 2014/17**

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**Report by: Head of Strategy and Customer Services**

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**1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Local Fire Plan for Clackmannanshire for the period 2014/17.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1. It is recommended that Council approve the Fire Plan for Clackmannanshire for 2014/17.

**3.0 Considerations**

- 3.1. The production of a local Fire Plan is a statutory requirement under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and an interim plan was put in place for the financial year 2013/14 with the intention of creating a 3 year plan for 2014/17.
- 3.2. The plan represents a critical part of the delivery process for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service within Clackmannanshire and demonstrates a commitment to local fire service provision. It provides a basis for the service to respond effectively to the concerns of local communities and improve community safety through focused prevention activity.
- 3.3. The local Fire Plan has been developed following consultation with partners and the public with the formal consultation period running from December 2013 until February 2014.
- 3.4. In addition to an online survey information on the consultation was circulated to elected members, community councils, third sector organisations and community planning partners to obtain a broad spectrum of views on the validity and content of the priorities and objectives contained in the draft plan. Face to face meetings with elected members, partners and community groups were also carried out as part of the consultation process. The Council's Performance and Partnership Support Team greatly assisted in this process and their assistance is much appreciated.

- 3.5. On completion of the consultation process all views expressed were analysed and the draft Fire Plan amended appropriately to enable submission to the Local Authority for final consideration.
- 3.6. A total of 32 responses through the online survey with a further 7 received in hard copy. 84% of the responses agreed with the identified priorities and the emphasis put on the prevention and education work that is a common theme throughout the draft plan.
- 3.7. A number of comments were received in relation to flooding being a significant risk in many Clackmannanshire communities and the role the SFRS has in responding to flooding incidents. In recognition of this the plan has been amended to specifically highlight flooding as a local issue (Priority 6).
- 3.8. A significant number of comments were also received in connection with SFRS maintaining and enhancing local response to emergencies and Priority 1 within the Plan has been written to reflect these comments.
- 3.9. The local Fire Plan identifies seven priorities for Clackmannanshire. These are;
- Local Risk Management and Preparedness
  - Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires;
  - Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities
  - Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting;
  - Reduction of Fires in Non-Domestic Properties;
  - Reduction in Casualties from Road Traffic Collisions, Flooding and other Special Service calls;
  - Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.
- 3.10. The Fire Plan also makes clear the requirement to work in partnership through the Community Planning Partnership to achieve the outcomes set out for Clackmannanshire. The plan has been developed within the wider context of the Single Outcome Agreement 2013/23 for Clackmannanshire, and identifies a number of areas which can only be achieved collectively, particularly relating to engaging with communities, local businesses, and young people and reducing risks to vulnerable and older people in Clackmannanshire.
- 3.11. The Fire Plan has been developed to provide focus for the period 2014/17 and to ensure that it remains flexible to emerging local or national priorities a review may be carried out at any time but as a minimum at least once within its currency. Following any review the Local Senior Officer may revise the plan and submit to the Local Authority for approval.

#### **4.0 Resource Implications**

- 4.1. There are no financial implications for Council arising from this report.
- 4.2. There are no staff implications for Council arising from this report.

#### **5.0 Exempt Reports**

5.1. Is this report exempt? Yes  (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

## 6.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box )

- The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses
- Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive
- People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment
- Our communities are safer
- Vulnerable people and families are supported
- Substance misuse and its effects are reduced
- Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing
- The environment is protected and enhanced for all
- The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence

## 7.0 Equalities Impact

7.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?  
Yes  No

## 8.0 Legality

8.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

## 9.0 Appendices

Clackmannanshire Local Fire Plan 2014/17.


## 10.0 Background Papers

10.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)  
Yes  (please list the documents below) No

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# LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN FOR CLACKMANNANSHIRE

2014-2017



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# Foreword

Welcome to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) Fire and Rescue Plan for the Local Authority Area of Clackmannanshire. This plan takes forward the SFRS's strategic vision, as defined within the SFRS Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016, and the vision outlined in Clackmannanshire's Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) of "securing long term outcomes for our communities in Clackmannanshire".

The main purpose of the SFRS is to work in partnership with communities and with others in the public, private and third sectors on prevention, protection and response to improve the safety and wellbeing of people throughout Scotland.

During recent years partners have made progress in achieving improved outcomes for the people of Clackmannanshire and the introduction of a single Fire and Rescue Service provides even greater opportunity to contribute further to closing the gap between the negative outcomes of emergency response and the positive outcomes of the prevention and protection agenda.

This plan sets out the priorities and objectives for the SFRS within Clackmannanshire for the period 2014 – 2017 and allows our Local Authority partners to scrutinise the performance outcomes of those priorities. SFRS will continue to work closely with our partners in Clackmannanshire to ensure we are all "Working Together for a safer Scotland" through targeting risks to our communities at a local level.

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan has been developed in alignment with the Clackmannanshire SOA and sets out local solutions to local issues, linking to the national performance management framework and demonstrating how we contribute to national priorities and key performance targets. Through partnership working we will deliver continuous improvement in our performance and effective service delivery in our area of operations.

One of the key aims of The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 is to strengthen the connection between the SFRS and communities by new formal relationships with Clackmannanshire Local authority, providing opportunities for many more local elected members to become involved and offering better integration with the Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership.

The Local Senior Officer has a statutory duty to work with the local authority to set priorities and objectives for fire and rescue services in the Clackmannanshire area, and is required to prepare a local plan for approval by the Local authority. Partnership and engagement are central to this relationship, as is local democratic scrutiny and performance against this plan will be scrutinised via the Local Authority's Resources and Audit Sub Committee.

**Kenneth Rogers, Local Senior Officer**

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4	<i>Clackmannanshire South</i>
5	<i>Clackmannanshire East</i>





# Introduction

The Scottish Government provides an overarching vision for public services that focuses on the creation of a more successful country, with opportunities for all through a sustainable increase in economic growth.

This direction is supported by Strategic Objectives to make Scotland a wealthier & fairer, smarter, healthier, safer & stronger and greener place. Through a concordat between the Scottish Government and the Convention for Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), the Strategic Objectives have been expanded into Local Single Outcome Agreements which include indicators and targets that provide the framework for how Local Authorities and their Community Planning partners such as the SFRS will deliver services.

The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 as amended by the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 provides the statutory basis for the SFRS to deliver a range of core services and functions. While the SFRS is ready to respond to fire and other emergencies, it also maintains a strong focus on prevention and protection arrangements to ensure the safety of our communities. The associated Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2013 sets the overarching strategic direction for the SFRS in the delivery of its services to the communities of Clackmannanshire.

*The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 requires local plans to contain:*

- *Priorities and objectives for SFRS in connection with the carrying out duties in the local authority's area of SFRS's functions,*
- *The reasons for selecting each of those priorities and objectives,*
- *How SFRS proposes to deliver those priorities and objectives,*
- *In so far as is reasonably practicable, outcomes by reference to which delivery of those priorities and objectives can be measured,*
- *How those priorities and objectives are expected to contribute to the delivery of any other relevant local outcomes which are identified by community planning,*
- *Such other matters relating to the carrying out of SFRS's functions in the local authority's area as SFRS thinks fit.*

# Strategic Assessment

A strategic assessment for the SFRS's activities in Scotland established the type, frequency and impact of incidents that we attend. With this assessment in place the Local Senior Officer for Clackmannanshire can effectively identify key priority areas for the SFRS to target its resources at a local level.

## National Assessment

The Scottish Government within their National Performance Framework have identified 16 National Outcomes they wish to achieve. Through delivery of this Local Plan the SFRS in particular will contribute to the following Outcomes:

- **National Outcome 1:** We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe
- **National Outcome 4:** Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens
- **National Outcome 6:** We live longer healthier lives
- **National Outcome 8:** We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk
- **National Outcome 9:** We live our lives safe from crime disorder and danger
- **National Outcome 11:** We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others
- **National Outcome 12:** We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations
- **National Outcome 15:** Our people are able to maintain their independence as they get older and are able to access appropriate support when they need it
- **National Outcome 16:** Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs

The priorities for the SFRS have been laid out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2013 with the following Strategic Aims defined within the Strategic Plan 2013-2016:

**Strategic Aim 1:** Improve safety of our communities and staff

**Strategic Aim 2:** More Equitable Access to Fire and Rescue Services

**Strategic Aim 3:** Improved outcomes through partnership

**Strategic Aim 4:** Develop a culture of continuous improvement





## Equality Assessment

On 30 April 2013, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service published its Equality Outcomes, in compliance with the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012. The SFRS Equality Outcomes are:

- Outcome 1:** People from all Scotland's community groups feel confident in contacting the Fire and Rescue Service for advice and information on relevant non-emergency issues.
- Outcome 2:** Disabled, LGBT, BME, older people and people from minority faiths are aware of the services provided by the SFRS, particularly how these can be adapted to meet their own individual needs.
- Outcome 3:** People from all Scotland's community groups feel safer in their homes and on our roads
- Outcome 4:** Establish the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service as an employer of choice for people across protected characteristics.
- Outcome 5:** Provide a positive and healthy workplace culture that welcomes, embraces and develops people from across all protected characteristics.
- Outcome 6:** People from across all communities are enabled to live lives free from hate crime, harassment and domestic abuse/violence.
- Outcome 7:** Gypsy Travellers and migrant workers are safer, better informed and confident in Scottish Fire and Rescue Service engagement



## Local Assessment

The local assessment addresses issues relevant to the local area. Through analysis of data, partnership working and consultation, local improvement and demand reduction plans can be developed to ensure positive outcomes and results are achieved.

The key priority areas in Clackmannanshire that are considered in the Local Assessment and those that action plans will be developed for are:

- Local Risk Management and Preparedness
- Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires
- Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities
- Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting
- Reduction of Fires in Non Domestic Property
- Reduction in Casualties from Road Traffic Collisions, Flooding and other Special Service calls
- Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

# Local Operational Assessment

Identified local key priority areas are monitored through the gathering and analysis of operational activity data.

## Local Fire and Rescue Activity

Performance Indicator	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	3 year average	Trend
All deliberate primary fires	204	124	111	146	↓
All deliberate other building fires	6	6	8	7	↑
All deliberate secondary fires	159	104	86	116	↓
All accidental dwelling fires	37	51	39	42	↓
All accidental other building fires	19	10	14	14	↓
All fatal fire casualties	0	0	0	0	↓
Non-fatal fire casualties excl. precautionary checkups	6	14	8	9	↓
Non-fatal fire casualties incl. precautionary checkups	7	17	8	10	↓
Special Service RTCs	13	19	20	17	↑
Special Service flooding	22	7	16	15	↑
Special Service extrication	15	13	13	13	↓
Special Service 'others'	46	44	54	48	↑
False Alarm: AFAs	285	330	305	307	↓
False Alarm: Good Intent	162	114	147	141	↑
False Alarm: Malicious	12	17	15	14	↓

# Clackmannanshire Risk Profile

Understanding the Clackmannanshire area and the profile of the community is of vital importance in helping the SFRS to develop this plan and identify priorities and objectives to ensure everyone has the opportunity to access our service and reduce their risk of harm from fire.

This plan has been prepared in the wider context of the Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership and Single Outcome Agreement for 2013/2023 and sets out the local priorities for delivering local fire service priorities for Clackmannanshire. Underlying this plan are the key principles of community planning namely; prevention and early intervention; integration of public services around the whole systems approach; transparency, accountability and innovation in our approaches to fire service provision.

Clackmannanshire is Scotland's smallest mainland Local Authority in terms of geography, covering an area of 61 square miles that is bounded by the Ochil Hills to the north, the River Forth to the south and stretching to Stirling in the west and Rumbling Bridge and Kincardine in the east. Clackmannanshire has a population of 51,280 which has grown by approximately 6% in the last 10 years, almost twice as quickly as the population of Scotland. Current projections suggest that by 2035 Clackmannanshire's population will grow by 13.8% from 50,630 people to 57,629. The most significant change will be in pensionable groups - by 2033 every fourth person in Clackmannanshire will be 65 years old or more.

Clackmannanshire has very different communities – both urban and rural –including areas which are considered very affluent and others which are considered amongst Scotland's most deprived. Clackmannanshire has a number of communities which have experienced multiple levels of deprivation for over a generation, with high levels of income, employment and education deprivation commonplace. In the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2012, 14 (21.9%) of Clackmannanshire's 64 data zones were found in the 15% most deprived data zones in Scotland, compared to 12 (18.8%) in 2009.

Clackmannanshire has experienced a steadily worsening economic picture compared with other areas in Scotland and continues to see rising trends of unemployment well above the national average. Clackmannanshire also evidences downward trends of employment, higher than average levels of youth unemployment and higher than average levels of dependency on key benefits. Clackmannanshire also evidences relatively high levels of school leavers with negative destinations and relatively poor rates of business start-ups.

Community Planning Partners put significant emphasis on reducing health inequalities across the Clackmannanshire area and recognise that inequalities can lead to earlier death and poorer health. There is a correlation between health inequalities such as smoking and alcohol/substance misuse and the increased vulnerability to the risks of fire. This plan recognises these links and sets out activities that are aimed at reducing these risks.

# Priorities, Actions and Outcomes

## 1. Local Risk Management and Preparedness

The SFRS has a statutory duty to reduce the risks to our communities to make certain that they receive the best possible service. The management of risk within our community means:

- Identifying the risks to the community which fall within the scope of responsibility of the SFRS.
- Undertaking a process to prioritise these risks.
- Ensuring that appropriate Local and National resource capability and trained Fire Service personnel are in place to address them.

### **Aligns to:**

#### **National Outcomes:**

- 6: We live longer healthier lives
- 8: We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk
- 9: We live our lives safe from crime disorder and danger
- 12: We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Aims:**

- 1: Improve safety of our communities and staff
- 2: More equitable access to fire and rescue services
- 3: Improved outcomes through partnership
- 4: Develop a culture of continuous improvement

#### **Clackmannanshire Area Priorities:**

- **Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership: Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023**  
**Priority Outcomes:**
  - the environment is protected and enhanced for all
  - our public services are improving
- **Clackmannanshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment (2011-2014)**

#### **We will achieve it by:**

- Active participation in Clackmannanshire Community Planning arrangements and adopting a partnership approach to risk reduction
- Ensuring our training, staff development and equipment is fit for purpose to meet our current risk profile and adaptable to changing circumstances
- Ensuring all known local risk information is obtained, communicated and tested
- Working locally with partner organisations and agencies to ensure effective emergency response plans are developed for identified local risks including business continuity plans
- Fulfilling our statutory duties in relation to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 by way of our contribution to the Forthvalley Local Resilience Partnership and the East of Scotland Regional Resilience Partnership

#### **In doing so we will also add value by:**

- Promoting confident and safe communities where residents feel positive about where they live
- Keeping our staff and members of the public safe should any incident occur
- Reducing the financial burden and disruption caused to our communities when emergencies occur
- Proactively helping the wider community by contributing to preventing emergencies and planning to mitigate their effects when they occur, by adding value through focus on prevention and protection with a blue light response seen as last resort

## 2. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires

Dwelling house fires can have a significant negative impact on both individuals and the community, in relation to the human, social and economic cost of fire. Throughout the Clackmannanshire area dwelling fires have occurred in a wide variety of homes and there are direct links to areas of social deprivation and those who are most vulnerable to fire within the community. Ward based analysis of incidents reflects a high percentage of fires starting in the kitchen when the occupier was cooking in the home.

A number of factors are relevant in the likelihood of dwelling house fires occurring including an ageing population, alcohol/addiction issues and health inequalities. These factors have been identified within the Clackmannanshire SOA as key issues and challenges which require a multi-agency, partnership approach and SFRS can play a significant role in prevention work targeting the most vulnerable members of local communities.

Working alongside our community planning partners, we will contribute towards improving home safety for those most at risk and the wider community.

### **Aligns to:**

#### **National Outcomes:**

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#### **Clackmannanshire Area Priorities:**

- **Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership: Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023**

##### **Priority Outcomes:**

- communities are and feel safer
- vulnerable people and families are supported
- our public services are improving

- **Clackmannanshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment (2011-2014)**

### **We will achieve it by:**

- Active participation in Clackmannanshire Community Planning arrangements and adopting a partnership approach to risk reduction
- Improving links with communities, through local consultation and attending local forums, and community partners to improve the targeting of our prevention activities
- Using data analysis tools and information sharing to ensure that our engagement activities are targeted at the most vulnerable groups within our communities
- Targeting Home Fire Safety Visits to increase the number delivered to those at higher risk from fire

### **In doing so we will also add value by:**

- Promoting confident and safe communities where residents feel positive about where they live.
- Improving home safety throughout the Clackmannanshire area.
- Reducing the financial burden of fire on society through education and information provision

**Our target against our 3 year average is to support a national aggregated reduction of 10% per year**

### 3. Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities

Fire casualties and fatalities in Scotland have shown a significant reduction over the previous twenty years. However, when compared to the rest of the UK fire deaths and casualties continue to be well above the UK average.

In Clackmannanshire the number of fire casualties and fatalities is below the Scottish average and it is now a rare event for a fire fatality to occur in the Clackmannanshire area. Trends in fire casualties have shown that those most at risk include people living alone, with smoking and alcohol consumption being contributory factors.

The SFRS in Clackmannanshire aim to target a reduction in fire casualties and to maintain the low level of fire fatalities by working closely with partner agencies to identify those most at risk and directing resources towards them to help improve positive outcomes.

#### **Aligns to:**

##### **National Outcomes:**

- **6:** We live longer healthier lives
- **8:** We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk
- **9:** We live our lives safe from crime disorder and danger
- **11:** We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others
- **15:** Our people are able to maintain their independence as they get older and are able to access appropriate support when they need it

##### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Aims:**

- **1:** Improve safety of our communities and staff
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##### **Clackmannanshire Area Priorities:**

- **Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership: Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023**

##### **Priority Outcomes:**

- communities are and feel safer
- vulnerable people and families are supported
- our public services are improving

- **Clackmannanshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment (2011-2014)**

#### **We will achieve it by:**

- Active participation in Clackmannanshire Community Planning arrangements and adopting a partnership approach to risk reduction
- Increased delivery of the Home Fire Safety Visit service with particular emphasis on the most vulnerable in our communities
- Improving links with communities, through local consultation and attendance at local forums, and community partners to improve the targeting of our prevention activities
- Promoting healthier lifestyles through encouraging a reduction in alcohol, substance and cigarette use
- Ensuring our community safety strategy considers all persons at risk from fire.

#### **In doing so we will also add value by:**

- Promoting confident and safe communities where residents feel positive about where they live
- Reducing demand on other partner services such as local health care and social work partners
- Reducing fire casualty hospitalisation times and the economic cost of casualty treatment on partner agencies

**Our target against our 3 year average is to support a national aggregated reduction of 5% per year**



## 4. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting

Deliberate fire setting is a significant issue for the SFRS and is responsible for the majority of secondary fires that are attended across the Clackmannanshire area. In the main these incidents involve refuse /refuse containers, grassland and derelict buildings and vehicles. In addition deliberate fire setting is responsible for a number of primary fires which involve property loss and potential injury/loss of life.

There is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and other forms of anti-social behaviour. By continuing to focus our attention on deliberate fires we will reduce demand on the SFRS and the burden upon partners and in turn enhance community wellbeing and the local environment.

### **Aligns to:**

#### **National Outcomes:**

- **4:** Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens
- **8:** We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk
- **9:** We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger
- **11:** We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others
- **12:** We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.
- **14:** We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production
- **16:** Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Aims:**

- **1:** Improve safety of our communities and staff
- **2:** More equitable access to fire and rescue services
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#### **Clackmannanshire Area Priorities:**

- **Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership: Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023**  
**Priority Outcomes:**
  - communities are and feel safer
  - the environment is protected and enhanced for all
  - our public services are improving
- **Clackmannanshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment (2011-2014)**

#### **We will achieve it by:**

- Engaging in a multi-agency approach to tackle deliberate fire setting and fire related anti-social behaviour by targeting resources to areas of demand
- Working closely with partners to identify young people at risk of fire related anti-social behaviour and shaping interventions that meet the requirements of young people
- Improving information exchange and collaboration with Police, Local Authorities and other partner agencies to ensure they are aware of the activities of fire setters and locations/neighbourhoods where fire setting is prevalent
- Providing an enhanced level of fire investigation within the Clackmannanshire area

#### **In doing so we will also add value by:**

- Promoting safe and attractive communities in which people want to live
- Diverting persons away from anti-social behaviour by encouraging them to be good citizens
- Reducing the adverse effects which deliberate fire setting has on people's lives and communities in the Clackmannanshire area
- Reducing the financial burden of fire on society through education and information provision
- Supporting the national focus towards early and effective intervention

**Our target against our 3 year average is to continually reduce the number of deliberately set fires**

## 5. Reduction of Fires in Non Domestic Properties

All fires in workplaces and business premises are classed as non-domestic fires and come under the scope of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005. Fire Safety Enforcement Officers carry out audits to ensure statutory responsibilities are met and provide advice to businesses on fire safety. The types of premises encompassed by the Act can be wide-ranging and include industrial, commercial and those premises providing sleeping accommodation such as residential care premises and hotels.

In addition to the costs associated with fires in commercial properties, many businesses that experience a significant fire do not reopen afterwards.

We proactively work in partnership with local industry to ensure that business continuity planning and emergency preparedness arrangements are appropriate to ensure that the impact of fires and other emergencies is mitigated and that we are prepared to respond to adverse safety events.

### **Aligns to:**

#### **National Outcomes:**

- 1: We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe
- 6: We live longer, healthier lives
- 9: We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger
- 12: We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Aims:**

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#### **Clackmannanshire Area Priorities:**

- **Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership: Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023**

##### **Priority Outcomes:**

- Clackmannanshire has a positive image and attracts people and business
- communities are and feel safer
- the environment is protected and enhanced for all
- our public services are improving

- **Clackmannanshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment (2011-2014)**

### **We will achieve it by:**

- The audit of business and commercial premises by Fire Safety Enforcement Officers using a risk based approach with those premises classified as high risk being audited on an annual basis
- Working with Clackmannanshire Council licensing department to ensure all houses of multiple occupation comply with the required standards in relation to Fire Safety
- Carrying out post fire audits following any fire incident within a relevant premise
- Consulting with Clackmannanshire Council Building Standards Officers and Architects
- Working in partnership with businesses and partner agencies to promote business continuity and thus contributing to maintaining jobs and making Clackmannanshire an attractive place for businesses to locate
- Providing easily accessible information on fire safety legislation for all businesses or prospective businesses through a number of mediums such as online, social media or local "face to face" visits

### **In doing so we will also add value by:**

- Safeguarding the wellbeing of residents and employees within relevant premises
- Assisting the private and business sector in understanding their fire safety responsibilities
- Promoting an increase in wealth and prosperity within the Clackmannanshire area
- Maintaining the quality of our infrastructure and helping to promote the growth of the local economy
- Reducing the financial burden of fire on society through education and information provision

**Our target against our 3 year average is to continually reduce the number of non-domestic fires**

## 6. Reduction in Casualties from Road Traffic Collisions, Flooding and other Special Service Calls

A core part of the SFRS` activity locally is responding to emergencies such as road traffic collisions (RTC`s), flooding and other rescue situations. Firefighters are trained to a high standard and have at their disposal the most modern equipment for extricating people in rescue situations and administering first aid to casualties.

At a local level SFRS have a crucial role to play in contributing and supporting the wider road safety agenda to achieve a reduction in RTC`s and casualties and this will be a key focus of our work with community partners. From evidence it has been identified that young drivers and rural road driving are areas of specific risk within Clackmannanshire and we will focus our education and awareness campaigns on these areas. Road casualty figures in Scotland have reduced significantly over the previous twenty years, however, the figures show that we cannot lose sight of the work that remains to be done to make our roads safer and further reduce deaths and injuries.

Clackmannanshire has experienced significant flooding events in recent years and SFRS has a duty to support communities to recover from these incidents. In addition to responding to flooding events SFRS will actively participate in the flood prevention work being undertaken by the Local Authority and other partner agencies.

### **Aligns to:**

#### **National Outcomes:**

- **4:** Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens
- **6:** We live longer, healthier lives
- **9:** We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger
- **12:** We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.
- **16:** Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people`s needs

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Aims:**

- **1:** Improve safety of our communities and staff
- **2:** More equitable access to fire and rescue services
- **3:** Improved outcomes through partnership
- **4:** Develop a culture of continuous improvement

#### **Clackmannanshire Area Priorities:**

- **Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership: Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023**  
**Priority Outcomes:**
  - communities are and feel safer
  - the environment is protected and enhanced for all
  - our public services are improving
- **Clackmannanshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment (2011-2014)**

#### **We will achieve it by:**

- Education and awareness aimed at high risk groups within our communities.
- Working with our partners within Clackmannanshire to identify risks and through this collaboration, identify ways to promote safer driving and make our roads safer.
- Providing data to ensure that all partner agencies can map RTC hotspots and through this inform road safety initiatives in Clackmannanshire.
- Contributing to the development of local flood action plans and supporting local community initiatives.
- Staff development and allocation of resource to meet local and national need

#### **In doing so we will also add value by:**

- Encouraging young drivers and other groups to be responsible road users through active engagement and education.
- Reducing the number of hospital admissions and the associated costs to the NHS and other organisations due to RTC related injuries.
- Making our roads and communities safer.
- Contributing to reduce the impact of large scale flood events to the business community and people

**Our target against our 3 year average is to continually reduce the number of casualties from these incident types**

## 7. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

The SFRS's aim is to reduce the impact of unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) generated by automatic detection systems on service delivery, business and commerce. Achieving this aim will improve the safety of Clackmannanshire communities by ensuring that our service is more readily available for genuine emergencies.

An Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal is defined as a signal transmitted by an Automatic Fire Detection (AFD) system reporting a fire, where upon arrival of the Fire Service, it is found that a fire has not occurred. UFAS are entirely avoidable through good system design, management practice, procedure, maintenance and the appropriate use of space within buildings.

Within the Clackmannanshire area UFAS incidents account for more than 50% of the total number of emergency calls received by SFRS. UFAS have a negative impact on SFRS due to the deployment of resources to incidents where lifesaving services are not required. A negative impact is also experienced by businesses through loss of production, business continuity or service delivery. Mobilising to UFAS incidents creates a financial burden on SFRS as well as increasing road risk and the environmental impact of the Service within the Clackmannanshire area.

Other types of false alarm include malicious 999 calls and emergency calls made when a person genuinely believes that an emergency has occurred which requires the attendance of the SFRS, and that belief subsequently turns out to be unfounded.

### **Aligns to:**

#### **National Outcomes:**

- **1:** We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe
- **6:** We live longer, healthier lives
- **12:** We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Aims:**

- **1:** Improve safety of our communities and staff
- **2:** More equitable access to fire and rescue services
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#### **Clackmannanshire Area Priorities:**

- **Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership: Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023**

##### **Priority Outcomes:**

- Clackmannanshire has a positive image and attracts people and business
- communities are and feel safer
- our public services are improving

- **Clackmannanshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment (2011-2014)**

### **We will achieve it by:**

- Working with the business and commercial sector to provide advice and guidance in relation to the management of UFAS
- Ensuring premises with UFAS occurrences comply with the Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and have suitable and sufficient fire safety management procedures in place
- Working in partnership with the police and other agencies to share information and develop youth engagement and educational programs aimed at reducing the number of malicious calls made to the SFRS

### **In doing so we will also add value by:**

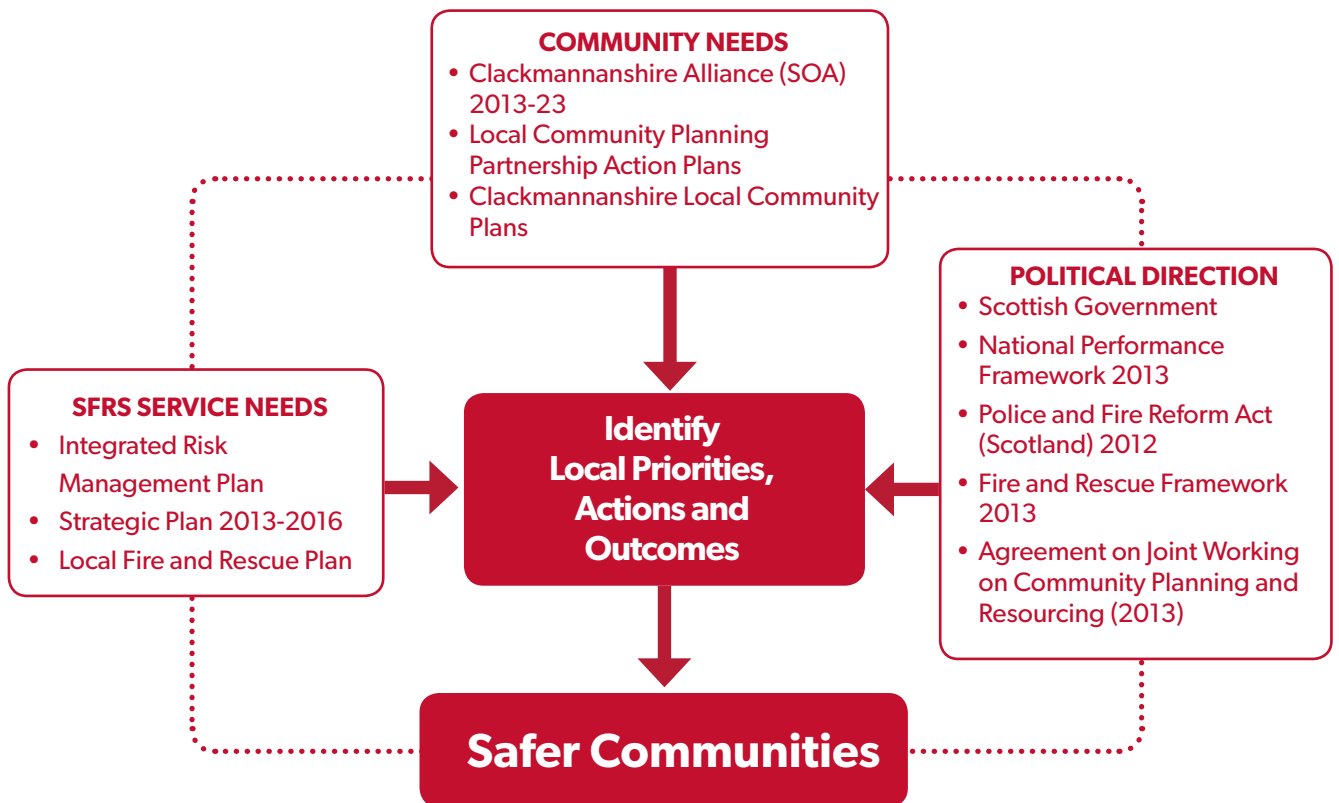
- Reducing time and money lost to local businesses.
- Realising efficiency savings by reducing the number of UFAS calls.
- Contributing towards making our roads safer by reducing fire appliance movements.
- Contributing to reducing the carbon footprint of SFRS through fewer appliance mobilisations

**Our target against our 3 year average is to contribute towards a continued reduction in UFAS incidents**

# Achieving Local Outcomes

## Achieving Safer Communities in Clackmannanshire

*Following a process of identifying local risks within Clackmannanshire, priority actions to address them and expected outcomes have been set within this plan. Local risks were identified following considerations of political direction set by the Scottish Government, community needs identified through consultation and the operational resources and capacity of the SFRS.*



## Outcomes

*The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 includes a framework for local scrutiny and engagement arrangements between local authorities and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.*

*Across the Clackmannanshire area local scrutiny of the performance of the Fire and Rescue Service is undertaken by a sub-committee of the Resources and Audit Committee on a quarterly basis. As part of the Community Planning arrangements across the area arrangements are in place to ensure that other key statutory and non-statutory partners have the opportunity to engage in the process of scrutiny. Robust scrutiny of performance is essential in ensuring that the SFRS is delivering and contributing to improved outcomes for communities and ensuring that the SFRS plays its full part in contributing to successful delivery of the Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership's Single Outcome Agreement.*

*As a full and active partner in the local community planning arrangements we will contribute positively to a safer Scotland.*

# Review

To ensure this Local Plan remains flexible to emerging local or national priorities a review may be carried out at any time but will be reviewed at least once in its life time. A review may also be carried out if the Scottish Minister directs it or if a new Strategic Plan is approved.

Following a review the Local Senior Officer may revise the Plan.

# Feedback

## Contact Us

If you have something you'd like to share with us, you can get in touch in a number of ways:

- Use the feedback form on our website to send an email - [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)
- Contact your local community fire station - details are listed on our website or in your local telephone directory.
- Contact (LSO) Area Headquarters on 01324 710253.
- Write to us at the address at the bottom of this page.

We are fully committed to continually improving the service we provide to our communities and recognise that to achieve this goal we must listen and respond to the views of the public.

We use all feedback we receive to monitor our performance and incorporate this information into our planning and governance processes in order to continually improve our service.

We are proud to say that the majority of the feedback we receive is positive, and we are keen to hear examples of good practice and quality service delivery that exemplifies the standards of care that we strive to provide for the communities of Scotland.

In instances where our standards of service are questioned, we welcome the opportunity to investigate the circumstances, and are committed to correcting any lapses and using the learning outcomes to improve our future service delivery.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT IN A DIFFERENT FORMAT OR A VERSION IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE PLEASE CONTACT:**

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# Glossary of Terms

<b>Accidental:</b>	Caused by accident or carelessness. Includes fires which accidentally get out of control.
<b>Casualty:</b>	Consists of persons requiring medical treatment beyond first aid given at the scene of the incident, those sent to hospital or advised to see a doctor for a check-up or observation (whether or not they actually do). People sent to hospital or advised to see a doctor as a precaution, having no obvious injury, are recorded as 'precautionary check-ups'. Casualty figures do not include fatalities.
<b>Deliberate:</b>	Covers fires where deliberate ignition is suspected
<b>Fatality:</b>	A casualty whose death is attributed to a fire is counted as a fatality even if the death occurred later. Fatalities associated with Other Incidents can include attendance to assist Police or Ambulance colleagues when a person has been found who has committed suicide, for example. Often there is little we can do as a Service to influence this particular figure.
<b>Primary Fires:</b>	Includes all fires in buildings, vehicles and most outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues or fire attended by five or more pumping appliances.
<b>Secondary Fires:</b>	These cover the majority of outdoor fires including grassland and refuse fires unless they involve casualties or rescues, property loss or if five or more appliances attend. They include fires in derelict buildings but not chimney fires.
<b>Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal:</b>	Is defined as an event in which the Fire and Rescue Service believes they are called to a reportable fire and then find there is no such incident. These can be Malicious, of Good Intent or caused by Apparatus. The False Fire Alarms recorded for our indicator are those caused by Apparatus, as these constitute a significant majority of False Fire Alarm incidents.





## FREE Home Fire Safety Visit and FREE Smoke Alarm

### Fire can happen to anyone.

But it is our job to help make sure your home is as safe from fire as it can be. This is why we provide free Home Fire Safety Visits.

Our staff can help you spot a possible fire hazard, offer advice and guidance and fit smoke alarms free of charge if your home requires them.

A Home Fire Safety Visit only takes around 20 minutes. And that 20 minutes might just save your life.

### Visits are easy to arrange.

A Home Fire Safety Visit can be organised at a time that suits you, day or night. We would also like community members to think about anyone you know who could be at risk from fire. It could be a friend, relative, or neighbour. To book a free Home Fire Safety Visit for you, or for someone you know:

**CALL 0800 0731 999**  
**TEXT 'CHECK' TO 61611**  
 or visit [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)



**Fact.**  
**Every hour of every day there's**  
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Always ask for official identification - all employees of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will be happy to produce this on request.



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