

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

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APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN FOR PERTH AND KINROSS**Report by Executive Director (Housing and Community Care)****ABSTRACT**

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has created the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service which has replaced the previous eight services including Tayside Fire and Rescue. A requirement of the Act is that the new service must prepare and a Fire and Rescue Plan for each local authority area and submit it to the relevant local authority for approval. This report introduces the Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 1st April 2013 as a result of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 the eight Fire and Rescue Services in Scotland were combined to become the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). The eight Fire and Rescue Boards which provided governance and scrutiny to the Services were also abolished at this same time and were replaced by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board. Their role is to provide the necessary checks and balances to make sure that the SFRS demonstrates maximum value for the people of Scotland. Its 12 members were appointed by the Scottish Government and are accountable to Ministers and Parliament.
- 1.2 The Chief Fire Officer of the SFRS is Alasdair Hay. The Local Senior Officer for Perth and Kinross is Area Manager Dave Stapely. He is assisted by Group Manager Rab Middlemiss.
- 1.3 Section 115 of the Act requires the SFRS to prepare a local fire and rescue plan for each local authority area and to submit it to the relevant local authority for approval.
- 1.4 The Act states that the local fire and rescue plan will set out —
 - (a) the priorities and objectives for SFRS in connection with the carrying out in the local authority's area of SFRS's functions,
 - (b) the reasons for selecting each of those priorities and objectives,
 - (c) how SFRS proposes to deliver those priorities and objectives,
 - (d) in so far as is reasonably practicable, outcomes by reference to which delivery of those priorities and objectives can be measured,
 - (e) how those priorities and objectives are expected to contribute to the delivery of any other relevant local outcomes which are identified by community planning,
 - (f) such other matters relating to the carrying out of SFRS's functions in the local authority's area as SFRS thinks fit.

- 1.5 Whilst the SFRS Board has the primary role in the scrutiny of the performance of the SFRS the Act allows Local Authorities to monitor and provide feedback on the operation and performance of local Fire and Rescue Services in their area. To facilitate this the Act requires the SFRS to provide the Local Authority with “such information or reports relating to the carrying out of SFRS’s functions in the authority’s area (including reports given by reference to any local fire and rescue plan in force for the area) as the authority may reasonably request”.
- 1.6 At its meeting on 19 December 2012 the Council agreed that the future role of the Council in relation to the SFRS be referred to the Community Safety Committee, subject to the local police and fire and rescue plans being submitted to full Council in the first instance for approval.
- 1.7 The SFRS has prepared the first Local Fire and Rescue for Perth and Kinross which is attached at Appendix I.
- 1.8 The Act anticipates that Fire and Rescue Plans will be set for three years. However the SFRS is undergoing significant structural changes as it establishes itself and to allow for this and any further developments the initial Fire and Rescue Plan has been set for a period of one year.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2013 sets out the Scottish Governments expectations of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. It sets out the strategic priorities and objectives for the new service, with guidance and support on the carrying out of its functions. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan, which will be published in September 2013, details how the service will deliver against the priorities and objectives set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured.
- 2.2 The Perth and Kinross Local Fire and Rescue Plan sets out the key strategic priorities and objectives for the SFRS to progress within the Perth and Kinross area which have been developed by taking into account the Scottish Governments four pillars of reform; Prevention, Performance, People and Partnership as well as a range of other information sources. In addition they have been established by consulting and engaging with local communities and partner agencies.
- 2.3 The Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment and the Local Fire and Rescue Strategic Assessment were key tools for identifying fire and rescue priorities within Perth and Kinross. These assessments brought together a range of information, including fire and rescue incident data, intelligence from the local police, NHS Tayside and Perth and Kinross Council to identify local issues. It is through these assessments that SFRS were able to identify the priorities and objectives in the plan.

2.1 The plan identifies 7 local outcomes;

- Our local communities will be safer from fires and other emergencies.
- Our local communities will have less risk of becoming casualties of fires and other emergencies.
- Our local communities will be less fearful of fire related crime and disorder.
- Our local communities will suffer less disruption, damage and economic loss from fires and other emergencies.
- Our local heritage and environment will be better protected from harm.
- Our local firefighters will be safer, more informed about risk and better prepared to deal with fires and other emergencies when they occur in the local community.
- Our service will be continuously improving and delivering best value.

2.2 These priorities and objectives support the Council's strategic priorities.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The establishment of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is the biggest change to Fire and Rescue services to occur in Scotland for 38 years. The Chief Fire Officer and Local Senior Officer have all stated that local services will be given the highest priority. Scrutiny of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan will be the mechanism that the Council, through the Community Safety Committee, will be able monitor and comment on that commitment.

3.2 It is recommended that the Council approve the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross as attached at Appendix I.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The undernoted table should be completed for all reports. Where the answer is 'yes', the relevant section(s) should also be completed

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	None
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	N/A
External	N/A
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross will assist in the delivery of both the Perth and Kinross Community Plan and the Single Outcome Agreement in respect of the following local outcomes;

1. Our area will have a thriving and expanding economy
3. Our area will have a positive image locally, nationally and internationally
4. Our area will provide well paid employment opportunities for all
5. Our people will be well skilled and trained
6. Our young people will attain, achieve and reach their potential
7. Our children are nurtured and supported and have the best start in life
8. Our communities and people experiencing inequalities will have improved quality of life, life chances and health
9. Our communities will be safer
11. Our communities will be vibrant and active

Corporate Plan

1.2 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013-2018 lays out five strategic objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. The relevant strategic objectives in respect of this report are as follows:-

- Our young people will attain, achieve and reach their potential;
- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

2.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Workforce

2.2 There are no workforce implications arising from this report.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

2.3 There are Asset management implications arising from this report.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.

This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

- (i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA

Strategic Environmental Assessment

3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.

This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Act and:

Option 1 However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

Sustainability

- 3.3 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.

Not relevant for the purposes of this report

Legal and Governance

- 3.4 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan is a requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. There is no requirement on the Council to approve the plan and there are no sanctions contained in the Act if that approval is not given.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 The consultation process for the Local Fire and Rescue Plan was carried out by the SFRS and the process is described in it.

5. Communication

- 5.1 Not applicable.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report

3. APPENDICES

Appendix I – Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross.



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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Working together for a safer Scotland

Perth and Kinross

Local Fire and Rescue

Plan 2013 – 2014



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FOREWORD



Perth and Kinross is a safe place to live with the number of fires and related injuries at its lowest ever level, however safety remains an important issue for our communities. Through the Community Planning process Perth and Kinross Council has enjoyed a close and successful partnership with the Fire and Rescue Service for many years. We share the objectives set out in this Plan and together we are committed to focusing on tackling the issues which may negatively impact on communities to ensure they remain safe, strong and sustainable in the future.

Everyone has the right to live in safe communities, where they feel secure, protected and able to go about their daily business without fear of fire and other emergencies. The Council supports the action detailed in the plan, and particularly welcomes the focus on prevention activities targeted at the most vulnerable members of society. We welcome the commitment of the Fire and Rescue Service to providing high quality services and to strengthening its connection with local communities.

The Council looks forward to continuing our excellent working relationship with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service at every level in Perth and Kinross. We share the emphasis on early intervention and prevention. In addition the scrutiny process which will be carried out by the Council on this plan will allow local elected members to have an important role in the development of priorities and the achievement of better outcomes for communities.

Councillor Ian Miller

Leader of Perth & Kinross Council

WELCOME – LOCAL SENIOR OFFICER



As the Local Senior Officer I am pleased to present the communities of Perth and Kinross the first Local Fire and Rescue Plan on behalf of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). The Local Senior Officer (LSO) is a new statutory role, under the Police and Fire Reform Scotland Act 2012, to which the key local functions of the SFRS have been delegated. The LSO has a duty to work with the local authority to set priorities and objectives for fire and rescue services in the local area, and is required to prepare a local Fire and Rescue Plan which meets the needs of the local area and is approved by the local authority.

The legislation establishes the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the integration of the existing eight services, commencing on the 1 April 2013. The change is part of the Scottish Governments wider reform of public services to ensure more effective delivery of public services through increased Partnership and community engagement to deliver Public Services, which are responsive to local needs.

The 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. This outcome-focused purpose ensures that the delivery of fire and rescue services is dynamic, effective and trusted and delivered in partnership to make communities safer and stronger, through prevention and community engagement.

The SFRS has a statutory duty to reduce the risks to our communities whilst delivering best value and securing continuous improvement. In doing so it must first understand this risk through a robust process of national and local Strategic Assessment. The Local Fire Plan recognises the significance of Place and seeks to ensure that the local fire and rescue service contributes to the delivery of improved outcomes to the communities of Perth and Kinross.

Due to the previous work conducted by the personnel of Tayside Fire Brigade and latterly Tayside Fire and Rescue, we have seen a significant reduction in fires, fire casualties and other emergency incidents in the Perth and Kinross area. This has been further enhanced by the building of strong effective relationships and partnership working with many of our communities and partner agencies. My aim and personal commitment as the designated Local Senior Officer, is to continue to build on this success and further develop these relationships and partnership approach to continue to drive down the occurrences of fires and other emergencies ultimately making the communities of Perth and Kinross a safer place to live and work.

This plan therefore sets out the key strategic priorities and objectives for the SFRS to progress within the Perth and Kinross area which have been developed by taking into account the Scottish Governments four pillars of reform **Prevention, Performance, People** and **Partnership** as well as a range of other information sources. More critically these have been established by consulting and engaging with our local communities and partner agencies.

Area Manager Dave Stapley

Local Senior Officer

INTRODUCTION

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 provides the legislative framework that will support the work of the new single Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and includes local scrutiny and engagement arrangements for the delivery of local fire and rescue services that will protect

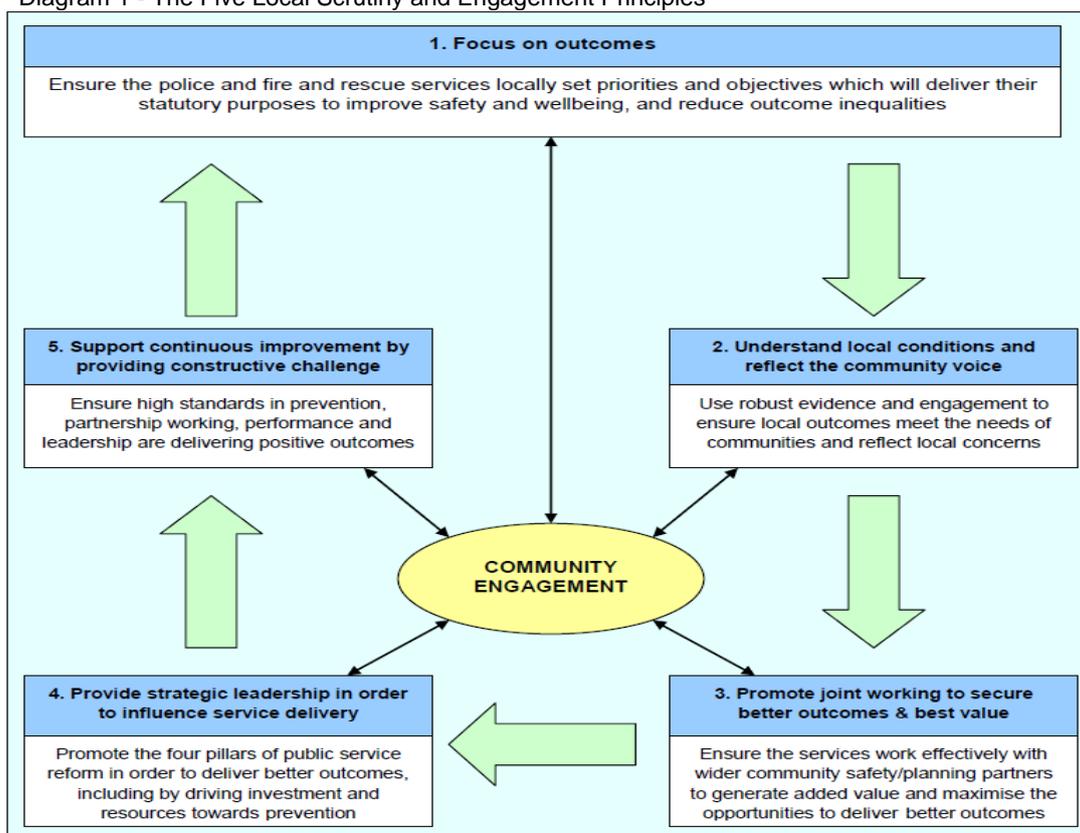
and improve local services and strengthen the connection between services and communities. These arrangements are based on the three key elements stated below, and aim to be delivered using the Five Principles for Good Scrutiny and Engagement, which are illustrated in Diagram 1.

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 - Local Scrutiny and Engagement Arrangements:

- **The designation of a Local Senior Officer (LSO)** with significant delegated authority and devolved resources for each local authority area;
- **The production of a Local Fire and Rescue Plan** for each local authority area, prepared by the Local Senior Officer, and agreed by the local authority (or authorities);
- **The creation of a strong formal relationship between councils and the services**, through which many more elected members will be able to play a direct and formal role in shaping local priorities and scrutinising performance.

As one of the key elements of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services Local Scrutiny and Engagement Arrangements, the Perth and Kinross Local Fire and Rescue Plan sets out the priorities and objectives for reducing the incidence of fire and other emergency incidents in the Perth and Kinross area. It contributes to the wider plans of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and Single Outcome Agreements (SOA), and through consultation and engagement with partner agencies and locally elected members, the plan will ensure that local needs are reflected in the priorities and objectives.

Diagram 1 - The Five Local Scrutiny and Engagement Principles



NATIONAL AND LOCAL CONTEXT

Scottish National Performance Framework

The Scottish National Performance Framework underpins the delivery of the Scottish Government's agenda which supports the outcomes-based approach to performance. The framework sets out the Scottish Governments Purpose, which is **to focus government and**

public services on creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth.

This core purpose is underpinned by five strategic objectives to make Scotland: **Wealthier and Fairer, Smarter, Healthier, Safer and Stronger, and Greener.**

Sixteen National Outcomes support these five strategic objectives and the new Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has a responsibility to contribute towards all of the national outcomes, although four in particular influences the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services strategic direction:

- **National outcome 9 –**
We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.
- **National outcome 6 –**
We live longer, healthier lives.
- **National outcome 11 –**
We have strong, resilient communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.
- **National outcome 16 –**
Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Priorities

The Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2013 sets out the Scottish Governments expectations of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. It sets out the strategic priorities and objectives for the new service, with guidance and support on the carrying out of its functions.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan, which will be published in September 2013 details how the service will deliver against the priorities and objectives set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured. The Strategic Plan will cover a three year period and will be reviewed periodically.

Local Fire and Rescue Plans

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan flows from the Strategic Plan and sets out the priorities and objectives for addressing local issues and supporting the national priorities identified in the Fire and Rescue Framework and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan. The Local Fire and Rescue Plan will also cover a three year period and along with the designation of a Local Senior Officer for each local authority, it is seen as one of the key elements for strengthening the connection between the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the communities it serves.

Single Outcome Agreements (SOA)

The main purpose of the SOA is to demonstrate how partners in each local authority area are working together to deliver local priorities which will assist the Scottish Government in achieving it's five high level strategic objectives and the sixteen National Outcomes. The Local Fire and Rescue Plan is expected to clearly demonstrate how it will support the local authority SOA.

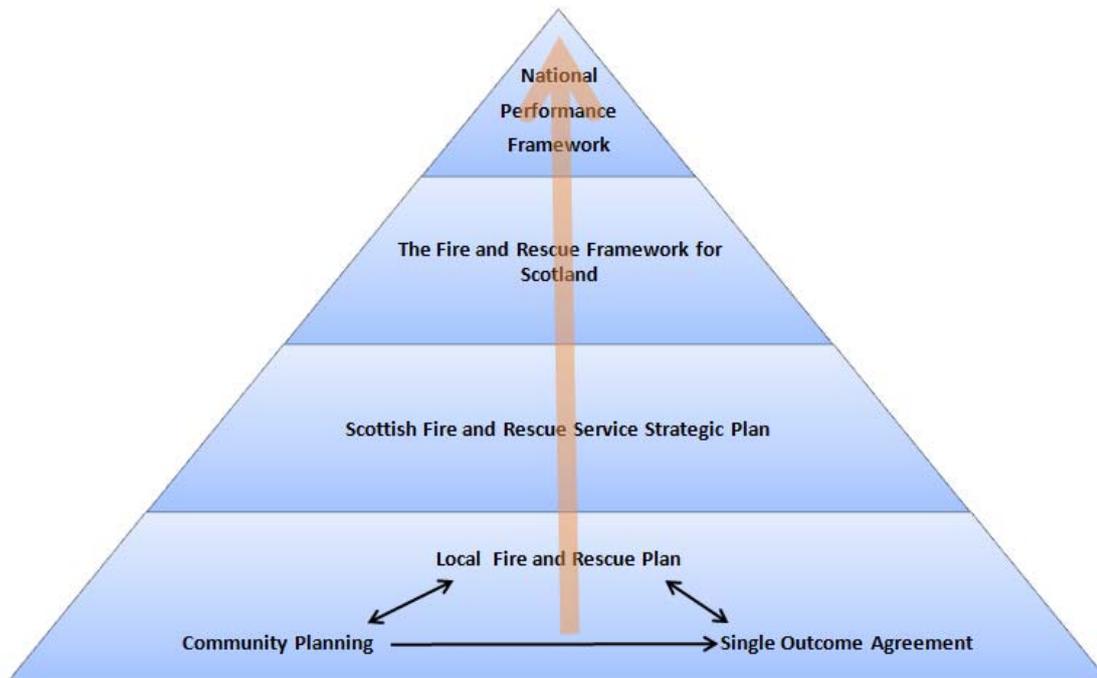
Community Planning Partnerships

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 places a statutory duty on local authorities, police and fire authorities to work in partnership with other public services and voluntary organisations to improve the delivery of services to communities using customer focussed outcomes. Local Authorities use the vehicle of Community Planning Partnerships to work together and provide resources to deliver the priorities within each SOA. The Local Senior Officer has a statutory

requirement to participate in Community Planning and therefore ensure that local fire and rescue structures are integrated with Local Community Planning arrangements, and the Local Fire and Rescue Plan is linked to the priorities of the Local Authority SOA.

Diagram 2 illustrates the importance of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan in supporting Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements, and by doing so underpinning the national priorities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Scottish Government.

Diagram 2 – National and Local Landscape



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Perth and Kinross Local Authority Area

Perth & Kinross is an area which lies in the heart of Scotland and covers an area of 5,286km². There are a total of 12 local council wards within Perth & Kinross area, these are:

- Carse of Gowrie
- Strathmore
- Blairgowrie and Glens
- Highland
- Strathtay
- Strathearn
- Strathallan
- Kinross-shire
- Almond and Earn
- Perth City South
- Perth City North
- Perth City Centre

Perth and Kinross borders onto the Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dundee City, Fife, Clackmannanshire, Stirling, Argyll and Bute and Highland council areas. Perth is the administrative centre for the area. It corresponds broadly, but not exactly, with the former counties of Perthshire and Kinross-shire. Perth remains a key transport hub for journeys by road and rail throughout Scotland. The M90 motorway runs south from the city to Edinburgh; the A9 road connects it to Stirling and Glasgow in the south west and Inverness in the north. Other major roads serving the city include the A85 to Crieff and Crianlarich (and ultimately Oban), the A93 to Blairgowrie and Braemar, the A94 to Coupar Angus and Forfar and the A90 to Dundee and Aberdeen.

Population Profile

Perth & Kinross has a population of 147,780 which is nearly 3% of the Scottish population. In the last three years the population has increased by approximately 4% and in the next three years the population is projected to increase by approximately 5%.

Perth City is the largest populace within Perth and Kinross and has a population of approximately 45,000. Perth and Kinross has an average population density of 28 persons per square kilometre; this is considerably lower than the Scottish average of 67 persons per sq km.

A breakdown of the current Perth & Kinross population profile is outlined in Table 1 below:

Table 1 – Perth & Kinross Population Profile

Population Factors	Perth & Kinross
Total population	147,780
% Male	49%
% Female	51%
% pensionable age	23.2%
% working age	60%
Male working age	47,068
Female working age	41,545
Unemployment (Age 16-64)	29,095

The Economy

The strength of the economy in Perth and Kinross lies in its diversity, with a balance of large companies, the public sector, a broad range of small and medium sized enterprises and many self-employed business people. The development in renewable energy, insurance,

manufacturing, leisure, health and transport is stimulating employment. The largest employer in the city is Perth & Kinross Council which employs approximately 6,000 people. Other main employers include NHS Tayside, Scottish and Southern Energy, Aviva and Perth College UHI (University of the Highlands and Islands). The leading international transportation company, Stagecoach Group also has its global headquarters in the city. Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service are both employers in the area that employ 300 or more staff.

Deprivation Profile

The claimant count unemployment rate in Perth & Kinross is 2.9% - This is lower than Scotland as a whole. In Perth & Kinross, 5% of the claimant count unemployed has been out of work for more than a year, compared to the Scotland average of 13%. The total population of Perth & Kinross has increased by 7% since 2001 [Scotland has increased by 2%]. The employment rate in Perth & Kinross is 79%. This is higher than the Scottish average of 75%. Compared to Scotland, there are a higher per cent of jobs in the retail and wholesale sectors, and hotels, and a lower per cent in the public sector and other services.

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2009 subdivides Scotland into 6,505 data zones from 1 being most deprived to 6,505 being the least deprived with an average population of 750 within each zone.

6 (3.4%) of Perth & Kinross's 175 data zones are found in the 15% most deprived data zones in Scotland, compared to 9 (5.1%) in 2006 and 3 (1.7%) in 2004.

75% of data zones in Perth & Kinross are in the 50% least deprived and similar patterns are seen on all the domains except for the access domain.

The 20% most deprived data zones in Perth & Kinross are mainly found in Perth, Crieff and Blairgowrie.

Source: Scottish Government, Analytical Services Division – Perth and Kinross Economic Briefing 17 February 2010

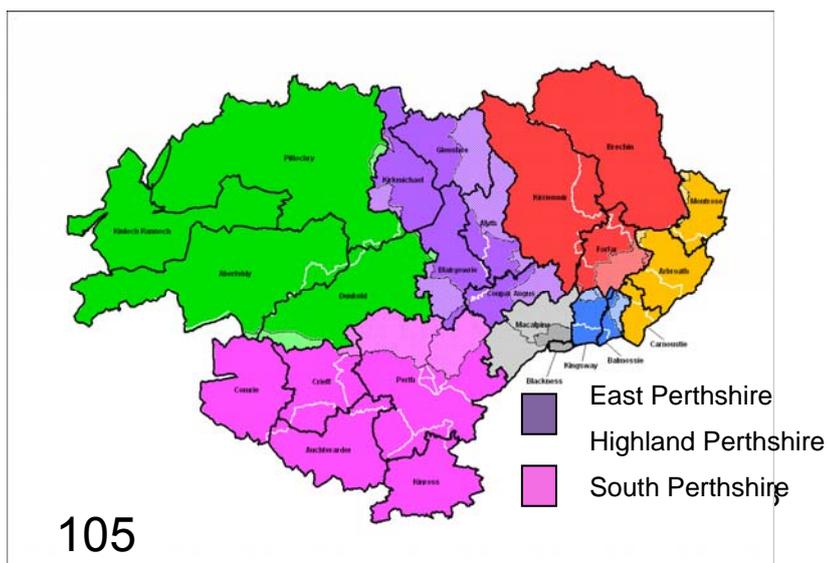
Infrastructure

Perth and Kinross is an ideal central location served by a first class network of fast motorways, dual-carriageways and express rail services offering unrivalled convenience and accessibility. Communication links within and from the area of Perth and Kinross boasts excellent public transport links which includes regular buses serving all our main towns, including school buses and post-buses take passengers to some of the most remote parts of Perthshire.

Perth occupies a key place in Railtrack's network as a major junction north of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Regular services are available to Glasgow, Edinburgh, London and Inverness. There are also local connections to Dundee, Arbroath and Montrose.

FIRE AND RESCUE ARRANGEMENTS

Perth and Kinross is served by one Wholetime Community Fire Station, seven Retained Community Fire Stations, 3 Volunteer Community Fire Stations, and a team of prevention and protection support staff. These fire and rescue resources come under the control of a Local Senior Officer (LSO)



who is accountable for using them effectively in order to deliver the priorities and objectives within the Perth and Kinross Fire and Rescue Plan.

The LSO is supported by a Group Manager, who coordinates the prevention, protection and response risk reduction strategies within Perth and Kinross. The strategies are delivered by Local Risk Managers (LRM), who have direct responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Community Fire Stations and supporting resources.

For fire and rescue purposes and to improve and support our local accountability, Perth and Kinross is divided into three Fire and Rescue Districts. Each district is aligned to specific council wards and under the command of a LRM.

Highland Perthshire

Council Wards: Strathtay and Highland

Local Risk Manager: Station Manager Bill Butterworth

Community Fire Stations:



Aberfeldy Community Fire Station



Dunkeld Community Fire station



Pitlochry Community Fire Station



Kinloch Rannoch Community Fire Station

South Perthshire

Council Wards: Strathearn, Strathallan, Kinross-shire, Almond and Earn, Perth City South, Perth City North, Perth City Centre and Carse of Gowrie.

Local Risk Manager: Station Manager Ewan Baird

Community Fire Stations:



Perth Community Fire Station



Auchterarder Community Fire Station



Crieff Community Fire Station



Comrie Community Fire Station



Kinross Community Fire Station

East Perthshire

Council Wards: Strathmore, and Blairgowrie and Glens

Local Risk Manager: Station Manager Scott Symon

Community Fire Stations:



Alyth Community Fire Station



Blairgowrie Community Fire Station



Coupar Angus Community Fire Station



Kirkmichael Community Fire Station



Glenshee Community Fire Station

Each Fire and Rescue District has an annual plan, which addresses the issues specific to the council wards and neighbourhoods it serves and links closely to the priorities and objectives set out in the Perth and Kinross Local Fire and Rescue Plan. The District Fire and Rescue Plan is delivered by local fire and rescue staff through engagement with the community and working closely with our partners at point of delivery to identify local solutions to local issues.

Diagram 4 illustrates the local fire and rescue structure, which aims to deliver the highest standard of prevention, protection and response services to the communities of Perth and Kinross.

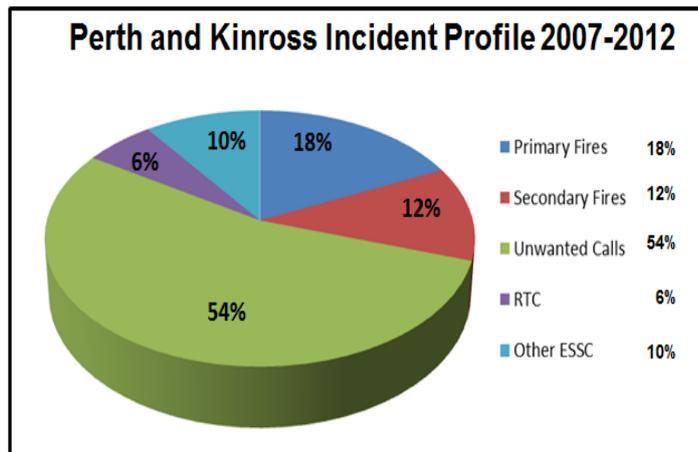
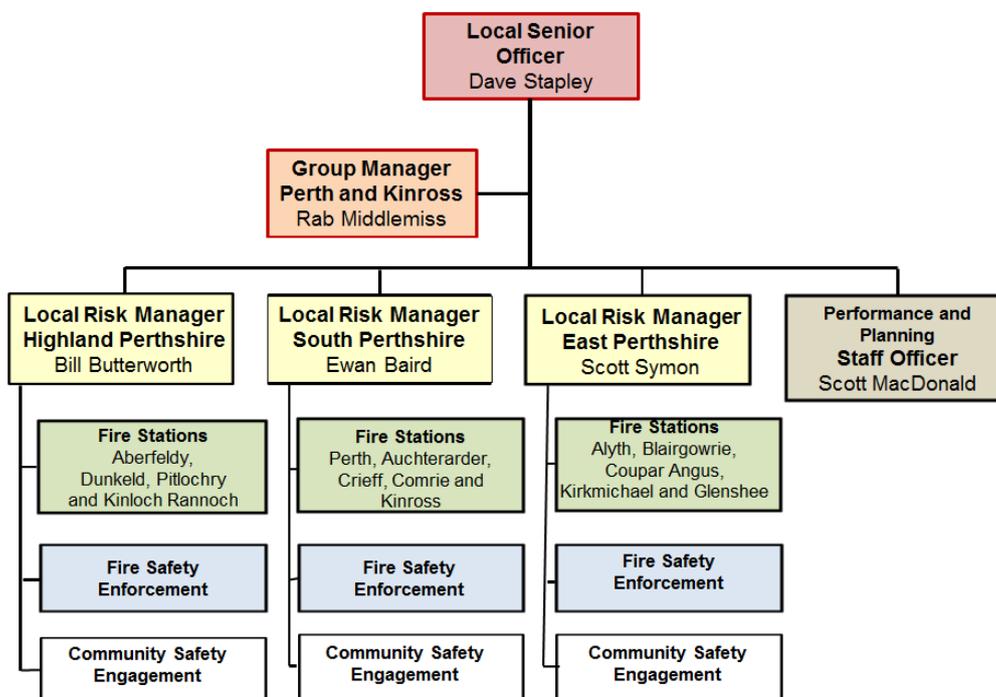


Diagram 4 – Local Fire and Rescue Structure



STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

The risk of incidents occurring within the Perth and Kinross area are factored into the decision making process when priorities and objectives are being agreed and set at local area level. The chart opposite therefore relates directly to the specific priorities and objectives that the Perth and Kinross Team will be focusing their attention on during 2013 – 14. These are areas that account for a greater proportion of incidents and risks, so our resources will be prioritised in these areas.

Primary Fires – (Primary fires typically include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fires involving casualties or rescues, or fires attended by five or more appliances)

Primary fires account for 17.7% (1534) of all incidents (8662) within the Perth and Kinross area. Approximately 43% of all primary fires are dwelling fires (fires in the home), with fires in non-

domestic/commercial properties and vehicle fires accounting for 33% and 24% respectively of all primary fires. Whilst it is pleasing to see a downward trend in the number of primary fires within the Perth and Kinross over the past 5 years – largely due to our Community Safety and Fire Safety Enforcement activities - because of their very nature dwelling fires still pose the greatest risk to life. A common cause of dwelling fires is cooking practices, with over 28% of dwelling fires in Perth and Kinross starting in the kitchen area. This trend is common throughout Tayside and there is also evidence that alcohol continues to be a contributory factor.

Analysis has identified that Perth City Centre, Perth City North, Strathmore and Blairgowrie & Glens areas account for the largest proportion of dwelling fires in the area and the highest percentage of people who are considered to be more vulnerable from fire. This includes the elderly, people who are in poor health, and people who live in areas of the town considered deprived as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). Vulnerable members of society are to be found in all areas of the community and this group will be a firm focus of our prevention activities. We will continue to provide education and support through our Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) Service, provide free smoke alarms and work with our partners to improve their overall health, safety and wellbeing.

Secondary Fires – (Secondary fires are typically outdoor incidents involving grassland and refuse fires, unless casualties are sustained, rescue is required, property is lost or more than five appliances attend)

Secondary fires account for 12% of all incidents within Perth & Kinross and these types of fire have dropped by approximately 44% over the past 5 years. The most common months for secondary fires in the district are March and November. November, a traditionally busy month for the fire and rescue service has the highest instance of secondary fires. Approximately 68% of all secondary fires in the district are deliberate, which is below the Tayside average of 88%. The majority of these deliberate fires involved refuse being set alight, and although such fires may start off as relatively minor they have the potential to spread if they are situated in close proximity to buildings. Furthermore, the societal cost of a deliberate secondary fire has been estimated at £2000; so in the current economic climate, this form of anti-social behaviour has the potential to have an impact on the local fire and rescue service and the communities of Perth & Kinross.

We will continue to work closely with Tayside Police and our other partners to ensure the sustained reduction of this type of incident and its effect on our communities.

Unwanted Calls – (Unwanted calls include all types of false alarm calls whether of accidental or malicious nature)

Unwanted calls account for 54% of all incidents within the Perth & Kinross areas - the highest proportion of all incident categories. The vast majority of unwanted calls attended within the district are Unwanted Fire Signals (UwFS) from fire detection systems in buildings. The trend indicates a continuing rise in the number of such calls. This rise appears to correlate with modern fire alarm systems becoming more complex in their design and installation. The rise in unwanted calls will therefore continue to place a burden on our resources and reduce time spent on other core activities such as Community Safety Engagement and training. There is also the financial impact of unwanted calls where it's estimated that the cost of dealing with each call is approximately £2000. The following premises consistently appear in the top ten list of establishments where Perth & Kinross fire and rescue resources attend activations of their fire alarm system:

- Perth Prison
- Perth Royal Infirmary
- Murray Royal Hospital
- Crieff Hydro Hotel
- Ramada Jarvis Hotel – Perth
- UHI – Perth College

A large percentage of unwanted calls originate in these premises and we will continue to identify high risk premises / areas and utilise a combination of our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers and other partners to ensure that relevant premises are complying with their duties under Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005. Also our community safety personnel will continue to work with responsible representatives from these buildings and at other locations where we frequently experience UwFS to reduce and where practicable eliminate these.

Other Emergency Special Service Calls (ESSC's) – (ESSC's typically include all emergency responses to incidents not involving fire or Road Traffic Collisions (e.g. flooding and other severe weather events, lift rescues etc.)

Other ESSC account for 10% of all incidents attended within the Perth & Kinross Area. These types of incident are very diverse and can range from dealing with spills and leaks to animal rescues and flooding. Over the past 5 years there has been a slight increase in the number of ESSC incidents within the districts. This rise may correlate to the increase in the instances of severe weather that has been experienced and the resulting work to make the communities safe from dangers such as loose masonry, unsafe icicles and flooding. Flooding is a priority that we will work on along with relevant partner agencies to improve resilience and capability within our communities.

A large number of these calls relate to releasing people from lift cars in both commercial and domestic premises. Over the past 5 years there has been an increase in the number of callouts to domestic properties which have suffered burst pipes or other events which result in water leaks. Much of the damage caused at these incidents could have been dealt with adequately by the householder if they had known how to isolate their water supply therefore we will continue to work with our partners (e.g. PKC, Scottish Water, SEPA, Scottish Flood Forum) to provide information to the public and local businesses to reduce the impact of this.

Road Traffic Collisions (RTC)

RTC's account for 6% of all incidents attended within the Perth & Kinross Area. The mixture of urban and rural roads in the area lends itself to high speed collisions that require fire and rescue service assistance. By plotting these RTC's using mapping software we are able to identify RTC black spots in the local area and therefore consider our actions for reducing such risks in partnership with other agencies.

Our analysis has identified that the majority of RTC's we attend in the Perth and Kinross area are located on the A9, M90, A90, A85 Perth to Crianlarich and also on the A93 Perth to Blairgowrie roadways.

We will therefore continue to work with our various partners to raise awareness of road safety, target specific age groups with a focus on young drivers and ensure that we effectively contribute to reducing the occurrence of Road Traffic Collisions on our road network.

PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

How we developed the Priorities and Objectives

The local fire and rescue priorities and objectives for Perth and Kinross are detailed on pages 17 to 24 of the plan. The following information therefore provides an overview of the key factors that influenced the development of these priorities and objectives.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Priorities

The Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2013 sets out the strategic priorities for the new Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) as it comes into being on 01 April 2013. It is a key document for the SFRS in the carrying out of its functions and was therefore influential in the shaping of our fire and rescue services at local level. It is through this document that the strategic direction for determining local fire and rescue priorities and objectives has been set. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Strategic Plan sets out the SFRS's national priorities and when published around September 2013 will also be influential in the setting of future local priorities and objectives.

Community Engagement

Understanding local conditions and reflecting the community voice is one of the key principles for good scrutiny and engagement. At local level, the priorities and objectives have therefore been shaped and influenced by the communities of Perth and Kinross through a programme of organised engagement and consultation events. These events involved holding a number of focus group workshops with a range of stakeholders in Perth and Kinross, including locally elected members, partner agencies, staff and business representatives, in order to collect in-depth information about local concerns and what they want from their local fire and rescue service. Furthermore, surveys were conducted with the wider community of Perth and Kinross in order to give them an opportunity to have their say about our proposed priorities and objectives before being refined and presented for approval at the Perth and Kinross Council Policy and Resources Committee.

Strategic Assessment

The Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment and the Local Fire and Rescue Strategic Assessment are also key tools for identifying fire and rescue priorities within Perth and Kinross. These assessments brought together a range of information, including fire and rescue incident data, intelligence from the local police, NHS Tayside and Perth and Kinross Council to identify local issues. It is through these assessments we are able to identify where in Perth and Kinross our priorities and objectives are to be focussed and therefore target our resources accordingly.

Outcome Focussed

The local fire and rescue priorities and objectives are required to contribute to the success of local and national outcomes. It is therefore the following outcomes that have influenced the priorities and objectives, against which the achievement of the priorities and objectives will be measured:

Local Fire and Rescue Outcomes:

- Our local communities will be safer from fires and other emergencies.

- Our local communities will have less risk of becoming casualties of fires and other emergencies.
- Our local communities will be less fearful of fire related crime and disorder.
- Our local communities will suffer less disruption, damage and economic loss from fires and other emergencies.
- Our local heritage and environment will be better protected from harm.
- Our local firefighters will be safer, more informed about risk and better prepared to deal with fires and other emergencies when they occur in the local community.
- Our service will be continuously improving and delivering best value.

Perth and Kinross Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement, in particular:

- Nurtured and supported families
- Young people reach their potential
- People are ready for life and work
- Thriving, expanding economy
- High quality personalised care
- Older people are independent for longer
- Longer, healthier lives for all
- Attractive, welcoming environment
- Resilient, responsible and safe communities
- People in vulnerable circumstances are protected

Scottish Government National Outcomes, in particular:

- Outcome 9 – we live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.
- Outcome 6 – we live longer, healthier lives.
- Outcome 11 – we have strong, resilient communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.
- Outcome 16 – our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.

PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

1 - Reduce Casualties by 5%

Objectives for meeting the priority	Key activities for delivering the objectives
Reduce the number of deaths and injuries from dwelling fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Fire Safety Visits incorporating a wider 'Home Safety' partnership theme • Information sharing with partners to identify and target those with risk • Promotion and wider use of sprinkler systems in domestic housing
Reduce the number of deaths and injuries from non-domestic property fires (other buildings and motor vehicles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support and information to businesses in relation to fire safety • Identify fire and rescue service staff with appropriate legislative fire safety skills to act as known contact points for local businesses • Promotion and wider use of sprinkler systems in non-domestic premises
Reduce the number of deaths and injuries from road traffic collisions and other emergencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the delivery of the Safe Drive Stay Alive initiative whilst reviewing the target group and effectiveness of the event to continually improve outcomes • Consider other methods of communicating key road safety messages with partners • In partnership, support communities to develop and exercise local emergency plans

Outcomes	By meeting the priority and objectives we will have contributed to the following outcomes:
National Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 – we live longer, healthier lives • 9 – we live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger • 11 - we have strong, resilient communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others • 16 – our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs

Single Outcome Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurtured and supported families • Thriving, expanding economy • High quality personalised care
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people are independent for longer • Longer, healthier lives for all • Attractive, welcoming environment • Resilient, responsible and safe communities • People in vulnerable circumstances are protected
Local Fire and Rescue Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our local communities will be safer from fires and other emergencies • Our local communities will have less risk of becoming casualties of fires and other emergencies • Our local communities will be less fearful of fire related crime and disorder • Our local communities will suffer less disruption, damage and economic loss from fires and other emergencies • Our local heritage and environment will be better protected from harm • Our local firefighters will be safer, more informed about risk and better prepared to deal with fires and other emergencies when they occur in the local community • Our service will be continuously improving and delivering best value

2 - Reduce Primary Fires by 5%

Objectives for meeting the priority	
Key activities for delivering the objectives	
Reduce the number of fires in non-domestic properties (other buildings and motor vehicles)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support and information to businesses in relation to fire safety • Identify fire and rescue service staff with appropriate legislative fire safety skills to act as known contact points for local businesses • Promotion and wider use of sprinkler systems in non-domestic premises 	
Reduce the number of fires in dwellings	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Fire Safety Visits incorporating a wider 'Home Safety' partnership theme • Information sharing with partners to identify and target those with risk • Promotion and wider use of sprinkler systems in domestic housing stock 	

Outcomes	By meeting the priority and objectives we will have contributed to the following outcomes:
National Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 – we live longer, healthier lives • 9 – we live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger • 16 – our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs

Single Outcome Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurtured and supported families • Thriving, expanding economy • High quality personalised care • Older people are independent for longer • Longer, healthier lives for all • Attractive, welcoming environment • Resilient, responsible and safe communities • People in vulnerable circumstances are protected
Local Fire and Rescue Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our local communities will be safer from fires and other emergencies • Our local communities will have less risk of becoming casualties of fires and other emergencies • Our local communities will be less fearful of fire related crime and disorder • Our local communities will suffer less disruption, damage and economic loss from fires and other emergencies • Our local heritage and environment will be better protected from harm • Our local firefighters will be safer, more informed about risk and better prepared to deal with fires and other emergencies when they occur in the local community • Our service will be continuously improving and delivering best value

3 – Maintain Firefighter Safety and Operational Preparedness

Objectives for meeting the priority	Key activities for delivering the objectives
Maintain accurate operational risk information	Firefighters and Fire Safety Enforcement Officers gather information on local risks during visits which is made available to responding crews via mobile data terminals on fire engines
Maintain risk critical core skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver training programmes to Firefighters Review courses attended by Full-time Firefighters to establish if these can be accessed by Retained and Volunteer Firefighters
Maintain availability of fire and rescue resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support and information to premises in relation to fire safety and other good practice that will reduce unwanted fire signals from automatic fire alarm systems • Youth diversionary activities to educate and prevent target group from fire setting behaviour to reduce unwanted calls

Outcomes	By meeting the priority and objectives we will have contributed to the following outcomes:
National Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 – we live longer, healthier lives • 9 – we live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger • 11 - we have strong, resilient communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others • 16 – our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people’s needs
Single Outcome Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people reach their potential • People are ready for life and work • Thriving, expanding economy • Attractive, welcoming environment • Resilient, responsible and safe communities • People in vulnerable circumstances are protected
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4 - Reduce Deliberate Fires by 5%

Objectives for meeting the priority	Key activities for delivering the objectives
Reduce the number of all deliberate primary fires (domestic properties, other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth diversionary activities to educate and prevent target group from fire setting behaviour • Home Fire Safety Visits incorporating a wider ‘Home Safety’ partnership theme

buildings and motor vehicles).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing with partners to identify and target those with risk and undertake prevention initiatives (e.g. securing vacant premises)
Reduce the number of deliberate secondary fires (includes refuse fires).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth diversionary activities to educate and prevent target group from fire setting behaviour • Information sharing with partners to identify and target those with risk and undertake prevention initiatives (e.g. arrange uplift of combustible materials)

Outcomes	By meeting the priority and objectives we will have contributed to the following outcomes:
National Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 – we live longer, healthier lives • 9 – we live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger • 11 - we have strong, resilient communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others • 16 – our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people’s needs
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5 – Reduce Emergency Special Service Calls (ESSC) by 5%

Objectives for meeting the priority	Key activities for delivering the objectives
Reduce the impact of flooding incidents and other severe weather related events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support communities to develop and exercise local emergency plans
Reduce the number of other types of ESSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the delivery of the Safe Drive Stay Alive initiative whilst reviewing the target group and effectiveness of the event to continually improve • Consider other methods of communicating key road safety messages with partners • Provide other safety information (e.g. water safety) at public events and promote through social media and other forms of public communications

Outcomes	By meeting the priority and objectives we will have contributed to the following outcomes:
National Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 – we live longer, healthier lives • 9 – we live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger • 11 - we have strong, resilient communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others • 16 – our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people’s needs
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our local heritage and environment will be better protected from harm • Our local firefighters will be safer, more informed about risk and better prepared to deal with fires and other emergencies when they occur in the local community • Our service will be continuously improving and delivering best value
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6 – Reduce Unwanted Calls by 10%

Objectives for meeting the priority	Key activities for delivering the objectives
Reduce the number of malicious false alarm calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth diversionary activities to educate and prevent target group from fire setting behaviour • Information sharing with partners to identify and target those with risk and undertake prevention initiatives (e.g. Presentations to school aged children)
Reduce the number of false alarm calls due to Unwanted Fire Signals (UwFS) from non-domestic premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support and information to premises in relation to fire safety and other good practice that will reduce unwanted fire signals from automatic fire alarm systems • Identify fire and rescue service staff with appropriate legislative fire safety skills to act as known contact points for local businesses

Outcomes	By meeting the priority and objectives we will have contributed to the following outcomes:
National Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 – we live longer, healthier lives • 9 – we live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger • 11 - we have strong, resilient communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others • 16 – our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people’s needs
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7 – Increase Smoke Alarm Ownership 5%

Objectives for meeting the priority	Key activities for delivering the objectives
Increase the number of dwellings fitted with smoke alarms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Fire Safety Visits incorporating a wider ‘Home Safety’ partnership theme • Information sharing with partners to identify and target those with risk • Undertake public safety campaigns to promote smoke alarms ownership and provide these within properties where they are not fitted

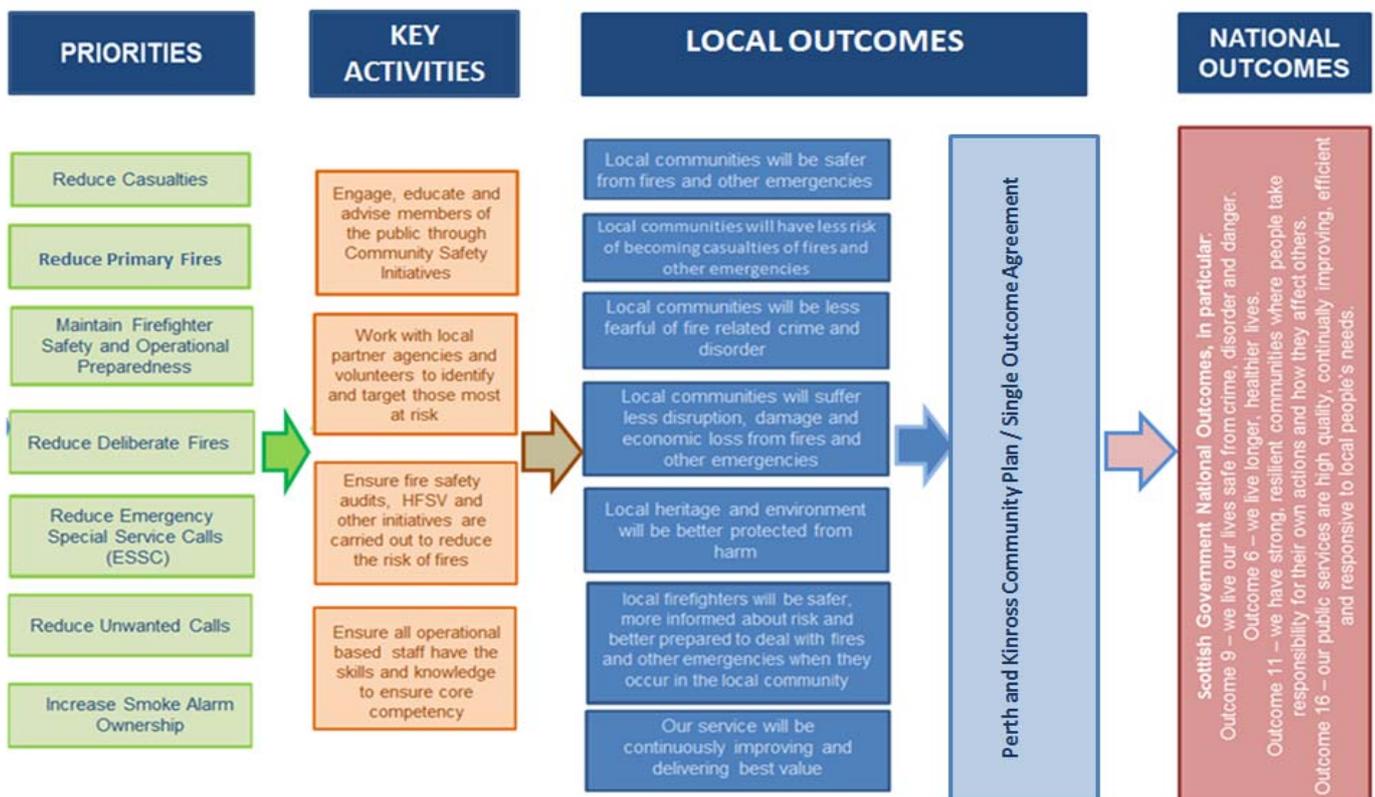
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Summary of Priorities and Objectives

Diagram 6 summarises the process of how the local fire and rescue priorities and objectives and key activities for delivering them, will contribute towards successful local outcomes (Local Fire and Rescue Outcomes and Single Outcome Agreements) and therefore support national outcomes (Scotland Performs).

Diagram 6 – Local priorities and activities contribution towards local and national outcomes



GOVERNANCE

Governance Arrangements for the Local Fire and Rescue Plan

Governance within the context of delivering an effective local fire and rescue service is concerned with responsibilities and accountabilities and how the local fire and rescue service will be scrutinised for effective performance against the delivery of the local priorities and objectives and desired outcomes.

The Perth and Kinross Council - Community Safety Committee will have responsibility for overseeing the efficient and effective delivery of the priorities and objectives in the Perth and Kinross Local Fire and Rescue Plan. The membership of the committee is made up of 13 councillors and is led by Councillor Douglas Pover. The Local Senior Officer will be held to account by the Community Safety Committee for preparing the Perth and Kinross Local Fire and Rescue Plan in consultation with elected members, community planning partners and communities, and then submitting it for approval by the committee.

Reporting Mechanisms

A quarterly performance report will be prepared by the Local Senior Officer for submission to the Perth and Kinross Community Safety Committee in July, November, January and April of each year. This will allow the committee to review progress being made against the priorities and objectives, and to make recommendations on any remedial action necessary. The quarterly performance reports will also be made available to a wider audience through the Perth and Kinross Council Website and Scottish Fire and Rescue Website.

An Annual Performance Report will be produced and submitted to the Perth and Kinross Community Safety Committee in May/June of each year, reporting on activities and progress relating to the previous financial year.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Supporting the governance and scrutiny of the Perth and Kinross Local Fire and Rescue Plan, are robust performance management arrangements, which will ensure that progress towards achieving the local priorities and objectives, and desired outcomes can be demonstrated to the Perth and Kinross Community Safety Committee, our partners and, more importantly, to our communities.

The suite of 14 performance indicators detailed in Table 2 below have been agreed by the committee as the measures that will be used to monitor progress towards achieving the local priorities and objectives, and desired outcomes.

An analysis of trend incident data has been conducted to ensure that targets set against the performance indicators are realistic and achievable. The performance indicators will also form the basis of the quarterly performance report, which will be used by the Perth and Kinross Community Safety Committee to review progress.

Table 2 – Local Area Performance Indicators

Local Area Performance Indicator (LAPI)		Priorities they will Measure	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Target
LAPI 1	No. of Fatalities arising from fires	1	0	1	4	0
LAPI 2	No. of injuries arising from fires	1	20	25	32	30
LAPI 3	No. of dwelling fires	2	138	127	126	120
LAPI 4	No. of other primary fires (includes non-domestic buildings and motor vehicles)	2	182	179	151	143
LAPI 5	% of operational personnel who have retained currency of risk critical core skills	3	N/A	N/A	46%	60%
LAPI 6	No. of deliberate primary fires	4	23	53	38	36
LAPI 7	No. of deliberate secondary fires	4	150	127	76	72
LAPI 8	No. of Emergency Service Special Call incidents (includes Road Traffic Collisions and Flooding)	5	453	338	307	292
LAPI 9	No. of malicious false alarm calls	6	40	53	40	38
LAPI 10	No. of Unwanted Fire Signal calls from non-domestic premises	6	969	966	979	881
LAPI 11	% of Dwelling fires where smoke detector operated	7	42%	39%	44%	49%
LAPI 12	No. of Home Fire Safety Visits	1 & 2	3954	4856	4411	3791
LAPI 13	No. of Legislative Fire Safety Audits	1 & 2	777	670	823	870
LAPI 14	No. of all work related injuries reported	3	18	5	5	4

N.B. - 2012-13 data has been forecasted due to data collation from the reporting period not yet being concluded. LAPI 5 was a new indicator established for the reporting year 2012-13 and subsequently there is no data available for previous years.

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EQUALITY STATEMENT

We work together with partner agencies to make the local communities of Perth and Kinross a safer place to live, work and visit.

While we acknowledge that all communities have different needs and aspirations, every individual and / or group is entitled to access the services we provide and we make every effort to ensure this is the case.

We treat all our service users with dignity and respect regardless of:

- Race
- Sex
- Age
- Disability
- Sexual Orientation
- Religion or belief
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy & maternity
- Marriage & civil partnership

Throughout the course of our interactions with the communities of Perth and Kinross we will look to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between individuals and groups.

During any community event we will endeavour to ensure that those with specific needs are accommodated, so they can participate fully.

The literature we provide, including this plan can be made available in an alternative format or language if specifically requested.

All of our relevant policies, procedures and projects have been equality impact assessed and are available for viewing if requested.

