



**NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF
POLICE, FIRE and COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor L Bruce
Councillor F Dugdale
Councillor J Findlay
Councillor N Gilbert
Councillor J Goodfellow (Convener)
Councillor J Henderson
Councillor K McLeod

Police Scotland

Chief Superintendent L Clark
Chief Inspector S Duncan
Inspector K Warhurst

East and Midlothian Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Mr S Gourlay, Area Manager
Mr S Oliver, Station Manager – East Lothian

Council Officials Present:

Mr T Shearer, Head of Communities and Partnerships
Mr K Black, Safer Communities Team Leader
Ms C Dora, Executive Officer

Clerk:

Mrs L Gillingwater

Apologies:

Councillor C McGinn

Declarations of Interest:

None

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 29 NOVEMBER 2017

The Committee agreed to approve the minute of the meeting held on 29 November 2017.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Item 5: Service Transformation Presentation – in response to a comment from Councillor McLeod as regards the recruitment and retention of retained firefighters, Stephen Gourlay, Fire and Rescue Service Area Manager, advised that, as at the end of May across the five retained stations in East Lothian there were 1–1.75 vacancies, apart from North Berwick, which was carrying 6 vacancies. However, he reported that the situation at North Berwick was improving.

Item: 3: Matters Arising – Tom Shearer, Head of Infrastructure, reported that since the last meeting the CCTV recording facilities at the Contact Centre had been upgraded to a digital platform, and that a number of cameras had also been renewed. He added that cameras would be replaced on a priority basis, and that all cameras were currently fully functioning.

Councillor Findlay asked if CoSLA had reported back on CCTV provision across Scotland; Mr Shearer advised that those discussions had not yet concluded.

Item 6: Police Scotland Scrutiny Report, 1 April to 30 September 2017 – Chief Inspector Steven Duncan advised that he would not be able to provide a breakdown of historical and recent sexual crimes, due to data collection methods. He offered Members the opportunity to visit the Police Control Room; Members welcomed this invitation.

3. DEALING WITH ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services) advising of the number of antisocial behaviour complaints made to the Council during the reporting period (1 October 2017 – 31 March 2018) and advising of ongoing actions being undertaken by local partner agencies in tackling antisocial behaviour.

Kenny Black, Safer Communities Team Leader, presented the report. He drew particular attention to Sections 3.7-3.8 of the report, noting the reduction in antisocial behaviour complaints and the nature of complaints. He advised that there were currently 24 live ASBOs in place in East Lothian. Referring to Sections 3.9-3.11, Mr Black outlined measures in place to reduce antisocial behaviour. He also made reference to a new app which would allow members of the public to report antisocial behaviour from mobile devices.

In response to questions from Members, Mr Black provided an explanation as to how multi-faceted complaints were categorised. He noted that the various agencies met weekly to consider the targeting of resources to antisocial behaviour 'hot spots', and that, where appropriate, parental advisory letters were issued with a view to preventing young people participating in antisocial behaviour – certain checks were carried out with social services prior to issuing the letters. He advised that, by law, ASBOs could not be given to children under 12 years of age, and that those over 16 years of age were dealt with as an adult (unless under a supervision order). With reference to the Antisocial Behaviour Policy, Mr Black pointed out that tenants of social or private landlords could be evicted for committing antisocial behaviour offences. He also highlighted the powers available to community wardens, noting that any changes to these powers would be subject to a change in legislation.

Councillor McLeod paid tribute to the work of the Safer Communities Team in tackling antisocial behaviour. His views were shared by Councillor Goodfellow.

Discussion

The Committee agreed to note the report.

4. SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICING 2017/18

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services) providing a response to a request from the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) for local authority views to feed into their Annual Review of Policing 2017/18.

Christine Dora, Executive Officer, presented the report, drawing attention to a number of aspects of the draft response to the Annual Review of Policing. She advised that the response had been drafted with the input of relevant Council officers and Councillor Goodfellow.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the draft response (attached at Appendix A to the report).

5. POLICE SCOTLAND SCRUTINY REPORT, 1 OCTOBER 2017 – 31 MARCH 2018

Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark introduced Chief Inspector Steven Duncan, who had recently taken over from Chief Inspector Matt Paden, who was now working within the public protection unit. She spoke of improvement and engagement activities underway within Police Scotland and advised that Members would be invited to contribute their views on this. She also drew attention to the successful Police Scotland Youth Volunteers initiative.

Chief Inspector Duncan provided a detailed summary of the performance report, highlighting the change in the format of the report. He advised of the performance results for each of the eight categories compared with the previous year, as well as highlighting prevention, intervention and enforcement activity.

Chief Inspector Duncan responded to a number of questions on roads policing, advising that this service was part of a national division, with hubs in Dalkeith and Duns, and that there were ongoing discussions as regards establishing an additional hub between those locations, as well as other proposed changes to this function. He noted that Police Scotland discussed roads-related issues with the Council on a regular basis. He added that road traffic collisions on the A1 were included in the statistics – he offered to provide more detailed information on this in future. He also undertook to provide further information on the use of Pro Laser speed guns.

In response to a question from Councillor Henderson on agricultural vehicles on rural public roads, Chief Superintendent Clark highlighted the challenges in addressing driver behaviour, but suggested that action could be taken, such as a leaflet drop to farmers, or through the rural crime group. She undertook to give this issue further consideration.

On sexual crimes, Chief Inspector Duncan reported that the detection rate had remained relatively unchanged over the past five years, and on domestic abuse, he advised that 'Bystander' training was carried out by community safety officers who targeted certain groups; he noted that this could be rolled out further.

Councillor McLeod asked about trends as regards re-offending. Chief Inspector Duncan indicated that there was a direct link between spikes in crime and offenders who had just been released from prison, particularly as regards car and drug-related crimes.

Councillor Henderson asked about public engagement, referring to the poor attendance at CAPP meetings. Chief Inspector Duncan reported that this was an area under discussion; he noted that CAPP meetings would be promoted via social media. Chief Superintendent Clark added that it was hoped that there could be national action on communication and engagement.

Councillor Bruce paid tribute to the community officers working within his ward. Chief Superintendent Clark also expressed her gratitude regarding the discretionary efforts of officers.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the report.

6. ARMED POLICING – VERBAL UPDATE

Inspector Keith Warhurst provided the Committee with an update on armed policing activities within East Lothian. He informed the Committee that a national armed policing unit had been established on the creation of Police Scotland, and that armed response vehicles (ARVs) were equipped with guns and ammunition. He advised that as well as carrying out high-visibility patrols, officers in ARVs may also be deployed to other priority incidents. He provided an explanation of the training required of armed officers, and as to how this resource was utilised. He appreciated that members of the public may have concerns about armed policing, but he assured the Committee that a number of measures were in place to ensure that resources were deployed appropriately. He added that feedback from the public on the use of armed policing had been positive.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the update.

7. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (SFRS) LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT, 1 OCTOBER 2017 – 31 MARCH 2018

Stephen Gourlay, SFRS Area Manager, summarised the key points of the report. He noted that there had been 1595 incidents in 2017/18, an increase of 118 compared to the previous year. He drew particular attention to fire casualty data, noting that East Lothian was above average for 2017/18. Members were advised that more than 1000 home safety visits had been carried out during the period. On false alarms, he reported that the Service had responded to more than 500 such incidents, highlighting the impact of this on resources. He indicated that there would be a greater focus on education for schools and businesses for the coming year.

Councillor Bruce asked if action could be taken against businesses with faulty fire detection equipment. Mr Gourley indicated that system checks should be included in every business's fire risk assessment. He advised that the Service was working with frequent offenders to reduce call-outs. He added that enforcement action could be taken against businesses which didn't comply with Fire & Rescue Service recommendations.

Councillor Gilbert asked if there were any contributing factors to the increase in fire casualties. Mr Gourlay indicated that 50% of incidents involved cooking, and that other factors included mobility issues, mental health problems and smoking.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the report.

8. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – PREVENTION AND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES 2017/18

Stephen Gourlay, SFRS Area Manager, highlighted the prevention and protection activities undertaken during the reporting period, including work being carried out in schools, home safety visits, and partnership working with other agencies. He noted that there had been an increase in deliberate fires during 2017/18, but that there had been a reduction in the year to date as a result of multi-agency working.

On community engagement, Mr Gourlay reported that the Service was using social media at both the local and national levels – such campaigns covered deliberate fire-raising.

Responding to a question from Councillor Goodfellow on the spread of home fire safety visits, Mr Gourlay advised that visits were generally carried out on a referral basis as well as the demand on resources.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the report.

9. EAST LoTHIAN COMMUNITY FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN 2017/18

Stephen Gourlay, SFRS Area Manager, reported that the consultation on the Plan had ended in December. He pointed out that the Plan focused on partnership working in the local area, and fire-proofing.

Mr Gourlay was advised that the Plan may require Council approval – the Clerk would look into this.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the East Lothian Community Fire and Rescue Plan 2017/18.

10. UPDATE ON SERVICE TRANSFORMATION

Stephen Gourlay, SFRS Area Manager, reported that pay and transformation negotiations were ongoing, and that there would be a conference in July to consider the Scottish pay negotiations. This process had had an impact on the delivery of the transformation programme.

Mr Gourlay informed the Committee that the new training facility at Newbridge would be completed by March 2019, and would update Members on this at the next meeting. He also

advised that the Service was looking to replace one fire appliance at North Berwick in late 2018/early 2019.

In response to a question as regards the training facility, Mr Gourlay noted that there was not sufficient capacity at Cambuslang for all training to be carried out there, and that other training facilities required to be replaced. He added that the new facility would be more accessible due to its location.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the update.

10. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

The work programme was updated and approved.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 28 November 2018

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Signed

Councillor Jim Goodfellow
Convener of the Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee



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LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR EAST LOTHIAN



SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
Working together for a safer Scotland

Quarter 1 & 2 Performance Report, 1st April– 30th September, 2018

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DISCLAIMER

The figures included in this report are provisional and subject to change as a result of quality assurance and review. The statistics quoted are internal management information published in the interests of transparency and openness.

The Scottish government publishes Official Statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

Please ensure any external partners in receipt of these reports are aware of this.

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Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the East Lothian for year 2018-19 (1st April – 30th September 2018).

The Scottish Government provides an overarching vision for public services. This vision supported by 16 National Outcomes, which demonstrate commitment to creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable growth. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes for East Lothian by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the area.

The national priorities for the SFRS are set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. The SFRS Strategic Plan 2016-2019 outlines how the SFRS will deliver against these priorities and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured.

The priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for East Lothian 2014-2017 contribute towards the priorities within the East Lothian Plan - Single Outcome Agreement 2013 - 23.

The aims of the local Fire & Rescue Service in East Lothian are to reduce fire deaths and to reduce injuries from fire and other emergencies in the community. We aim to achieve this by working in partnership, being pro-active and targeting our prevention and protection activities to where they are required, based on evidence.

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for East Lothian 2014-2017 identifies the following five objectives as the main focus for service delivery locally:

- Priority 1. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires,
- Priority 2. Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities,
- Priority 3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting,
- Priority 4. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions,
- Priority 5. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Area Manager Stephen Gourlay

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Performance Summary

We measure how well we are meeting our priorities using 6 key indicators, depicted below

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Sep					RAG rating
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	35	41	22	35	36	▲
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	7	3	2	3	4	◆
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	76	103	111	160	168	▲
Special Service - RTCs	19	25	26	25	24	●
Special Service Casualties - All	12	34	35	41	33	●
False Alarm - UFAs	232	238	243	264	252	●

RAG rating - KEY

◆	RED DIAMOND	10% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
▲	YELLOW TRIANGLE	Up to 9% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
●	GREEN CIRCLE	Equal to or improved upon the previous equivalent quarter (or YTD period), or local target achieved.

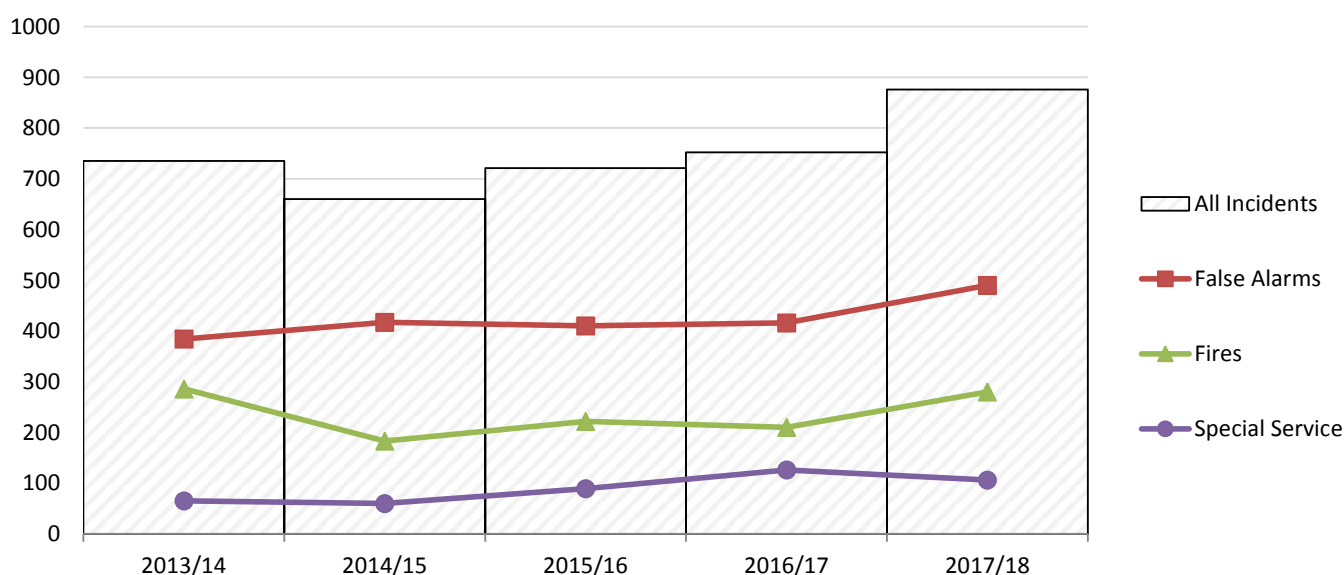
Note

Quarterly comparison RAG Rating = the reporting period compared to the average of the three previous quarterly reporting periods.
 Year to Date RAG Rating = the cumulative total of all quarterly performance in current year compared to cumulative total of all quarterly performance in previous year.

Incident Overview

During this financial year to date, SFRS responded to 876 incidents in East Lothian, an increase of 122 incidents when compared to last year.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within East Lothian council over the last 8 fiscal years



Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities

Local Risk Management and Preparedness

The Service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.

We said we would:

- train our staff to deal with our local risks
- gather and analyse risk information
- work with partners to mitigate risks
- deal with major events

Train our staff to deal with our local risks

All of our operational staff undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training.

Gather and analyse risk information

All of our operational staff gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence, used in our preparations to resolve incidents.

We conduct Post Incident Debriefs to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency events.

We use Urgent Operational Intelligence Briefings to inform our operational staff of any safety critical information.

Work with partners to mitigate risks

We continue to be an active member of the East Local Resilience Partnership.

We share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders (e.g. Police Scotland) to ensure emergency event risks are mitigated.

Deal with major events

There were no major fire events or significant emergency events in this reporting period.

Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling fires'

Accidental dwelling fires can have devastating effects on our community. The SFRS is committed to keeping people safe in their homes. We share information with partners to make sure that the right people get the right information they need, particularly those who are vulnerable due to age, isolation or addiction. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires contributes to the East Lothian Plan - Single Outcome Agreement.

Results

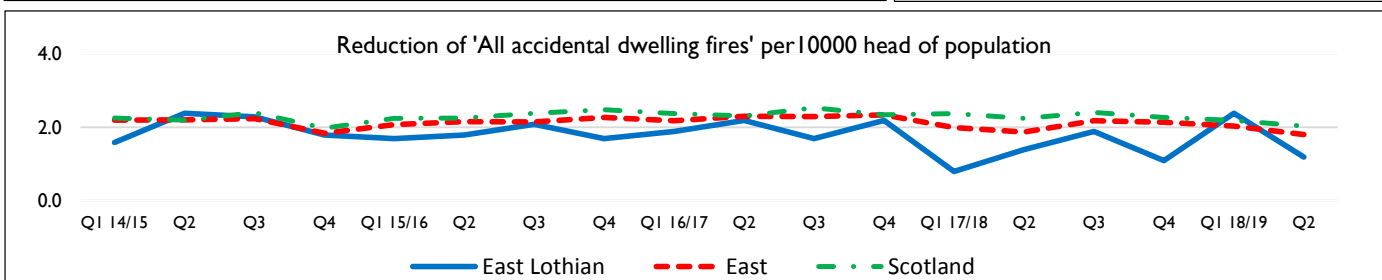
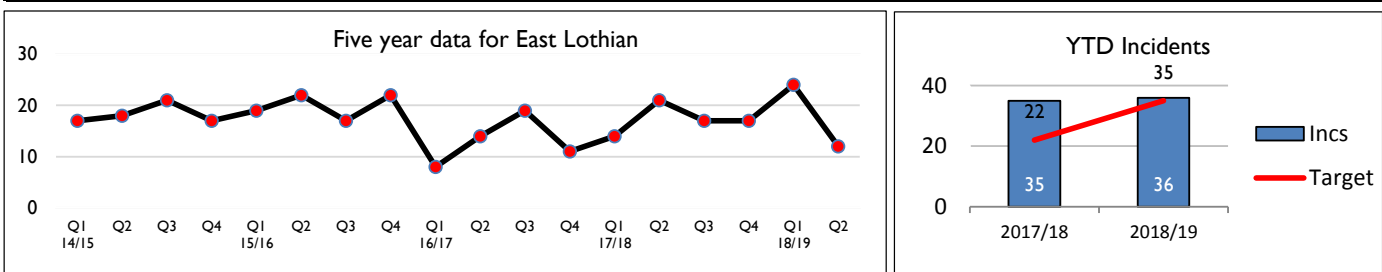
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in East Lothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this period, we responded to 36 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is an increase of 1 incident from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population is well below the Scottish and East Delivery Area trends.

Reasons

Of these 36 accidental dwelling fires, 60% occurred in single occupancy households. 30% involved the over 65 age category. The main causes were cooking (65%) and smoking (6%). 75% of the reported fires started in the kitchen. 95% of the fires were confined to the room where the fire started. Houses involved have benefited from our SFRS Post Domestic Incident Response procedure. 70% of the houses involved had working smoke detectors. It is clear we need to target those at risk in single occupancy households, ensuring those properties have working smoke detection.

Actions

During this reporting period, 494 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried within East Lothian. A number of initiatives and events aimed at reducing accidental dwelling fires were conducted. We have introduced a 'Post Domestic Incident Response' Policy, which provides a framework to ensure that engagement activity is completed in a structured and appropriate manner following incidents. Appendix I provides further details on our prevention activities in relation to this priority.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 6	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	35	41	22	35	36	
Musselburgh	5	11	4	7	10	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	4	8	4	9	4	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	7	3	4	2	6	
North Berwick Coastal	4	5	5	7	7	
Haddington & Lammermuir	7	8	1	6	6	
Dunbar & East Linton	8	6	4	4	3	

Reduction of 'All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))'

Fire casualty and fatality rates provide an indication of the amount of serious, life-threatening injuries that occur due to fire. This can indicate not only the success of SFRS in reducing the number of life risk fires through community fire safety and similar activities, but also their success in response activity in saving lives.

Results

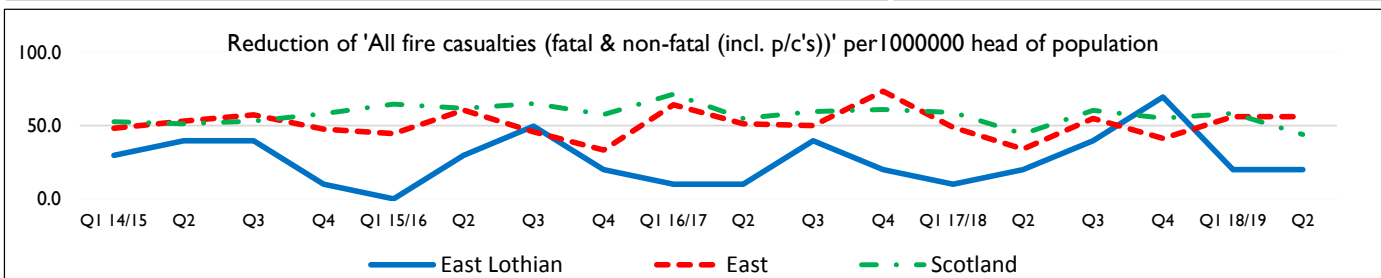
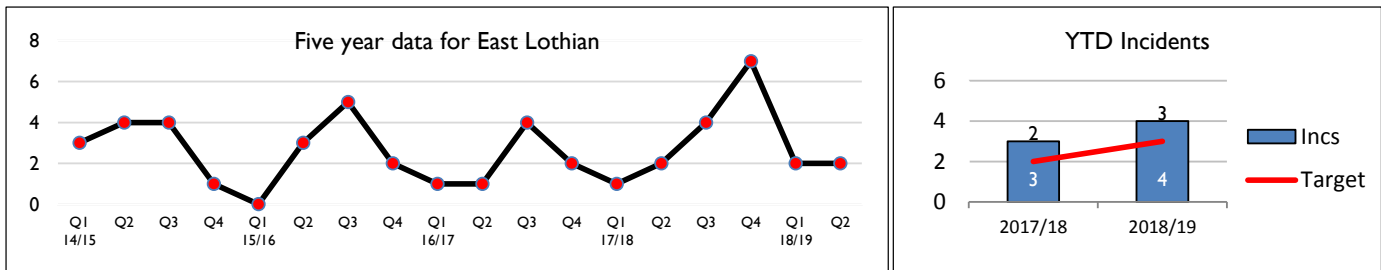
There was 1 reported fire fatality, within a vehicle, in July of the reporting period. We aim to reduce Fire Casualties in East Lothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 3 other casualties due to accidental dwelling fires. This is an increase of 1 in comparison to the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows East Lothian is lower than the Scottish average and East SDA average.

Reasons

Historically East Lothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing that the trend continues to reduce. 2 of the casualties involved were given first aid on scene and 1 was taken to hospital for a check-up.

Actions

During this reporting period, 494 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out and over 1,000 smoke detectors were fitted within East Lothian. We continue to work with our partners in East Lothian Council and seek opportunities with social work and NHS to target those most vulnerable and at risk from fire.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 1	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	7	3	2	3	4	
Musselburgh	0	0	0	0	1	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	1	0	1	0	0	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	1	0	0	0	0	
North Berwick Coastal	1	1	0	1	3	
Haddington & Lammermuir	3	2	0	1	0	
Dunbar & East Linton	1	0	1	1	0	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

Although deliberate fire setting, historically, has not been a significant problem for the SFRS in East Lothian there has been an increase in recent years and is closely linked to other forms of anti-social behaviour. In the main, deliberate fires are secondary fires categorised into refuse/bins, grassland or derelict buildings incidents. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting contributes to the East Lothian Plan Single Outcome Agreement.

Results

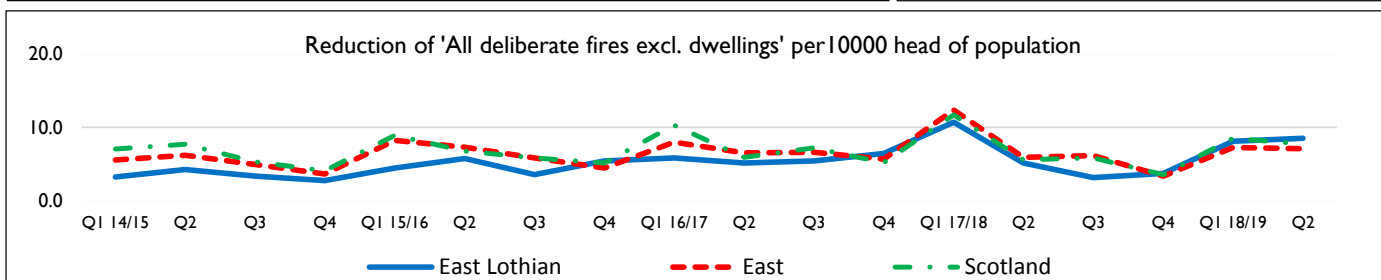
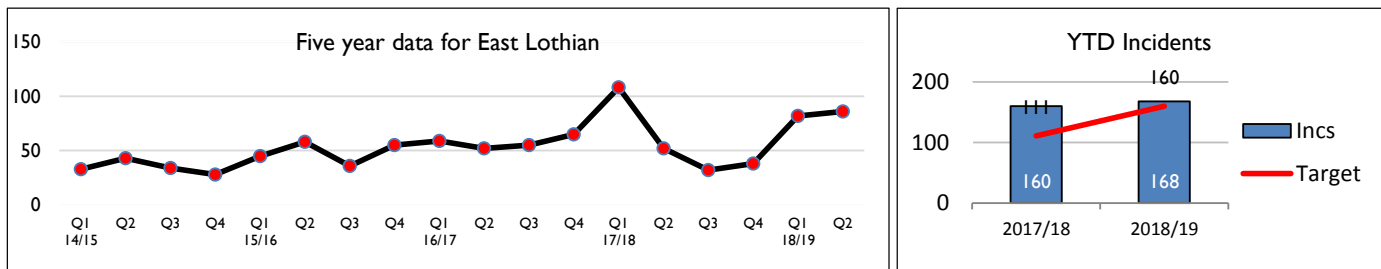
There were 168 deliberate fires during this reporting period and is an increase of 8 on the same period last year. The areas mostly likely to suffer from this type of fire behaviour are Prestonpans, Tranent, Haddington and Musselburgh. The long-term trend based upon Deliberate Fire Setting /10,000 population identifies East Lothian is in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery area average.

Reasons

During the reporting period, deliberate ignition to scrubland/woodland accounted for 60% of deliberate fires with 20% to refuse and bins in East Lothian, with 4% attributed to deliberate building fires and 5% vehicle fires. The majority of incidents occurred in Prestonpans and Tranent, however there has been a sharp increase in the Haddington area.

Actions

A multi-agency approach was taken when the incident trend was identified through the TACG. There has been a coordinated approach to the identified trend areas and intervention work has been undertaken with youth groups in Tranent and Preston Pans. Further information is available in Appendix I.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 28	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	76	103	111	160	168	
Musselburgh	17	23	15	26	26	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	15	25	30	37	41	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	33	26	41	53	48	
North Berwick Coastal	2	4	6	1	7	
Haddington & Lammermuir	5	13	11	23	31	
Dunbar & East Linton	4	12	8	20	15	

Reduction of 'Special Service - RTCs'

Whilst much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS alone, responding to Non-Fire Emergencies such as Road Traffic Collisions is a key part of our intervention activities. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to drive continuous improvement in this area. Reduction of Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the East Lothian Plan Single Outcome Agreement, number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents.

Results

SFRS attended 24 Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) during this reporting period. This is a decrease of 1 incident from the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, East Lothian is in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

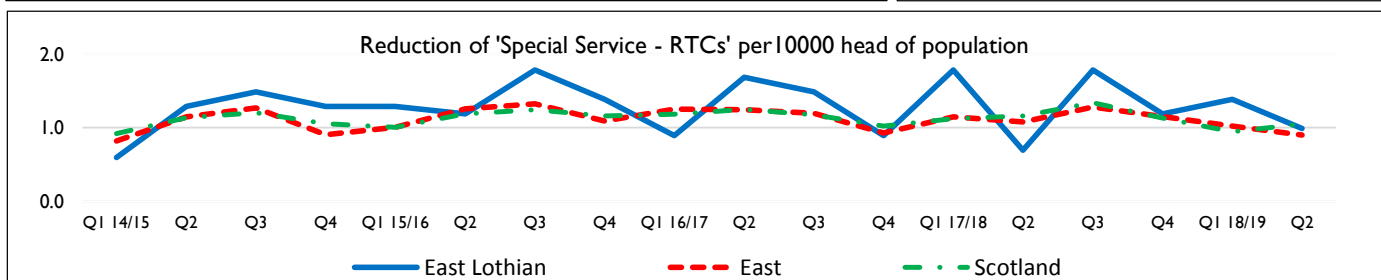
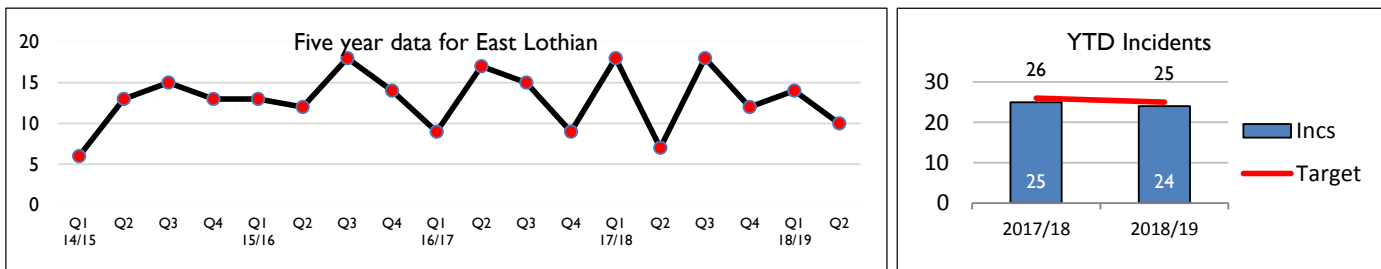
Reasons

The SFRS only attend those RTC's they are requested to attend and this number does not reflect the total number within East Lothian.

Actions

The SFRS continues to be a member of a multi-agency approach to reducing Road Traffic Collision's and the associated casualties and fatalities. The continued delivery of Tomorrow's Driver programme targeting young people is an excellent partnership approach in our drive to reduce road traffic collisions.

We continue to seek opportunities to educate local communities in support of reducing the number of RTCs and resulting casualties.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 4	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	19	25	26	25	24	
Musselburgh	3	8	5	4	3	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	4	5	1	3	3	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	4	4	4	6	5	
North Berwick Coastal	1	2	9	4	6	
Haddington & Lammermuir	3	1	2	5	1	
Dunbar & East Linton	4	5	5	3	6	

Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

Whilst much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS alone, responding to Non-Fire Emergencies is a key part of our intervention activities. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to drive continuous improvement in this area. Reduction of Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the East Lothian Plan Single Outcome Agreement.

Results

We attended to 33 casualties from non-fire emergencies in East Lothian, which is a decrease of 8 compared with 2016/17. The trend per 10,000 head of population is in line with the average of the Scottish and East service delivery areas.

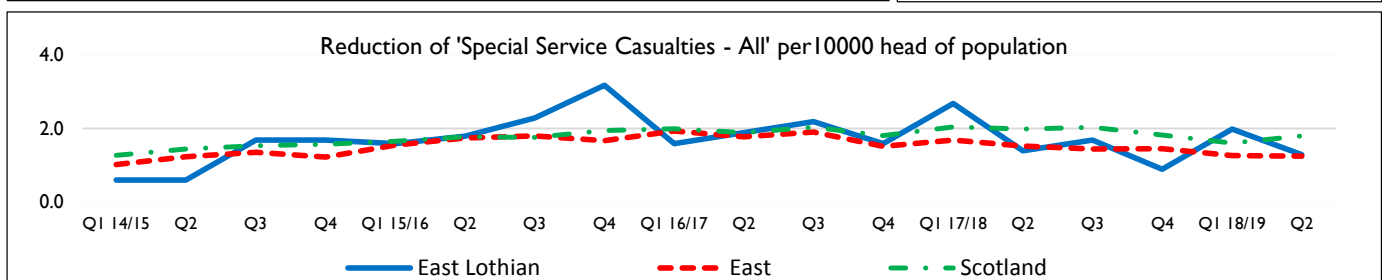
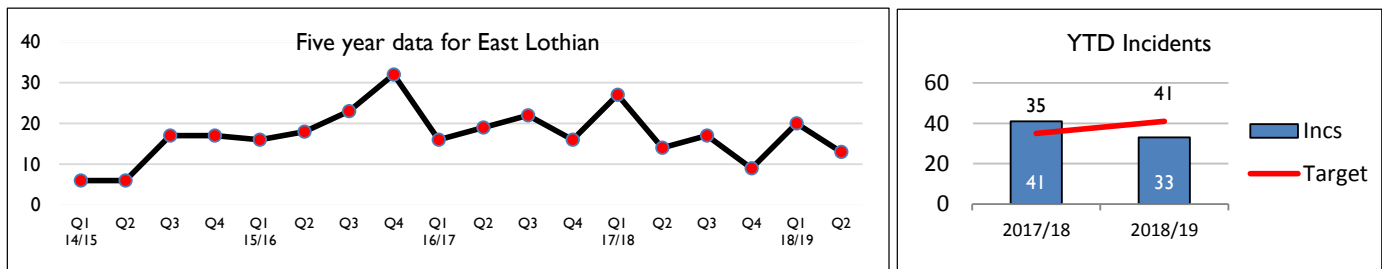
Reasons

We attended RTCs that resulted in no fatalities and 20 casualties in East Lothian. SFRS helped 12 other casualties in a range of incidents including medical response, effecting entry, rescue from water and hazardous material incidents. There was 1 fatality at a rail incident.

As the SFRS continue to assist with medical emergencies as co or first responders, the number of events is likely to increase.

Actions

The SFRS is a member of a multi-agency approach to reducing Road Traffic Collision's and the associated casualties and fatalities. The continued delivery of Tomorrow's Driver programme targeting young people is an excellent partnership approach to reducing road traffic collisions. We continue our full commitment to the Scottish Government Strategy relating to Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) and significantly increasing survivability rates through co responding and education. We will also continue to respond to the communities needs in terms of other non-fire emergencies.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 6	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	12	34	35	41	33	
Musselburgh	2	10	10	12	2	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	2	12	6	3	4	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	2	3	6	4	3	
North Berwick Coastal	2	2	7	7	10	
Haddington & Lammermuir	2	1	3	7	3	
Dunbar & East Linton	2	6	3	8	11	

Reduction of 'False Alarm - UFAs'

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) are defined as incidents where an automated fire alarm system activates and results in the mobilisation of SFRS resources, when the reason for that alarm turns out to be connected with faulty or defective alarm equipment. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to reduce Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Results

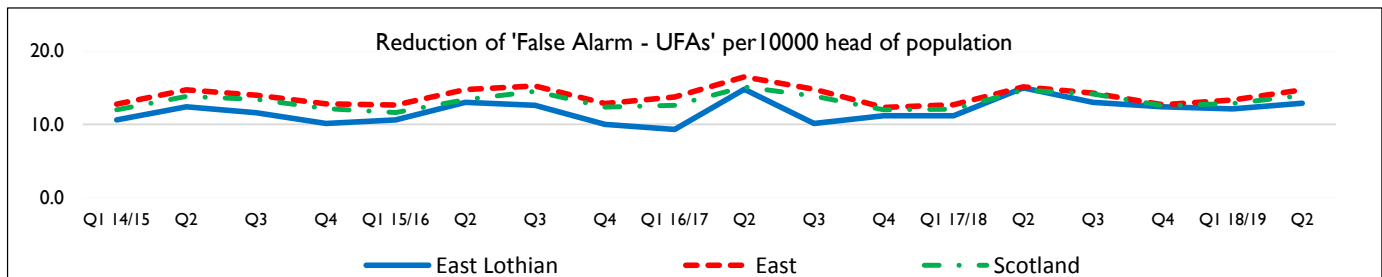
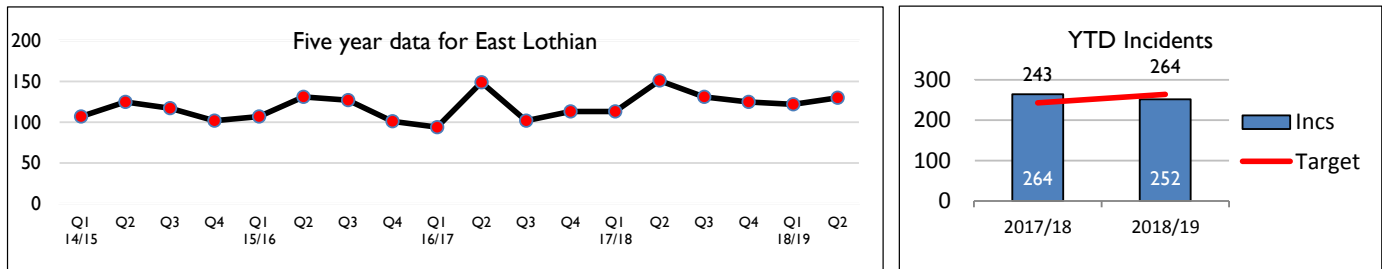
SFRS attended 252 UFAS incidents during this reporting period. In comparison to last year, this is a decrease of 12 incidents. East Lothian trend is slightly below that of Scotland and the East Service Delivery area.

Reasons

Of the 252 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents we attended, 93% were caused by system and human errors (Testing, faults, cooking/burnt toast, aerosols etc.), 6% were good intent calls and 1% were malicious.

Actions

We continue to monitor UFAS calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further UFAS incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future UFAS incidents. These proactive actions are clearly having a positive impact in reducing the number of calls to premises.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 42	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	232	238	243	264	252	
Musselburgh	67	79	76	74	71	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	24	20	15	37	19	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	27	34	38	47	45	
North Berwick Coastal	24	44	44	31	44	
Haddington & Lammermuir	56	40	40	55	45	
Dunbar & East Linton	34	21	30	20	28	

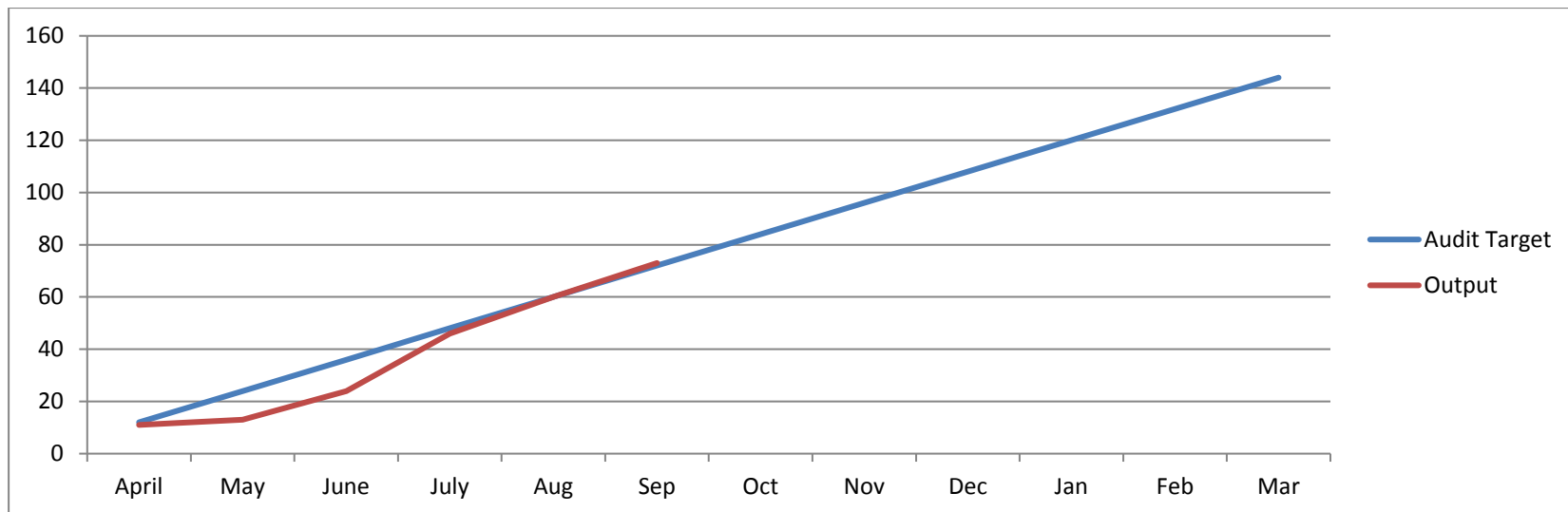
Prevention & Protection Activities

Year to date April 1st 2018 – September 30th 2018

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the East Lothian Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO). Following the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. As can be seen from the table below, there have been minor fluctuations in output month to month so far in the year. This however has had no detrimental impact on our targets and priorities.

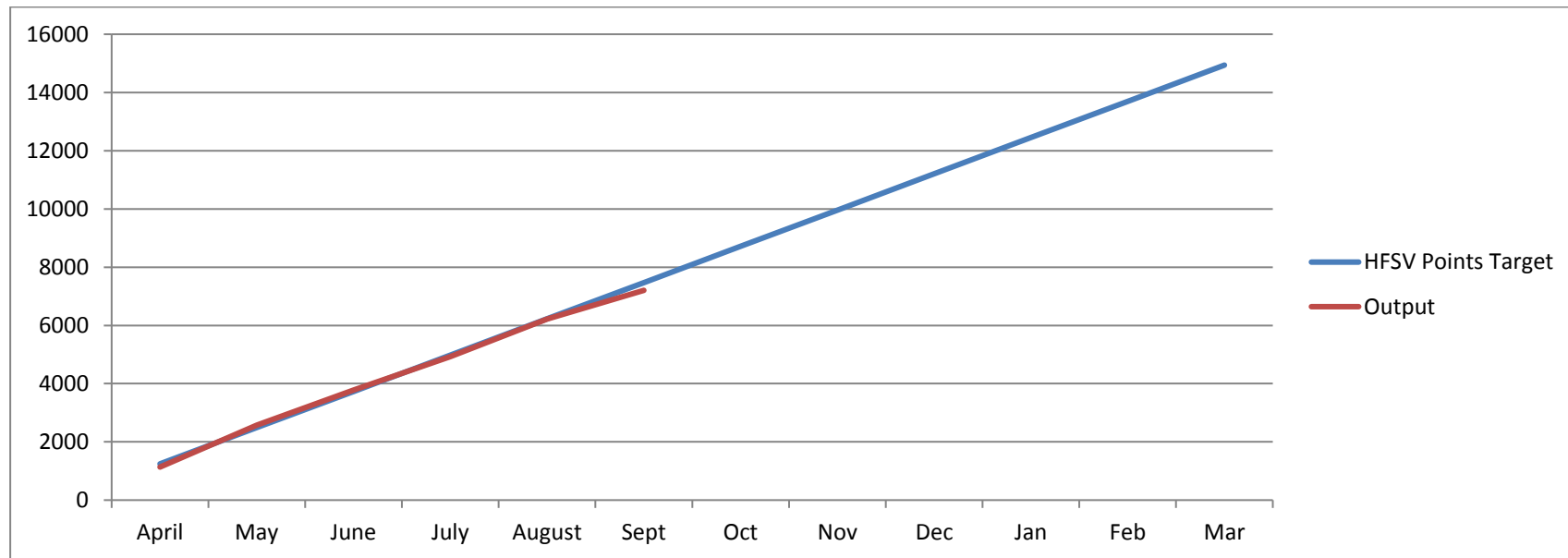
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	11	13	24	46	60	73							



Home Fire Safety Visits

The delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) is the corner stone of the SFRS Community Safety Engagement Framework. By visiting households and providing fire safety advice and free smoke alarms the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. To target the highest risk households across East Lothian, a point's allocation based on risk and an associated target has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). Performance in relation to YTD points is very slightly down, however it is anticipated that annual targets will be achieved. During this period **540** HFSVs were carried out, with **232** free smoke alarms fitted.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	1245	2490	3735	4980	6225	7470	8715	9960	11205	12450	13695	14940	14940
Completed	1136	2568	3780	4928	6216	7204							



Total visits delivered in April 2018 to September 2018 by ward area of East Lothian:

The following table gives a good indication of the coverage across East Lothian where the SFRS delivers Home Fire Safety Visits.

Ward Area	Visits delivered YTD 2018/19
Dunbar and East Linton	34
Fa'side	93
Haddington and Lammermuir	19
Musselburgh East and Carberry	102
Musselburgh West	88
North Berwick Coastal	59
Preston/Seton/Gosford	109
TOTAL	504

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

- During this period, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with youth engagement programmes, including, Cool Down and the Risk Factory in Midlothian/East Lothian and City of Edinburgh. In addition to these programmes, the (CAT) were involved in a bespoke youth programme at Polmont young offenders.
- Fireskills courses have been delivered at Lasswade and Dalkeith high schools with very positive feedback received from participants and school staff
- Discussions are progressing regarding the delivering of youth engagement courses based on the TD1 (Scottish Borders initiative) model. Courses are planned for Red School and Recharge youth groups in East Lothian.
- Local SFRS staff have worked with **4** individuals as part of our **FIRE**setter Intervention and Re-Education Scheme (**FIREs**)

Vulnerable Adults

- The local crews within East Lothian have generated **11** Adult Protection referrals (AP1).
- Our CAT have completed **6** enhanced home safety visits to vulnerable adults.
- The Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) continues to attend and provide information relevant to Fire for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC).

Home Safety Visit Referrals

Referrals from partner agencies total;

- East Lothian Community Access Team = **55**
- Red Cross = **6**
- Care & Repair = **2**
- NHS = **4**
- Police Scotland = **7**
- Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project has generated 25 referrals to the East Lothian Falls team.
- DAAS = **2**
- Housing Associations = **13**
- Social Services = **13**

Other Work Completed or In Progress

Initiatives and objectives detailed below relates to work that our local staff have completed or are progressing.

- East Lothian CAT have supported several Drivewise events held in the Scottish Borders during this period.
- SFRS have also supported the highly regarded and successful 2morrrows driver events held in August at the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh.
- The CAT continues to support one Wholetime and five RDS stations within the MELSB area with the Seasonal Thematic Action Plans.
- Local area SFRS staff attend the weekly TACG meetings in East Lothian.
- Our Prevention & Protection team members have been working in collaboration with other partners to support Dunbar Grammar to reduce a spike in secondary fires/ASB by delivering fire safety talks & delivered an input into the Fireskills programme. (ongoing)
- SFRS have delivered several Home Fire Safety (HFS) awareness sessions at East/Midlothian Public Protection (EMPPPO) training events during this reporting period. This exercise also generates HFSVs, providing focus on those who are at greater risk of fire within the home environment.
- The local CAT have delivered several fire safety talks to various groups in the community.
- Our Community Action Team have delivered fire safety talks to Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools within the East Lothian area.
- SFRS have participated and contributed at several Adult Protection case conferences, including an Initial Case Review (ICR), held to discuss circumstances surrounding a fatal fire in Dunbar earlier this year. Several positive actions have been identified and progressed as a result of the ICR, including the aforementioned HFS training and referral process.
- As part of staff development and working in partnership, members of our staff attended ASIST Suicide Intervention Course at Port Seton Community Centre.
- SFRS attended the Communities Day, Brunton Hall, Musselburgh.
- The LALO and Community FF continue working with East Lothian Works, Ross High, Tranent & Preston Lodge, Prestonpans to support our Youth engagement objectives and reduce anti-social behaviour.
- We are progressing partnership working with colleagues from Housing Associations regarding Hoarders, highlighting the increased risk of fire, providing mitigation initiatives and advice.



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Report to: EAST Lothian POLICE, FIRE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: 28th November 2018

Report By: Area Manager Steve Gourlay

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

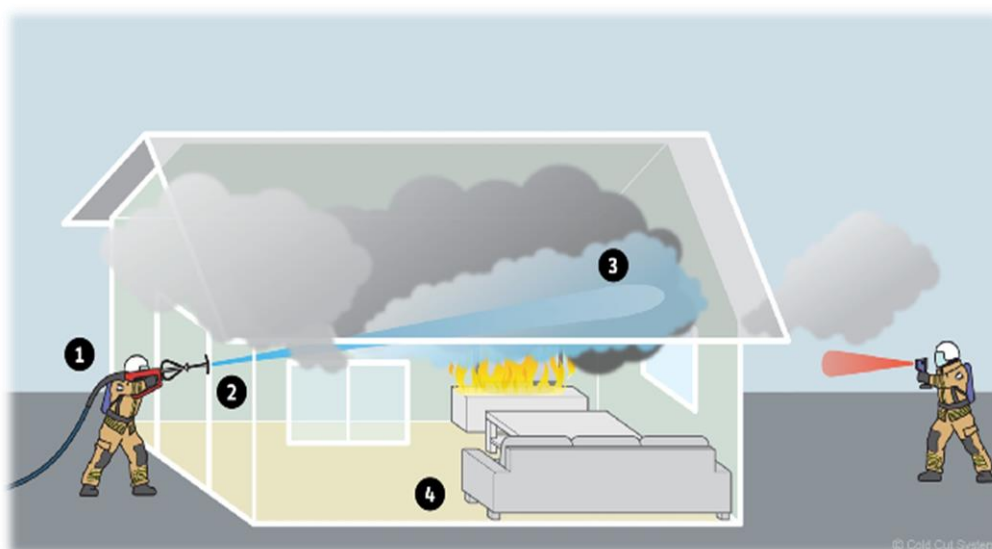
We're broadening our toolkit to include faster mid-sized vehicles so that we can deploy the right vehicle to the right incident.

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:

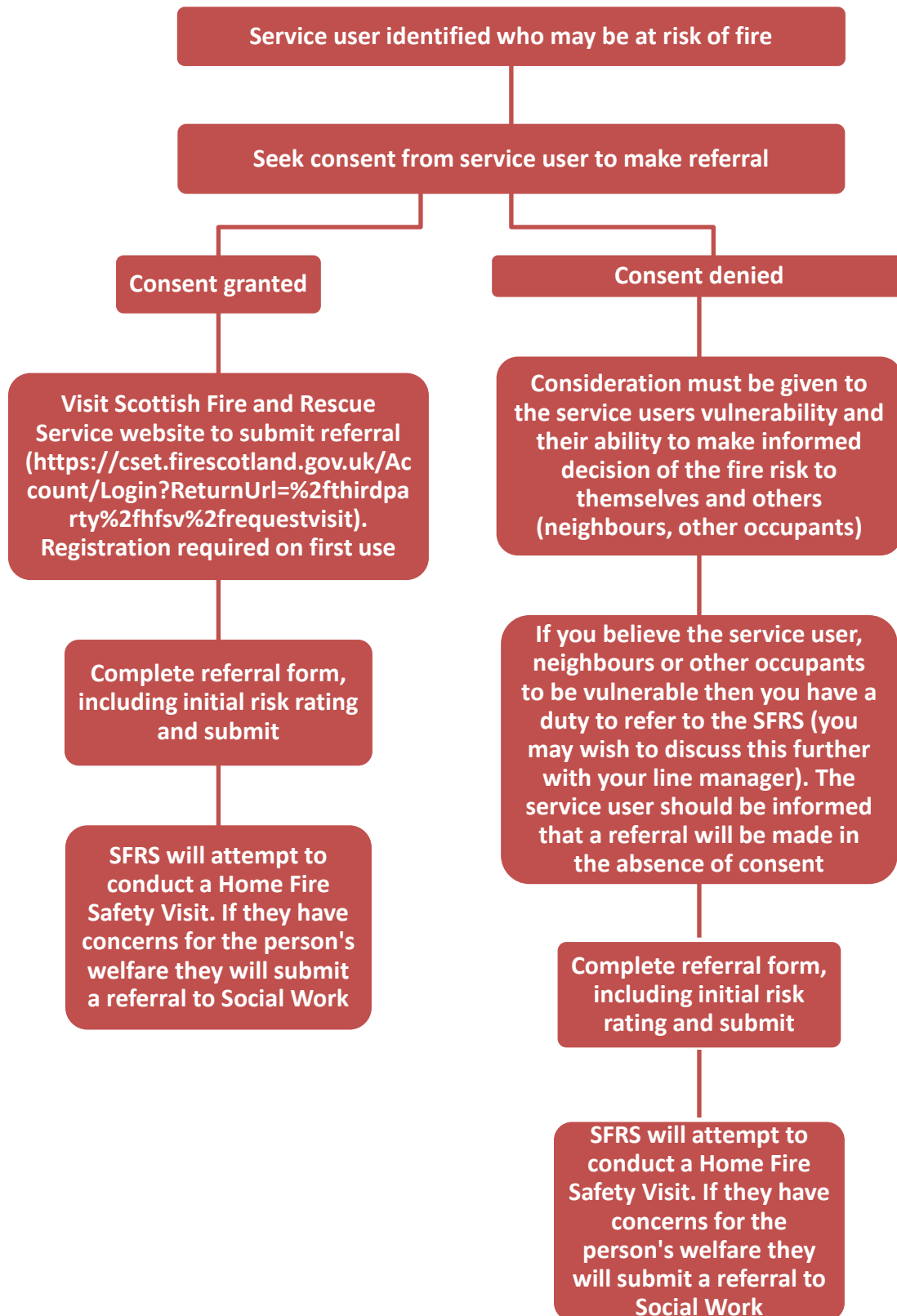
- Strengthened resilience
- Enhanced local training
- Improve appliance availability
- Expanded prevention role
- Posts are dedicated to the area and non-transferable
- High value opportunities for rural communities
- A focus on local recruitment and retention of RDS personnel
- Enhanced focus on risk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





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Report to: EAST LOTHIAN POLICE, FIRE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: 28th November 2018

Report By: Area Manager Steve Gourlay

Subject: SFRS NEWBRIDGE TRAINING PROJECT

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide the Committee with information relating to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) project to build a state of the art world class training facility for the East of Scotland at Newbridge, Edinburgh.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 It is well recognised that the risks facing firefighters require specialist practical training. In terms of a suitable hot fire training environment a number of issues, including geography, the environment and suitable facilities have presented the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service with challenges.

3.2 Utilising a location, on the West side of the existing East Service Delivery Headquarters and Asset Resource Centre at Newbridge, a build project to provide a dedicated training facility is underway.

4 NEWBRIDGE TRAINING PROJECT:

4.1 On Thursday 8 March we broke ground on a new multi-million pound training centre at Newbridge, Edinburgh. The £12million investment to enhance the safety of Scotland's communities is scheduled for completion in March 2019.

The state-of-the-art hub will be used to train more than 1600 frontline firefighters annually, benefiting 60 community fire stations - from the Scottish Borders to Stirling and Fife forming just one part of an extensive SFRS training network.

Talking about the project Chief Officer Alasdair Hay said: "There can be no clearer indication of our commitment to both our communities and our firefighters than the significant investment in this new training facility."



"It will ensure that our firefighters are trained to work through some of the most hostile environments and disaster scenarios - and reach people at times of need - using the very latest simulation technology.

"Today's firefighter has to be properly trained and equipped to not only respond to our core duty but new and emerging risks such as terrorism and a growing elderly population increasingly calling on our support to stay safe.

"This is a momentous occasion as we continue to move forward in also harnessing the very latest firefighting technologies, setting the benchmark of a truly world class fire and rescue service."

4.2 FACTS AND FIGURES

- 12 million is being invested in the site at Newbridge *inclusive of VAT
- It will be used to train more than 1600 firefighters each year
- More than 60 community fire stations will benefit from the new state of the art technology at the training centre
- Firefighters will train in temperatures up to 600C
- 6550 cubic meters of muck/topsoil has been moved*
- 510 cubic meters of concrete has been poured*
- 1KM of drainage has been laid*
- 620 cubic meters of tar has been laid*
- 105 tonnes of structural steel has been erected*
- 580m of kerbing has been laid*

*Figures accurate as of 31 May 2018

4.3 PROGRESS

Milestones:

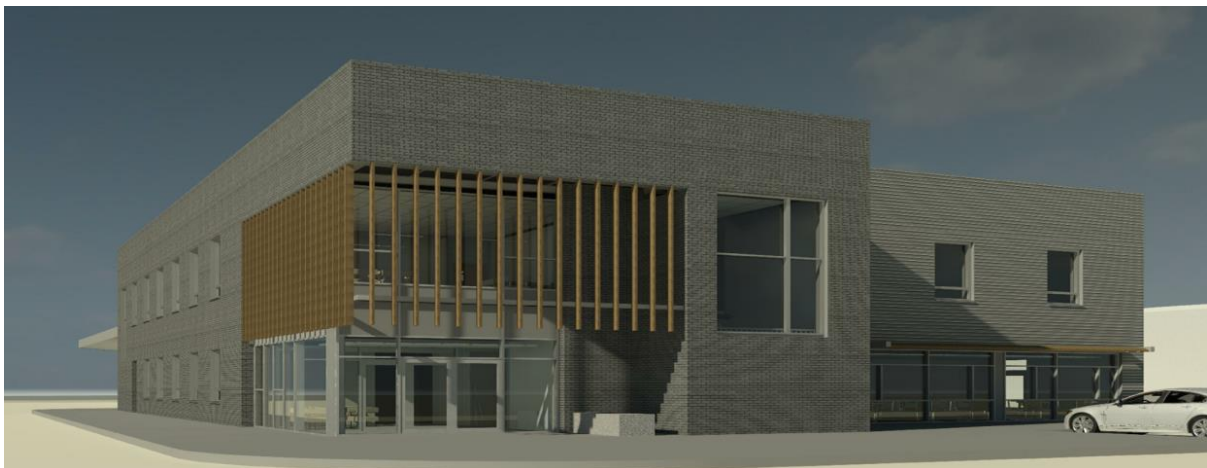
- **December 2018: Partial handover of technical support building and RTC training building for SFRS internal fit out.**
- **March 2018: Construction planned for completion and final handover.**



4.5 PLANNED FACILITIES AND IMAGES:

- Classroom learning
- Road traffic collision (RTC)
- Compartment fire behaviour training (CFBT)
- Domestic building training
- Drill square
- Industrial and commercial buildings
- Urban search and rescue training area – (Tunnels, Rubble Pile, Sewer)
- Petrochemical facility
- Silo
- Working at heights/rope rescue facility

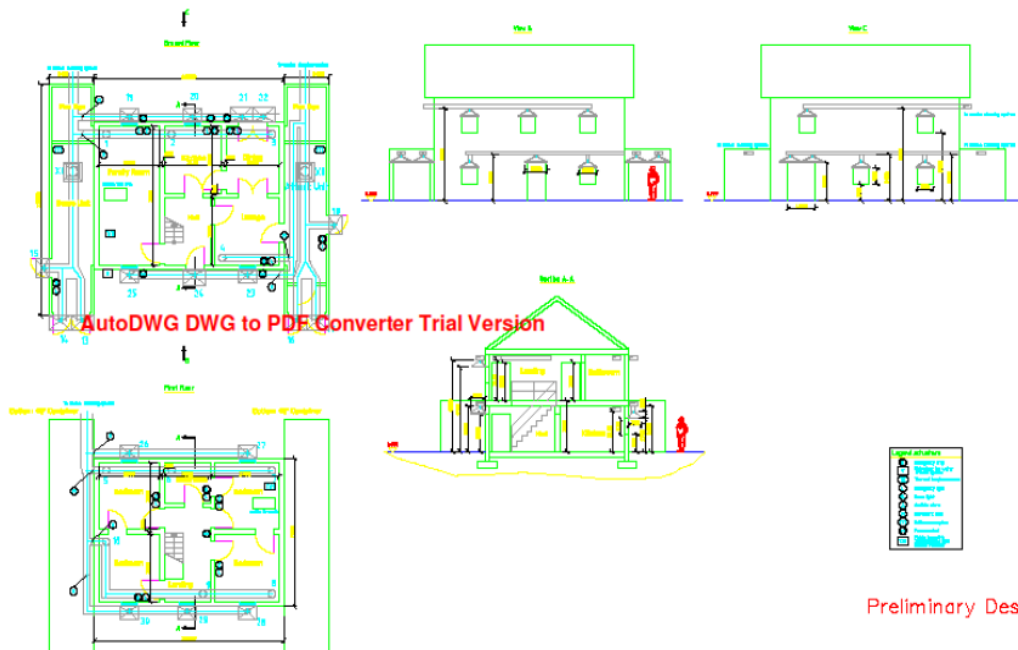
Technical support building



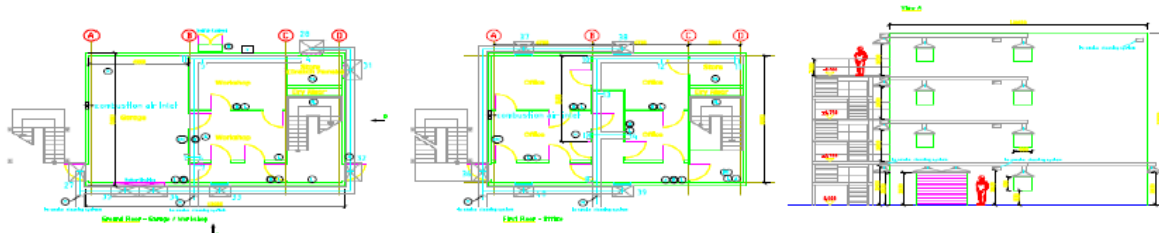
Road Traffic Collision Training Building



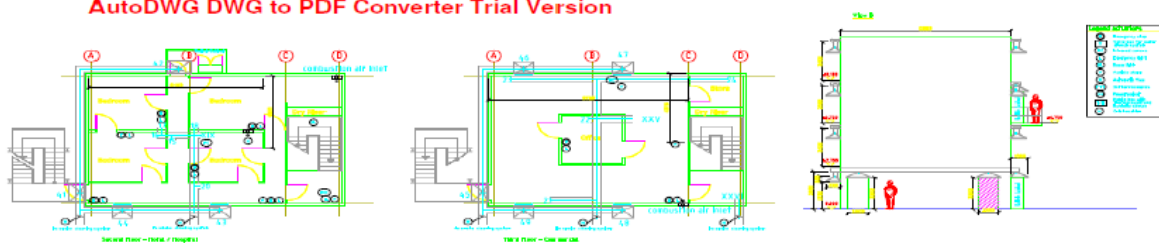
Compartment Fire Behaviour Training/Domestic and commercial



Preliminary Design



AutoDWG DWG to PDF Converter Trial Version

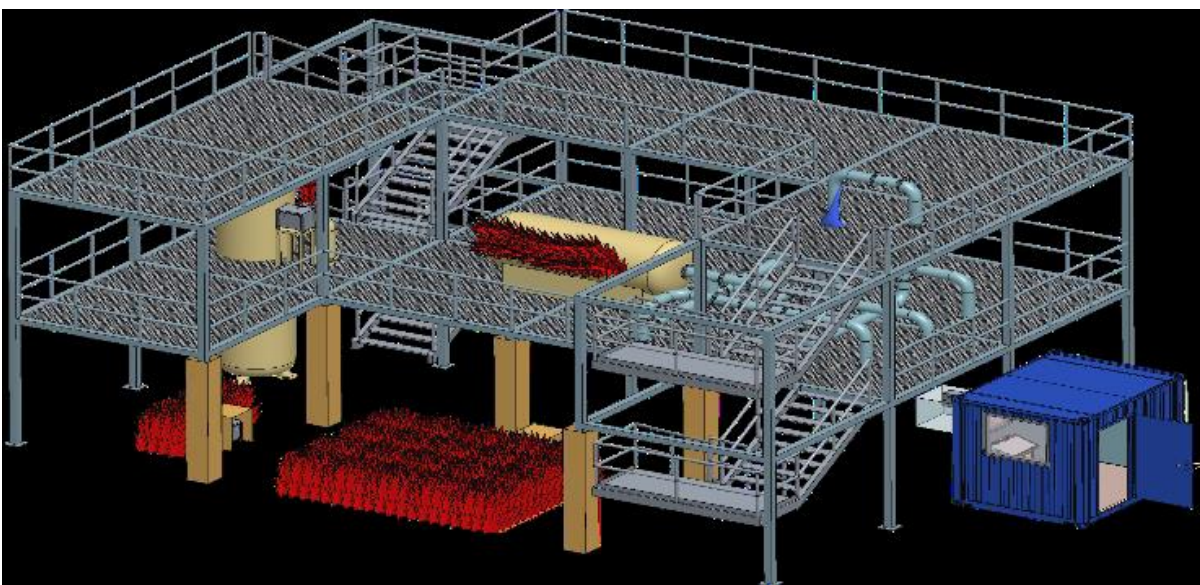


Preliminary Design



All for illustration purposes only: final specifications to be agreed

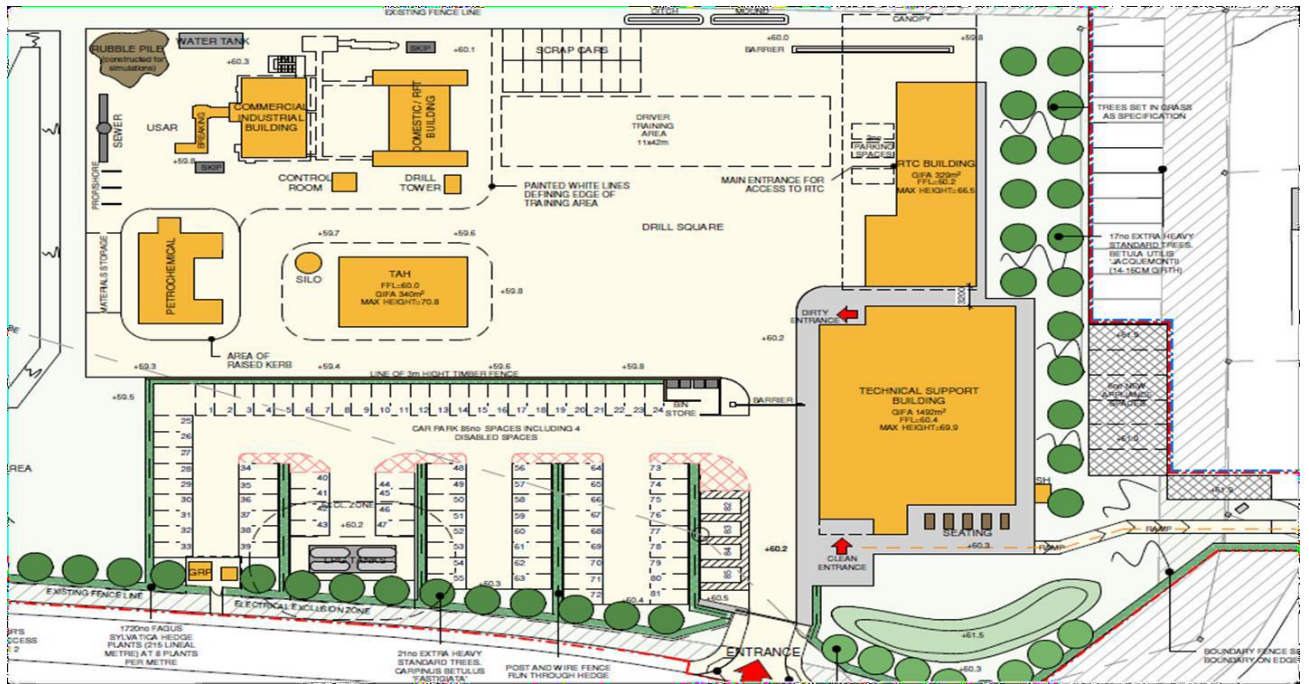
Petrochemical Facility



Working at heights/Silo



Proposed site plan:



4.5 FURTHER INFORMATION AND UPDATES:

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/east/newbridge-training-project.aspx>

Time-lapse photography of site: <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/east/newbridge-training-project/the-milestones.aspx>



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East Lothian Police Scrutiny Report



1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018

The data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents there may be minor amendments between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. The extraction date from recording systems can also differ so it would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in the report as official statistics.

Data contained in this report should only be used to identify trends as figures are likely to change over time.

INTRODUCTION

Crimes and offences are grouped under recognised categories for statistical purposes. The Scottish Government defines these categories. For example, 'Group 1' refers to 'Non Sexual Crimes of Violence' (such as serious assault, robbery). Group 2 refers to 'Sexual Crimes' (such as rape, voyeurism) and so on.

Police Scotland publishes management information on an annual and quarterly basis by local authority and police division, as well as at a national level. These reports are produced to demonstrate Police Scotland's commitment to transparency. Police Scotland publishes all of these reports on the 'Our Performance' section of the Police Scotland website.

The reports can be accessed here: <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

The East Lothian Policing Plan uses the following Police Performance indicators, and these have been mirrored in the Scrutiny Report to maintain parity of understanding:

- *Non-Sexual Crimes of Violence (Group 1) - crimes per 10,000 population*
- *Sexual (Group 2) - crimes per 10,000 population*
- *Anti-social Behaviour Incidents (public reported) - crimes per 10,000 population*
- *Racially Aggravated Conduct - crimes per 10,000 population*
- *Crimes of Dishonesty (Group 3) - crimes per 10,000 population*
- *Proportion (%) of Domestic Abuse incidents which result in a Crime Report – total for reporting period*
- *Number of Domestic Abuse incidents recorded - total for reporting period*
- *Road Casualties - total for reporting period*

All figures quoted in this report are for the period April to September and are compared against the same reporting period from the previous year. Where figures are quoted on rate per 10,000 population, these are based on East Lothian's population of 104,840 in 2017 (Scottish Government figures)

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Non Sexual Crimes of Violence (Rate per 10,000 population)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
3.7	4.3	16%



The number of recorded crimes in this category have increased from 35 to 45. Eight more Serious Assaults and two more Robberies have been recorded during this period. This five year average is 30. The detection rate was 55%. A full analytical review of all assaults (including minor) took place in August. The findings showed there was a 50/50 split in offences occurring in public and private locations; that the offender was known to the victim in 80% of incidents; half of the crimes in private locations were of a domestic nature; and alcohol featured in approximately 1/3 of crimes. Only 2% of common assaults were on licensed premises.

Sexual Crime (Rate per 10,000 population)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
6.4	10.6	66%



The number of recorded crimes in this category has risen from 70 to 111. The five year average is 52. The detection rate was 68.5% (up 17.1% from last year). The detection rate for rape was 95.7% (up 40.1% from last year). There have been a number of enquiries into historic abuse in East Lothian, which is attributable to these increases. One operation alone resulted in over 20 crimes being recorded against the same suspect dating over the last 20 years. At least four enquiries into historic domestic abuse have seen multiple offences recorded under both sexual crime and violence.

Antisocial Behaviour (Rate per 10,000 population) (Public Reported)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
282	273.5	-3%



Despite the decrease in anti-social behaviour calls, a number of Problem Solving Partnerships (PSPs) have been created to target 'hot spot' locations. Musselburgh, Prestonpans, Haddington and Dunbar all have live PSPs. The number of public reported anti-social behaviour calls to the police decreased from 2940 to 2867.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Racially Aggravated Conduct (Rate per 10,000 population)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
1.3	0.3	-77%



Incidents of racially aggravated conduct are significantly down on last year. Only 3 incidents have been recorded in comparison to 14 last year. The five year average is 12. The hate crime and offence detection rate was at 65.5% during the reporting period, however, this has since risen to over 80%.

Crimes of Dishonesty (Rate per 10,000 population)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
99	103.7	5%



Crimes of dishonesty have increased from 1058 to 1087. Our continued effort to target shoplifting has in part driven this increase. Our detection rate for shoplifting is 78.5% (up from 48.6% last year) Only 12 housebreakings to domestic properties have been recorded during this period (down 2 on last year; and down 8 on the five year average). Housebreakings to business properties have increased from 4 to 14 and appears linked to criminals travelling between Edinburgh and the Lothians.

Domestic Abuse (% of incidents resulting in crime report)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
42.4%	38.7%	-4.6%



Domestic abuse remains a key policing priority, with all incidents subject to rigorous scrutiny to ensure no opportunities are missed to protect victims. Victims will often contact police in relation to domestic related matters, such as child custody concerns and verbal arguments, which may not meet the threshold for them being recorded as crimes.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Domestic Abuse Incidents

2017/18	2018/19	Change
474	576	21.5%



The overall number of domestic abuse incidents have increased during the reporting period, with a link to the increase in reported violent and sexual crimes. Although there has been an increase in incidents, there has not been the same percentage increase in domestic crime, thus suggesting victims have been reaching out more to the police for assistance regarding non-criminal matters. Significant changes in legislation next year will see the introduction of psychological offences, so an increase in recorded incidents and crime can be expected.

Road Casualties

2017/18	2018/19	Change
114	111	-3%



	2017/18	2018/19	Change
Fatal	2	0	-100%
Serious	22	19	-14%
Slight	92	92	0%

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Making East Lothian an even safer place

The following examples illustrate some of the police activity during the reporting period to help tackle local policing priorities to make East Lothian an even safer place to live, work and visit.

Fearless

In September, local officers, in partnership with East Lothian Council Education Department and Crimestoppers, launched the 'Fearless' programme at the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh. Minister for Community Safety, Ash Denham, MSP, officially opened the event. Two students from all East Lothian secondary schools were identified to become Fearless Ambassadors and to promote anonymous crime reporting in their schools and community. The goal of this programme was to ultimately give young people the confidence to recognise crime when they see it or experience it, and to provide a safe platform for them to report any concerns they have. Several follow-on workshops are planned for Preston Lodge High School, Knox Academy, Ross High School and North Berwick High School in the coming weeks.

Best Bar None

This is a national initiative supported by the Scottish Licensed Trade Association, alcohol industry, and partner agencies such as Business Improvement Districts, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Local Authority Safer Communities Department. The scheme acknowledges and rewards well-run licensed premises and aims to reduce alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour. After it's success last year, in which 19 venues from East Lothian participated, 12 of which received 'Gold' awards and one venue receiving a finalist place in the National Best Bar None Awards, the local Community Safety officer has visited all venues in East Lothian in recent weeks to launch the 2018-2019 scheme. Currently there are 21 licensed premises that have signed up to participate, and the assessments will be taking place later this year.

Pubwatch

Currently the community officers in the Dunbar area are starting up a Pubwatch scheme for the town and there are plans to organise an operation between police and partner agencies in relation to complaints made by licensees relating to an increase in the number of fabricated identification documents being used.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Educational Inputs

East Lothian's two dedicated Youth Community Officers have spent a large amount of time within the primary and secondary schools across the county delivering educational inputs to pupils of all ages, ranging from Drugs Education, Child Sexual Exploitation and alcohol, as well as continuing to support the work of the 'Risk Factory' - a purpose built venue that allows children to learn about safety and crime prevention by involving them in various practical scenarios, in partnership with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and East Lothian Council Education Department. "No Knives Better Lives" is now embedded within all East Lothian secondary schools with all S1 and S3 pupils receiving inputs about knife crime, its effects and consequences. The 'Fearless' programme, complements this by giving students a mechanism to report concerns. Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre have also been visiting schools to deliver presentations on the prevention of sexual offending.

Operation Monarda

In May, there were a number of events run to support Operation Monarda, which aims to raise awareness of doorstep crime. Officers from East Lothian, in partnership with East Lothian Council Trading Standards, held a drop in surgery at Haddington Citizens Advice Bureau. In addition to this, the East Lothian Community Safety Officer held Crime Prevention talks at Day Centres across East Lothian.

Bystander Training

The East Lothian Community Safety Officer is tasked with co-ordinating and delivering prevention activity within East Lothian. This officer has delivered Bystander training to two groups of students from Queen Margaret University and there are plans to do more sessions in November 2018 and January 2019. The aim of these sessions is to reduce violence and sexual crime by challenging attitudes around consent. The Bystander approach encourages people to react to warning signals and to provide them with the confidence and the tactics to intervene.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Problem Solving Partnerships

In the months since the last reporting period, Problem Solving Partnerships (PSPs) have been initiated in Haddington, Musselburgh, Prestonpans and, just recently, in Dunbar. These have been introduced in response to complaints made by local residents and business owners regarding antisocial behaviour and crime. The focus of the PSP's is partnership working and tactics include: an increase in community warden and police foot patrols; the taking of joint police / council action against those identified as behaving in an antisocial manner; pro-active monitoring of public space CCTV cameras; the deployment of the council's CCTV van; and ongoing engagement with young people via the council's Community Learning and Development Team and schools.

Post-Exam Patrols

In previous years, East Lothian has experienced issues, including disorder and assaults, following post-exam parties in June. Working with local schools and the Safer Communities Team, community officers (including the East Lothian Community Action Team) carried out plain clothes and high visibility patrols at 'hotspot' locations. 'Bullet Hill' at John Muir Country Park has become synonymous with such gatherings and this year saw significant amounts of alcohol seized from people aged 14 to 21.

Third Party Reporting

In early September, East Lothian's Community Safety Officer delivered Third Party Reporting training to accommodation staff from Queen Margaret University, and in doing so raised awareness of Hate Crime. Staff from East Lothian Council's Safer Communities Team have also been trained. Further expansion of the Third Party Reporting network is planned to encourage the victims of this under reported crime to come forward.

Reducing Re-offending – 'Transform'

The Reducing Re-Offending Group, established as part of the East Lothian Community Justice Partnership, has recently implemented 'Transform'. This is an intensive, multi-agency approach to supporting individuals from re-offending and antisocial behaviour. Since April 2018, three individuals have agreed to take part in 'Transform' which has seen two of them commit no further crimes and one charged with only two shopliftings. This is a significant reduction to their previous offending.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

“Ask Angela”

‘Ask Angela’ is a national campaign that Police Scotland are promoting through the licensed trade locally. It works for patrons frequenting a pub, bar or club, where they may feel intimidated by a person they have met with for a date or who is aggressively trying to get their attention. They can then approach bar staff and ask for “Angela”. Using the simple code-word will alert staff that there is an issue being experienced and they will help the person get out of the situation safely and discreetly. A poster campaign is being used to advertise this in premises.

Rural Crime Partnership

The East Lothian Rural Crime Partnership was set up in August and consists of representatives from Police Scotland, East Lothian Council, National Farmers Union Scotland, Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and other rural crime partners. The main aims of the group are to engage with rural communities and to address and tackle rural crimes, with a focus on prevention. This will be achieved by the creation and development of the East Lothian Rural Crime Plan 2018/19 which focuses on theft, hare coursing, off-road biking, fly-tipping and poaching. There will also be an official launch of ‘Ruralwatch’ on 23 January 2019.

Shopwatch and Neighbourhood Watch

Shopwatch has been successfully delivered in the Musselburgh, Preston, Seton and Gosford areas and has helped drive the positive detection rates in respect of shoplifting incidents. Community officers in Tranent and Dunbar have started engaging local businesses to seek their views in establishing similar plans in their areas.

During the reporting period, a Neighbourhood Watch scheme has started in Ormiston, with similar plans to introduce further schemes within Longniddry and Tranent.

Construction Site Theft

In response to reports of numerous thefts from construction sites throughout East Lothian, a building site security initiative has been conducted throughout the county. The East Lothian Community Safety Officer, in conjunction with the community officers for each area, produced a crime prevention and security advice document for site managers, to heighten their awareness regarding this recent crime trend.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Off-Road Motorbike Thefts

Following several thefts of off-road motorbikes in East Lothian, officers from the East Lothian Community Action Team recently attended two 'Enduro' motorbike events at Whitekirk. They attended on the newly acquired all-terrain vehicles (quad bikes), jointly purchased by East Lothian Council and Police Scotland, where they engaged with motorbike owners and provided them with crime prevention advice. They also offered reassurance as there were concerns in the biking community that these events were being targeted.

Road Safety

2Morrow's Driver - In August, local roads policing officers and the East Lothian Community Safety Officer joined colleagues from East Lothian Council Transportation and partners in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, to run '2morrow's Driver' at the Brunton Theatre in Musselburgh, educating senior school pupils on the dangers of being new drivers.

Junior Road Safety Officers - Roads Policing Officers and the East Lothian Community Safety Officer, supported the launch of the Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO's) in September at Port Seton Community Centre. The scheme, which is focused on primary school children, aims to heighten children's awareness of road safety by encouraging the JRSO's to organise events and initiatives within their respective schools.

Motorcycle Safety Campaign - A motorcycle safety campaign ran through the summer period targeting popular biking routes on the A198 and A199 and also on race days at East Fortune.

Operation Alternate – This operation specifically targets commercial vehicles and consists of local Road Policing Officers conducting regular multi-agency road checks in East Lothian along with the Driving Standards Agency and other Government agencies.

Operation Close Pass – Operation Close Pass is focussed on educating drivers about safely passing cyclists. Plain clothes officers on pedal cycles, with bike-mounted cameras liaise with colleagues in vehicles when they are passed too closely by motorists. The motorist is then stopped, given advice and any offences dealt with. The offending driver stands on a specially designed mat, allowing officers to show them how closely they passed the unmarked bicycle and how much space they should give. A similar initiative, "**Lose the Blinkers**" has also been run in East Lothian, to educate drivers in relation to safely overtaking and passing horse riders.

A1 Wind Management Plan – Following two separate incidents of vehicles blowing over at the Tyne Bridge, between Haddington and Dunbar, plans are currently being developed between Police Scotland, East Lothian Council, Amey Highways and Transport Scotland to devise a wind management plan. The plan will also extend to looking at another vulnerable site near Torness. The aim of the plan is to maximise safety and to limit the impact of wind related incidents on a critical infrastructure to East Lothian.

LOOKING AHEAD

Domestic Abuse

The Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018, will be brought into force around February 2019, and represents a significant change in legislation specific to domestic abuse. For the first time, it will criminalise the abusive, controlling and coercive behaviours commonly present in abusive relationships. To ensure we effectively equip our officers and staff to fully understand these abusive behaviours, and to use the legislation to best effect, it is necessary to invest in a detailed training programme. The programme focusses not only on the teaching of the legislation, but also on practical aspects of our approach to Domestic Abuse, bringing to life the 'victim's voice' and demonstrating how perpetrators seek to manipulate not only their victims, but also the policing response. All East Lothian officers will receive this training before February next year.

Licensing

Over the last six months, the East Lothian Licensing Officer has been working closely with the Licensing Board and Licensing Standards Officer on the renewal of the 'East Lothian Licensing Board Policy Statement', which will come into effect November 2018 and will carry through to 2023.

With bylaws having been in existence for ten years, and due for renewal, an opportunity now exists to standardise the content of the bylaw across the whole of the county to ensure consistency and understanding.

Fireworks and Festive Plans

In the run up to Bonfire Night, local officers with colleagues from East Lothian Council and Scottish Fire and Rescue service, will visit shop premises selling fireworks and engage with staff to ensure legislation is understood. Patrols will also be undertaken to look for dangerous bonfires and to take action if they are found.

Plans are also being developed to cover the festive period, with a particular focus on ensuring police visibility across all towns in an effort to prevent shoplifting and crimes connected with the night time economy, which are known to rise at this time.

OTHER MATTERS OF NOTE

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) have had a busy summer putting in volunteering hours at events such as Iron Kids, The Queen's Garden Party, The National Museum of Flight Air Show, the Scottish Open Golf, the Senior Scottish Open Golf and The Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Two East Lothian PSYV volunteers were also privileged to attend at a Scottish Parliamentary Reception held by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, MSP at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh. Seven new recruits have joined in recent weeks, taking the group size to 21.

Special Constabulary

East Lothian currently has 12 Special Constables. In the last six months those officers contributed 655 hours towards local policing.

Unauthorised Encampments

In recent months there have been several unauthorised encampments set up in the East Lothian area. Police work very closely with East Lothian Council and private landowners to manage these matters, taking cognisance of the rights of all parties and government policy. Discussions between senior management at East Lothian Council and the Local Area Commander are to take place to review current practice based on learning from recent occurrences.

Road Policing Base – Dunbar Police Station

As part of a national review of Road Policing, a team of Road Policing officers will now be based at Dunbar Police Station. These officers will be covering East Lothian and parts of the Scottish Borders. It is anticipated that this change will improve policing visibility and make this specialist area of policing even more accessible to East Lothian.

REPORT TO: Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

MEETING DATE: 28 November 2018

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services) **7**

SUBJECT: Dealing with Antisocial Behaviour

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the number of antisocial behaviour complaints made to East Lothian Council during the reporting period and to advise on ongoing actions being undertaken by local partner agencies in tackling antisocial behaviour.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the terms of the report.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council, Police Scotland and other partner agencies continue to recognise that antisocial behaviour is most effectively addressed by *working together* in conjunction with local communities.
- 3.2 The spirit of partnership working is reflected in the apparatus currently in place to address the behaviour of those individuals and groups whose actions cause alarm and distress to others.
- 3.3 East Lothian's Antisocial Behaviour Partnership's Antisocial Behaviour Policy provides a suite of measures designed to deal holistically with *individual cases* of antisocial behaviour as well as creating an infrastructure within which performance is monitored. The emphasis is on *prevention and early intervention*, with enforcement action only being used as a last resort. Substantive decisions in individual cases are made collegiately via multi-agency Case Monitoring Groups. The application of the policy is overseen by the Antisocial Behaviour Overview Group, chaired by the council's Head of Service for Communities and Partnerships, and made up of senior officers drawn from a broad spectrum of different council teams, Police Scotland and East Lothian Housing

Association. Representatives from East Lothian's Tenants and Residents Panel are also permanent members. The Antisocial Behaviour Officers Group is a cross-party group of practitioners charged with maintaining the validity and currency of the policy and developing and maintaining relevant procedures. The Officers Group, with links to the National Antisocial Behaviour Officers Forum, reports to the Overview Group on a quarterly basis.

- 3.4 *Group related antisocial behaviour* requires a cross-agency co-ordinated response and this is achieved via the weekly evidence and intelligence led Tasking and Co-ordinating Group made up of representatives drawn from Police Scotland, East Lothian Council and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. This group directs the deployment of resources to identified antisocial behaviour "hotspots". Those resources include, amongst other things, Police Officers, Fire Service personnel, Community Wardens, Neighbourhood Outreach workers and the council's CCTV van. Pro-active monitoring of the council's permanent CCTV network by Community Wardens takes place when required.
- 3.5 Acute problems unique to specific geographical areas are addressed via temporary multi-agency Problem Solving Partnerships (PSPs). There are currently three PSPs in existence; one recently established to combat the youth related antisocial behaviour manifesting itself at Lochend Woods / Ashfield Park, Dunbar, the second formed to tackle the property-based antisocial behaviour affecting residents of Goose Green Avenue, Musselburgh and the third initiated to address the mainly daytime antisocial behaviour being exhibited on Haddington High Street. In the first of these PSPs, officers from the Council's Safer Communities Team, the Community and Learning Development Service, Amenity Services, Road Services, local Elected Members and Education have been working alongside parents, within the context of an Action Plan, to reduce the incidences of antisocial behaviour occurring at this locus. The PSP has adopted a blend of measures; including, heightened hi-visibility Police and Community Warden weekend patrols, enhancement of street lighting, the facilitation of changes to the physical environment, engagement with those parents whose children are identified as being present during times when antisocial behaviour is witnessed via Police Scotland's / East Lothian Council's Parental Advisory Scheme, and the sharing of information with staff from Dunbar Grammar as to pupils identified as being present when antisocial behaviour is occurring. In the last of the referred to PSPs, representatives from the local business community have been instrumental in contributing to the efforts to reduce day-time antisocial behaviour occurring on the High Street.
- 3.6 The Council continues to fund four additional Police Constables to the value of £119 000 per annum. Three of the Officers constitute part of East Lothian's Community Action Team, with the remaining Officer imbedded within the Council's Safer Communities Team.
- 3.7 An interrogation of antisocial complaints made to the Council during the reporting period shows a mild increase from a figure of 823 received

between 1 April 2017 and 30 September 2017 to 832 received during the first six months of the current financial year. Complaints are received from a variety of different sources, including the widely publicised Antisocial Behaviour Helpline, social media, the “My East Lothian” mobile phone App and via a website based reporting form.

- 3.8 Of the 832 cases progressed, 337 related principally to noise with 105 being youth related. The remaining complaints consisted of, amongst other things, shouting, swearing, the issuing of threats, vandalism, fire-raising, aggression towards staff and drug and alcohol misuse. Many of the complaints received were multi-faceted. Around 17.5% of the complaints registered were made within the context of ongoing neighbour disputes. 272 of the 832 complaints were received from Musselburgh and the surrounding environs, 179 from Tranent, 69 from Dunbar, 118 from Prestonpans, 111 from Haddington and 83 from North Berwick.

Of the aggregate figure, 109 of the complaints were received from anonymous sources with 57 identifiable complainers making three or more calls during the reporting period. Repeat complainers are highlighted on a weekly basis with the Council funded Antisocial Behaviour Police Liaison Officer meeting with the Team Leader of the Antisocial Behaviour Team to ensure that all facets of the case are being addressed timeously and effectively.

The Council continues to raise legal proceedings against those engaged in the most serious and persistent forms of antisocial behaviour. Instructions to litigate emanate from the four weekly and multi-agency Adult Case Monitoring Group. There are currently 40 live Antisocial Behaviour Orders in East Lothian. There are currently eight antisocial behaviour related eviction cases before Edinburgh Sheriff Court.

- 3.9 The vast majority of antisocial behaviour cases are addressed without the need to raise judicial proceedings. The aforesaid policy provides for a suite of interventions; including, amongst other things, the issuing of joint warnings, the signing of Acceptable Behaviour Agreements, the provision of support measures for those accused of behaving antisocially, the deployment of noise recording equipment and the making of referrals to East and Midlothian’s Resolution Service. All interventions have the objective of *preventing further acts of antisocial behaviour*. Great emphasis is also placed on supporting those affected by antisocial behaviour with referrals being made to statutory agencies and Victim Support (Scotland). Since 1 August 2017, 249 referrals have been made to the Resolution Service within the context of neighbour disputes.
- 3.10 In early 2019 Police Scotland and East Lothian Council will put out to public consultation their new three year Antisocial Behaviour Strategy. The emphasis will be on prevention, early intervention, joint agency working and the continued involvement of communities in finding solutions to problems that affect their neighbourhoods.
- 3.11 Although the causes of both group related and individual antisocial behaviour cases can be complex, and the application of an effective

solution cannot always be delivered in the instant, the fact that Police Scotland, the Council and their partners in East Lothian are working together in tackling *all forms of antisocial behaviour*, maximises the chances of securing long term and sustainable solutions in the vast majority of reported cases.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 The subject of this report has been through the Integrated Impact Assessment process and no negative impacts have been identified.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – None.

6.2 Personnel - None.

6.3 Other – None.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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