
Report to: Resources and Audit Sub-Committee

Date of Meeting: 30th October 2013

Subject: Fire Performance Report - Quarter One

Report by: Local Senior Officer Clackmannanshire and Stirling

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide committee with the quarter one performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) in Clackmannanshire. The report is based on performance against objectives and targets set out in the interim Local Fire Plan for Clackmannanshire 2013/14. Performance is detailed in the summary report at appendix 1 and has been reported through Covalent.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that committee;
- note, challenge and comment on the report as appropriate.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. This report is the first performance report under the new scrutiny arrangements set out in the arrangements for Police and Fire Reform regulations. This report directly relates performance to the local Fire Plan for Clackmannanshire and refers to performance in the first quarter of 2013/14.
- 3.2. A number of significant trends are worth highlighting. In terms of performance against measures set out in the plan we are seeing steady trends for quarter 1 when compared with the same period in 2012/13. Accidental dwelling fires have increased by 1 to 10 fires, compared with 9 in quarter one in 12/13. Intelligence is telling us that the majority of these have occurred in the Alloa South ward, which shows an increase when compared to the same period in 12/13. The cause of these fires has predominantly been cooking related and where combustible articles have been positioned too close to heat sources. Whilst smoke detection was present in the majority of these households, advice and information is clearly required to reduce the risks of fires from cooking and combustible articles. This will be carried out through the Home Fire Safety programme.

- 3.3. Non-domestic fires have increased over the same period and further work has commenced to identify why there has been an increase and to continue to work closely with local businesses to reduce fire risks in this sector.
- 3.4. False alarm calls have increased marginally, with a small rise in the number of malicious calls. SFRS continue to work closely with schools to educate young people on the risks of malicious calls. SFRS also continue to work with local businesses on legislative fire safety and reducing the proportion of false calls from this sector. We are working to identify commercial and non-residential premises which have received multiple false calls over the reporting period to provide advice and information on fire safety.
- 3.5. There have been no fire related casualties or fatalities in the reporting period. Work is ongoing to identify and support vulnerable people in Clackmannanshire, through the Home Fire Safety Programme and Fire Safety referrals through the multi-agency Vulnerable Persons Reporting (VPR) system. A programme of education and awareness raising is also ongoing with professionals working with vulnerable people so that fire risks can be identified and acted upon for those at higher risks of fire.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. There are no sustainability implications directly arising from this report.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. Financial Details

- 5.2. There are no financial implications for Clackmannanshire Council arising from this report.

- 5.3. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

- 5.4. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.5. Staffing

- 5.6. There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

6.0 Exempt Reports

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

7.0 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

8.0 Appendices

8.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

a) Performance Report (Covalent).

9.0 Background Papers

9.1 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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Appendix 1 - Clackmannanshire Local Fire Plan Performance Report Qtr 1 13/14



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Covalent Ref.	PI Description	2012/13	2013/14	Q1 2013/14		Latest Note
		Value	Target	Value	Short Trend	
SAP FIR 01a	Number of accidental dwelling fires	39	35	10	?	There were 10 accidental dwelling fires during the first quarter, an increase of 1 incident when compared to the same reporting period during 2012/13. 50% of accidental dwelling fires in the first qtr occurred in Alloa South Ward. The main causes of these incidents were cooking and cooking related activities and combustible articles positioned too close to a heat source. In 8 incidents we were able to identify the person whose actions caused the fire; 5 incidents involved adults between the age of 18 and 64, with 3 incidents involving adults aged 65 or over. Smoke detection was present in 8 of the 10 premises. None of these incidents had alcohol or drugs noted as a contributory factor.
SAP FIR 01c	Number of instances of deliberate fire setting	111	100	34	?	There were 34 instances in the first reporting quarter. Whilst we have seen a reduction of 3 deliberate primary fires, we have seen an increase of 5 deliberate secondary fires when compared against qtr one in 2012/13. Of these secondary fires 47% involved grassland/heathland or other small vegetation, 20% involved refuse or refuse containers and 17% involved trees.
SAP FIR 01d	Number of non-domestic fires	22	20	7	?	There were 7 non-domestic fires during this reporting period, an increase of 4 when compared to the same period during 2012/13. 3 of these fires were deliberately started.
SAP FIR 02c	Number of fire casualties	9	7	0	?	There have been no fire casualties in the first quarter of 2012/13
SAP FIR 03b	Number of false alarms	367	330	110	?	There has been a slight increase in False Alarms during the reporting period when compared with the same period in 2012/13. This increase is mainly due to malicious calls increasing from 3 to 7 in the quarter. A new national policy for dealing with False Alarms is to be introduced in the next quarter which will improve management of such calls and will promote a reduction
SAP FIR 04a	Number of road traffic collisions	77	73	17	?	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attended 2 RTC's during the reporting period, a decrease of 3 incidents compared with the same period during 2012/13. One of these incidents required casualties to be extricated.
SAP FIR 02a	Number of fatalities arising from accidental fires	1	0	0	?	There have been no fatalities arising from accidental fires in the first quarter of 2013/14.

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SAP FIR 001	Home Fire Safety visits. Number targeted at vulnerable people	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px;"></div></div> 25%	✓	158 home fire safety visits have been carried out in the reporting qtr. 86 of these were targeted at people considered vulnerable or high risk.
SAP FIR 002	Data analysis to ensure engagement is targeted at vulnerable groups	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 35%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px;"></div></div> 35%	✓	SFRS monitor engagement activities to ensure that they are targeted where most required. Through improved partnership referrals the skills and knowledge of our partners are being used to proactively target people at risk. The service also monitors the operational response to identify any trends and through reactive measures we ensure that these are addressed.
SAP FIR 003	Links with community and community partners	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px;"></div></div> 25%	✓	SFRS are represented on key partner forums including the Clackmannanshire Alliance and Community Well-being Partnership. SFRS attend the JCCF and community Councils meetings on a rotational basis/by request. LSO also attended TRFs in Clackmannanshire to engage local communities and raise the profile of the new service and the Fire Plan for Clackmannanshire.
SAP FIR 004	Awareness raising in Clackmannanshire - social media.	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 0%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px;"></div></div> 0%	✓	Progress against this action has not yet commenced. National guidance on use of social media as a communications tool is expected early in quarter 3.
SAP FIR 005	Diversionary activities with young people at risk of fire setting and fire ASB	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 0%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px;"></div></div> 0%	✓	Two ASKS (Act Safe Keep Safe courses) are scheduled before end of financial year. These courses target 13-16 year olds who have been identified as at risk groups of fire related ASB, through their behaviours. Referrals to the courses are made by schools/police/social workers and are 5 day intensive training and awareness raising courses based at Alloa Fire Station. By March 2014 12 local young people will have participated in the course. Evaluation of previous courses has been positive.
SAP FIR 006	Identify young people at risk of fire setting and fire ASB	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 35%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px;"></div></div> 35%	✓	Partnerships are established with Police Scotland, Barnardos, Axis and Early and Effective Intervention - Youth Justice Referrals of which ASKS and one to one interventions are in place through the Childrens Reporter. 3 young people have been referred in the reporting quarter.
SAP FIR 007	Supporting young firesetters, school education and ASKS programmes	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 35%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px;"></div></div> 35%	✓	Continued support through advice and meetings with young people identified through firesetters programme. SFRS participate in the schools education programme tying in with Curriculum For Excellence.
SAP FIR 008	Improve information sharing with partners	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 35%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px;"></div></div> 35%	✓	SFRS are represented on key partner forums including the Clackmannanshire Alliance and Community Well-being Partnership. Key officers also represent the service on a number of operational forums for example ASB Ops, Youth Justice Referral Group. The service has an established Vulnerable Persons Referral process whereby Police Officers can refer members of the community who may be at risk of fire to the SFRS.
SAP FIR 009	Identify high risk commercial premises	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px;"></div></div> 100%	✓	Through the risk proportionate audit process high risk premises are identified. This process is under constant review. Businesses that are considered high risk commercially include premises where high numbers of people are employed or where a valuable or unique service is offered to the community.
SAP FIR 010	Carry out annual safety audits of these premises	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px;"></div></div> 25%	✓	Premises that are identified as high risk are audited on an annual basis by a local enforcement officer. 20 high risk premises have been audited in the

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SAP FIR 011	Work in partnership to ensure business continuity	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 50%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px; width: 50%;"></div></div> 50%	✓	Enforcement officers are available to give fire safety advice to duty holders when requested. The service works in partnership with Healthy Working Lives programme to support and educate businesses on risks at work.
SAP FIR 012	Provide accessible information on fire safety and fire legislation for businesses through various communications channels	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 50%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px; width: 50%;"></div></div> 50%	✓	Relevant Fire Safety Risk Assessment advice is given to duty holders when required to support their compliance with Fire Safety Law. Businesses are signposted to the government web site for Fire Safety legislation on all correspondence.
SAP FIR 013	Work with owners and occupiers of commercial premises to raise awareness of impact of false alarms and unwanted fire alarm signals	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px; width: 25%;"></div></div> 25%	✓	Through the audit process, advice and assistance is given to businesses to ensure that fire alarm systems are appropriately installed and maintained to reduce the incidences of unwanted fire alarm signals and the negative impact that they can have both on businesses and the fire service.
SAP FIR 014	Target buildings with high levels of unwanted fire alarm signals to ensure they have appropriate procedures in place	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px; width: 25%;"></div></div> 25%	✓	Premises with high and disproportionate rates of unwanted fire alarm calls are visited. Managers and relevant duty holders are brought together to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to reduce unwanted fire alarm signals.
SAP FIR 015	Share information and develop engagement programmes to reduce the number of malicious calls	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px; width: 25%;"></div></div> 25%	✓	Working in partnerships with Police Scotland, Restorative Justice and Education Authority to identify and work with partners to engage early on with problem areas shown to be of concern. Using partners to refer and provide statistical info on issues relevant.
SAP FIR 016	Support educational work targeted at high risk groups on driving safety, work in partnership to get messages across to targetted groups	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px; width: 25%;"></div></div> 25%	✓	On-going delivery to Year 4-6 at high schools on Road Safety. Passenger and pedestrian advice forms part of the safety input delivered to primary schools. Safe Drive Stay Alive programme is scheduled with all S4-6 in Jan 2014.
SAP FIR 017	Provide information and data to partners on RTC hotspots and inform road safety initiatives in Clacks	31-Mar-2014	<div style="width: 20%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px; width: 20%;"></div></div> 20%	✓	Working with Police Scotland to provide statistical info on "hot spots" delivering localised road safety inputs to local area(s). Partnership with Transport Planning Officers from Clackmannan and Stirling to provide real time information and assistance.

