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Report to: EAST Lothian Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Updates for East Lothian

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide the Committee with a short briefing paper relating to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) progress with elements of transformation and partnership working in East Lothian.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the East Lothian Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee notes the contents of this report.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Transformation work proposed by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is moving forward in two main ways at present. The introduction of a rapid response unit (RRU) at North Berwick has been progressed along with the securing of a rural full time post to support the retained fire stations across East Lothian. Other year one priorities, including the out of hospital cardiac arrest project (OHCA) which was piloted at Musselburgh, are still on hold awaiting the outcome of National (UK) pay negotiations with the Fire Brigades Union. The East/Midlothian Public Protection Committee (EMPPC) has recently signed off a referral pathway which should ensure fire as a risk is considered for all vulnerable service users. This is an extremely important partnership development to improve outcomes across East Lothian.

4 Rapid Response Unit:

4.1 Update:

The engagement with the firefighters, local councillors and community council in North Berwick has been very positive. The vehicle has now been delivered and the bespoke training has commenced. As part of a national rollout project the vehicle in North Berwick should be operational by the end of January 2019, ensuring the firefighters have been trained, are competent and confident with the equipment provided.

4.2 Equipment provision and benefits:

- **Bespoke appliance design**
- **Enhanced equipment provision**
- **Responding to community needs and risks**
- **Supports more flexible crewing model**
- **Significant SFRS investment and environmental benefits.**
- **Ultra-High Pressure Lance (UHPL) Fire Suppression System**
- **Bayley Splitstow 4.8m ladder**
- **Positive Pressure Ventilation Fan**
- **Battery Operated Combination Tool (For road traffic collisions)**
- **Remote Access Lighting System**
- **FLIR K2 Thermal Image Camera**
- **Operational Intelligence Tablet**
- **Defibrillator**
- **Trauma pack.**

Smaller but packs a punch

Mobilising more efficiently and effectively so we can deploy to a wider range of risks

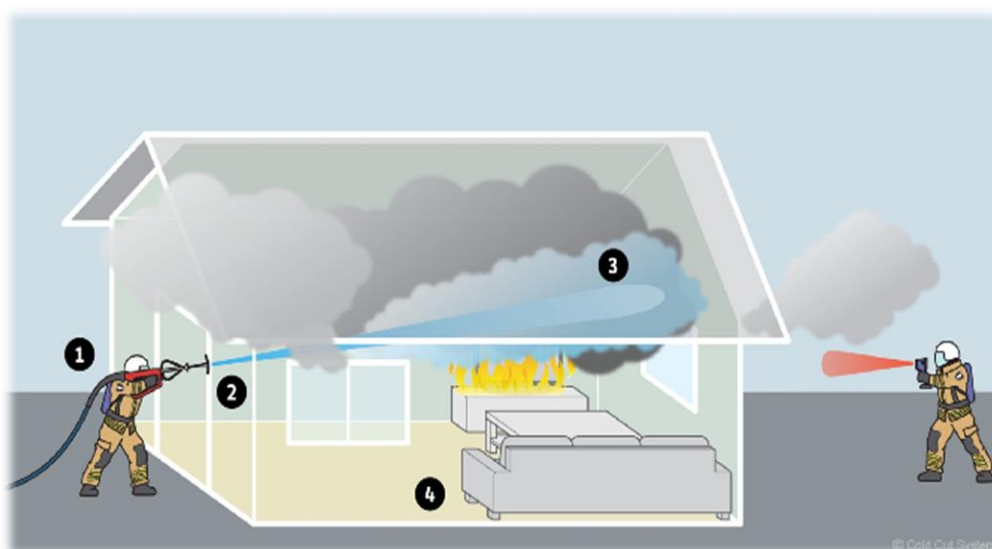
We're broadening our toolkit to include faster mid-sized vehicles so that we can deploy the right vehicle to the right incident.

A more effective **COMBINATION** of emergency vehicles

The advertisement features a red and yellow IVECO fire appliance with 'FIRE IVECO' on the front. To the right, a diagram shows a network of smaller vehicles connected by lines, illustrating a more effective combination of emergency vehicles.



Ultra-high pressure lance:



1. **Fight fire safely from outside** – with the door closed there is reduced risk for flashover & backdraught.
2. **A small entrance hole & water jet** - prevents air entrainment
3. **Long range and small water droplets** - high cooling effect by inversion
4. **Minimal water requirements** – Less demand on water supplies and reduced risk to property damage

5. Rural Fulltime Post (RFTP):

5.1 A major work stream within the SFRS Transformation proposals is the strengthening of the retained duty system (RDS) fire stations which are a critical element in service delivery for the SFRS across the Country. A new role has been developed to provide full time support to these fire stations utilising personnel with a working knowledge of the RDS and the local community. East Lothian has five RDS fire stations and a business case was put forward for one of the four posts allocated to the East of Scotland in year one of the project.

5.2 East Lothian has been successful in the process to secure a full time Watch Manager post and the selection process is underway with nine applicants from the RDS stations in the County. A training programme is being developed with a view to having the 18 successful applicants deployed across Scotland by the end of January.

5.3 Benefits of the RFTPs include:

- Strengthened resilience
- Enhanced local training
- Improve appliance availability
- Expanded prevention role
- Posts are dedicated to the area and non-transferable
- High value opportunities for rural communities
- A focus on local recruitment and retention of RDS personnel
- Enhanced focus on risk critical operational intelligence work

6 Referral Pathway reducing risk in East Lothian

6.1 Firefighters continue to deliver home fire safety visits across the County and as part of the Transformation proposals will seek to do more and develop the Living Safely in the Home pilot, delivered in the Musselburgh area, into a Safe and Well visit. As this project is developed it is important that local partnership work continues to seek improved outcomes for vulnerable service users in the County.

6.2 An important referral pathway for Health and Social care staff has been developed and signed off at the East and Midlothian Public Protection Committee (EMPPC) which will improve the information flow for risk information to allow prevention activities to be undertaken.

6.3 The pathway has been formally signed off on the 25th September and disseminated across the relevant partners by the Adult Protection Lead Officer and is recognised as an important partnership prevention development for all concerned.

