



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

**WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor L Bruce
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

East and Midlothian Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Mr S Gourlay, Area Manager
Mr S Scott, Station Manager

Council Officials Present:

Ms M Patterson, Depute Chief Executive – Partnerships and Community Services
Ms S Saunders, Head of Communities and Partnerships
Mr K Black, Safer Communities Team Leader

Clerk:

Ms A Smith

Apologies:

Councillor F Dugdale
Councillor C McGinn

Declarations of Interest:

None

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 13 JUNE 2018 AND 28 NOVEMBER 2018

The Committee agreed to approve the above minutes.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES, LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR EAST LoTHIAN, 1 APRIL- 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Prior to presenting his report Stephen Gourlay, SFRS Area Manager, introduced Steve Scott, part of the Area Management Team based in Dalkeith but with a partial East Lothian footprint. He also informed Members that Martin Blunden had been appointed as the new Chief Fire Officer for Scotland and would be joining the SFRS early in the New Year. He highlighted that this was a critical period as regards the Transformation Budget, national pay negotiations and the new role for firefighters.

Mr Gourlay summarised the key points of the performance report. There had been 876 incidents in East Lothian during the financial year to date, an increase of 122 compared to the previous year. He drew particular attention to fire casualty data, noting that East Lothian was below the Scottish average. He highlighted the number of home fire safety visits carried out. He drew attention to a number of elements of partnership working and gave details of other work completed or in progress.

Mr Gourlay responded to questions from Members. Regarding questions in relation to deliberate fires, he stated that usually the perpetrators had left the scene when the fire crew arrived so recording their age was not possible however Scottish Government research indicated that underage children set around 80% of deliberate fires. He clarified that some areas tended to always be problematic whereas others could have an occasional spike; the SFRS was working on changing young people's attitude to fire setting. He confirmed that East Lothian fire crews had not encountered the aggressive behaviour that some other areas in Scotland had experienced.

In relation to queries about the increasing amount of electrical equipment in homes permanently switched on and the potential fire hazard, Mr Gourlay advised that most of this type of equipment was a low fire hazard. White goods principally tumble dryers and dishwashers and fake mobile phone/laptop chargers were the highest fire hazards. In respect of the cost to the SFRS of unwarranted fire calls, he stated this was in excess of £1,000 per call. Responding to questions about youth engagement, he advised that a fireskills course had been held at Dunbar Grammar School last week; programmes in the form of short vocational courses also took place at Recharge in Tranent. Regarding home fire safety visits, he clarified that these visits were not necessarily about the property but rather about providing safety advice to householders.

The Convener welcomed the report, noting the prevention and partnership working.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the report.

4. SFRS SERVICE UPDATES EAST LOTHIAN

Mr Gourlay updated the Committee on SFRS progress with elements of transformation and partnership working in East Lothian. He provided information on the rapid response unit (RRU) vehicle which had now been delivered to the North Berwick station. Training had been carried out and feedback from the crew was extremely positive. The RRU vehicle would be operational by the end of January 2019. Mr Gourlay also provided Members with details of the rural fulltime post and the referral pathway for reducing risk in East Lothian.

Responding to questions, Mr Gourlay advised that the Ultra-High Pressure Lance was used in Sweden, it was tried and tested technology. Some fire stations in England had also used it. He clarified that there was only the one RRU, which would be deployed primarily in the North Berwick station area. However if it was the most appropriate resource then it may be used further afield. He clarified that the RRU could take four firefighters. All staff at the North Berwick station had been trained on all aspects of this new vehicle. He outlined the criteria required for a fire station to have an RRU.

The Convener welcomed the new RRU vehicle in North Berwick; he also welcomed the referral pathway and the fact that there was a route forward if consent was denied.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the report.

5. SFRS NEWBRIDGE TRAINING PROJECT

Mr Gourlay provided an update on the SFRS project at Newbridge to build a dedicated training facility. He outlined progress to date, advising that ICT staff would be onsite this month. He gave details of some of the facilities that would be provided. This location would be much more accessible and it would be an excellent facility for the east of Scotland. A visit would be arranged for next year, there would also be the official opening ceremony late spring/early summer.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the report.

6. POLICE SCOTLAND SCRUTINY REPORT, 1 APRIL- 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark informed Members of recent appointments at a senior level in Police Scotland. She also provided an overview of national issues in respect of preparation for Brexit. A workshop was planned for 6 February 2019 for Chairs of local authority scrutiny committees, further details to be provided in due course.

Chief Inspector Steven Duncan then gave the Committee a detailed summary of the performance report. He outlined the performance results for each of the eight categories compared with the same reporting period in the previous year.

Chief Inspector Duncan responded to questions. He stated that the 2% figure for common assaults on licensed premises within East Lothian was lower than other areas in Scotland. He clarified that driving under the influence of drugs was not a particular issue in the county. He responded to queries about shoplifting and whether theft of food items had increased. Regarding Domestic Abuse and the new psychological abuse legislation, effective from

March 2019, he said that by the end of February every officer would be retrained as regards evidence gathering. He clarified that retrospective cases would not be considered. He also responded to points raised about the use of social media in relation to crime prevention/detection.

Turning to the remainder of the report, Chief Inspector Duncan gave an overview of the various Achieving Priorities and Outcomes, drawing particular attention to several aspects including Fearless, Problem Solving Partnerships, Reducing Re-offending (Transform) and the Rural Crime Partnership. In relation to Road Safety, he highlighted the A1 Wind Management Plan. He also referred to Unauthorised Encampments.

Cllr Henderson, referring to the Rural Crime Partnership, asked if Police Scotland could attend a meeting of the Local Access Forum, Chief Inspector Duncan said this would be possible. Responding to Councillor Findlay, he confirmed that the Rural Crime Action Plan would be shared with the Committee. Regarding Community Speed Watch, this had been piloted in Fife and in England. There was now a national position to support this and community officers had been asked to bring this to the attention of community councils and other local groups. Police Scotland would support any groups that wished to support this scheme but he added that a financial commitment was involved.

Cllr Bruce referred to thefts from construction sites asking if there was an issue with sites not taking the necessary security measures. He remarked that perhaps through the planning process some precautions could be put in place. Chief Inspector Duncan indicated that early prevention, from a planning perspective, would be helpful. He gave details of the kind of thefts that occurred. Officers had engaged with and identified all construction sites in the county but ultimately security decisions were for the individual site manager.

Cllr Gilbert asked about timescales for responding to a crime report referring to concerns raised at his surgery. Chief Inspector Duncan advised that it depended on other issues, resources and the nature of the crime. He outlined the process following receipt of a crime report. Responding to questions from Cllr McLeod about Pubwatch, he stated that Police Scotland supported this scheme, but added that participation was on a voluntary basis and could not be compelled. He also responded to questions about test purchasing operations, advising that this was currently under review nationally.

The Convener welcomed the report, particularly the Road Policing Base at Dunbar Police Station, which would be a significant addition to policing the A1.

Councillor Bruce expressed thanks for the very useful visit to the Bilston Glen Control Centre; other Members echoed this. Chief Inspector Duncan indicated there would be another visit scheduled for January 2019 for anyone that had not yet been able to attend.

Councillor Henderson, referring to information contained within these performance reports, stated that this would be useful for all Members; she queried how best to draw this to the attention of those Members not on this Committee. Monica Patterson, Depute Chief Executive, indicated she would take forward how best to disseminate this information.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the report.

7. 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 (April to September 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 specific attention to sections 3.7-3.8 of the report, highlighting the slight increase in antisocial behaviour complaints and the nature of those complaints. There were currently 40 live ASBOs in place in East Lothian. He drew attention to the referrals made to the Resolution Service. He reported that acute problems unique to specific geographical areas were addressed via temporary multi-agency Problem Solving Partnerships (PSPs). There were currently three PSPs in existence; he gave further details of these. He detailed measures in place to reduce antisocial behaviour. He indicated that in early 2019 Police Scotland and the Council would consult publically on the new three year Antisocial Behaviour Strategy.

Mr Black responded to questions. Councillor Bruce, referring to complaints per ward, asked if comparisons for the ward areas by year could be provided; Mr Black confirmed this would be issued. Sharon Saunders, Head of Communities and Partnerships, advised that in future the report format would be different; the data would be provided graphically which would show trends. Councillor Henderson, referring to the impending public consultation, raised issues in relation to wider low-level antisocial behaviour, which could cause upset, querying whether this would be included in the consultation. Mr Black outlined the legislative definition of antisocial behaviour, clarifying that the consultation would cover all aspects of antisocial behaviour. Responding to a query from the Convener, he reported that it took 7-9 days from lodging an antisocial behaviour writ to the hearing date at the Edinburgh Sheriff Court.

The Convener praised the report, which was another good example of partnership working.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the report.

8. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

The work programme for the next meeting was noted; no additional reports were proposed.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 29 May 2019.

Signed

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



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

Date: 29 May 2019

Report By: SFRS

Subject: EAST LoTHIAN LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide the Committee with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) performance report for the period 1 October 2018 to 31 March 2019.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

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



LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR EAST LoTHIAN



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Performance Report, 1st April 2018 – 31st March, 2019

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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 2018 – 31st March 2019).

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 2018 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 2018 identifies the following five priorities as the main focus for service delivery locally:

Local Priorities:

- As part of a Community Partnership approach, we will make people safer in their homes.
- We will promote Community Resilience whilst contributing to improved outcomes for people involved in non-fire emergencies.
- Together with our Community Partners, we will contribute to making roads in East Lothian safer.
- As part of a Community Partnership, we will challenge anti-social behaviour.
- In partnership, we will aim to reduce the occurrence and impact of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Area Manager Stephen Gourlay

Local Senior Officer for East Lothian, Midlothian and the Scottish Borders.

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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.) Mar					RAG rating
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	73	80	52	69	71	▲
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	12	10	8	14	8	●
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	138	194	231	230	283	◆
Special Service - RTCs	47	57	50	55	47	●
Special Service Casualties - All	46	89	73	67	60	●
False Alarm - UFAs	451	466	458	520	495	●

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.

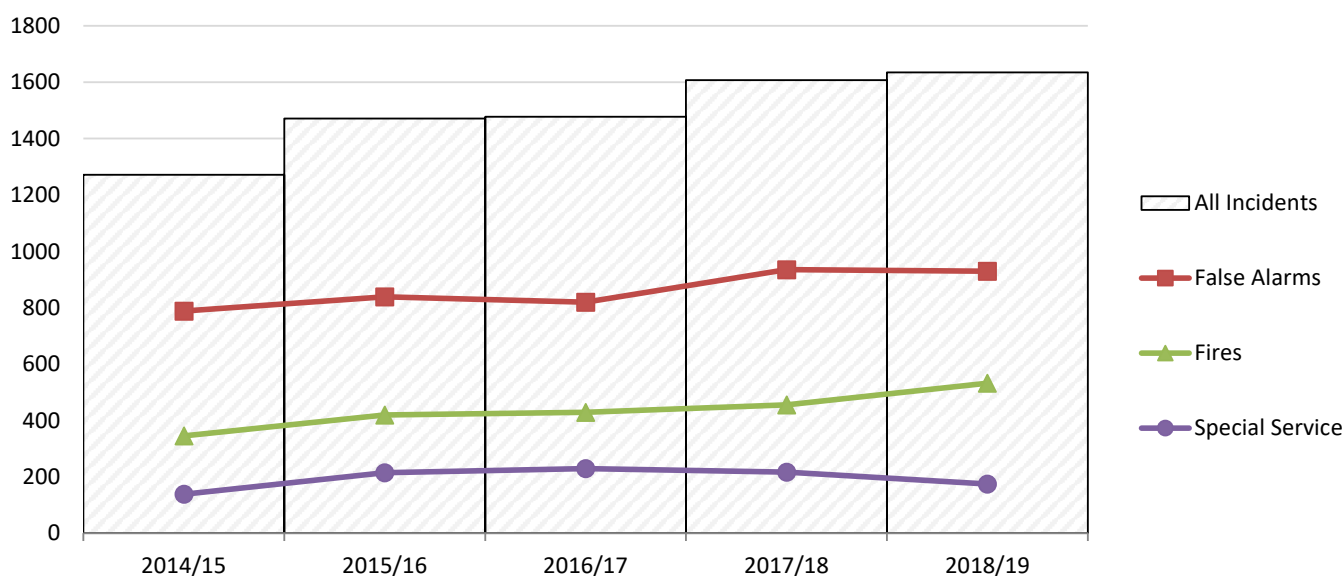
Note

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 1,635 incidents in East Lothian, an increase of 28 incidents when compared to last year.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within East Lothian council over the last 5 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.

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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

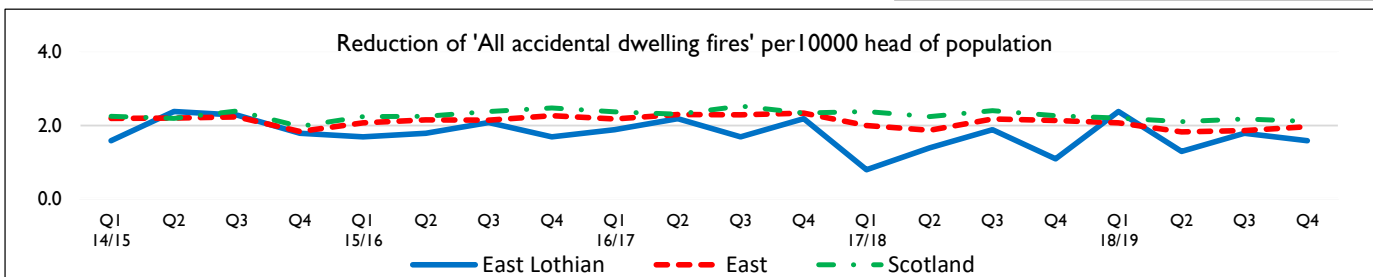
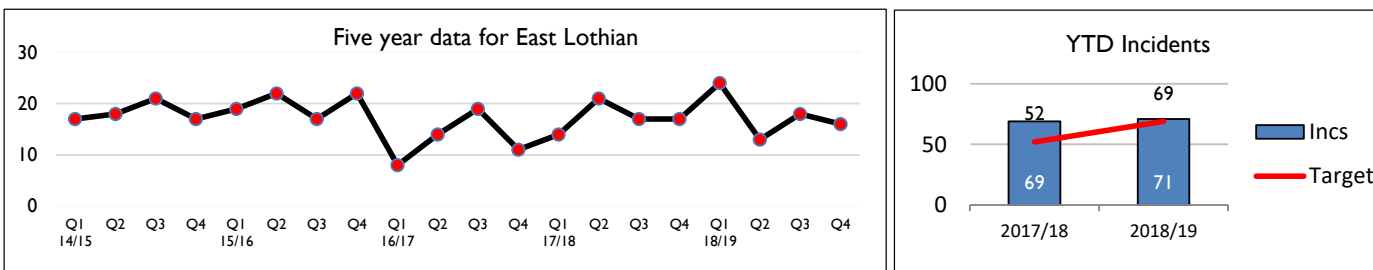
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in East Lothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this period, we responded to 16 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is a decrease of 2 incidents from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population is below the Scottish and East Delivery Area trends.

Reasons

Of these 16 accidental dwelling fires, 80% occurred in single occupancy households. 30% involved the over 65 age category. The main causes were cooking (50%) and chimney fire (25%). 50% of the reported fires started in the kitchen. 92% of the fires were confined to the room where the fire started. Houses involved have benefited from our SFRS Post Domestic Incident Response procedure. 56% of the houses involved had working smoke detectors which raised the alarm. 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, 963 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 1 provides further details on our prevention activities in relation to this priority.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - 12	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	73	80	52	69	71	
Musselburgh	13	19	11	16	20	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	6	11	11	10	10	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	12	8	9	12	11	
North Berwick Coastal	10	14	11	13	7	
Haddington & Lammermuir	17	18	3	9	17	
Dunbar & East Linton	15	10	7	9	6	

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

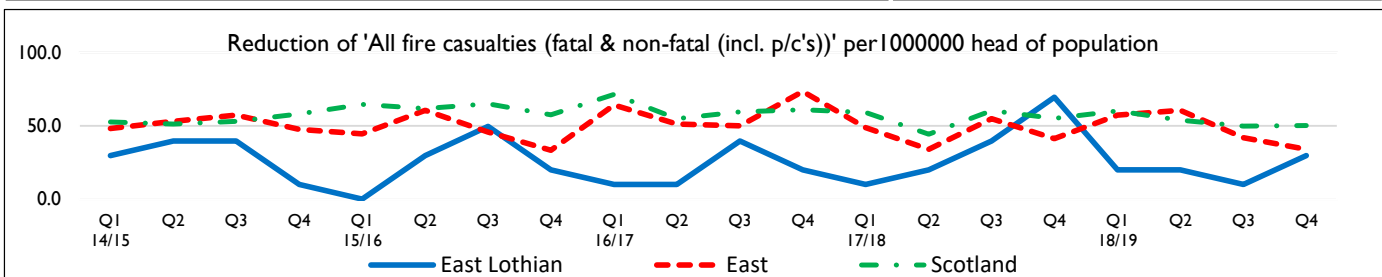
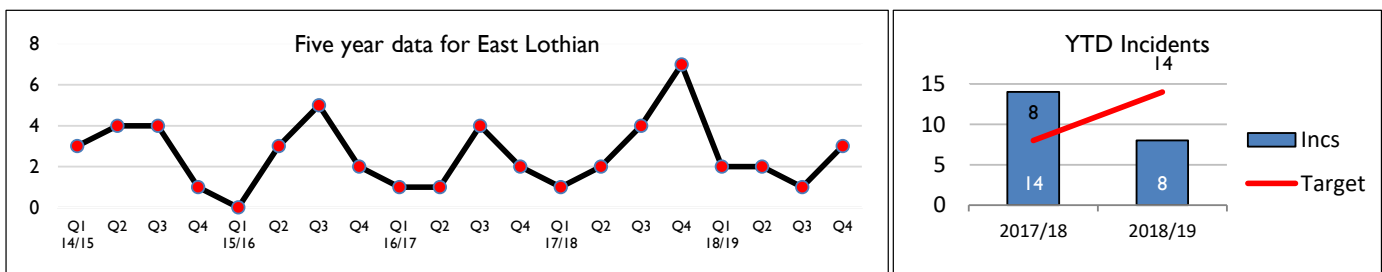
There were 2 reported fire fatalities, in the 6-month period. We aim to reduce Fire Casualties in East Lothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 2 other casualties due to accidental dwelling fires. 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 that trend continued last year with numbers falling from 14 to 8.

Actions

During this reporting period, 963 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. 105 referrals were received from our partner agencies.



YTD ward ave. for East Lothian - I	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	12	10	8	14	8	
Musselburgh	3	4	2	3	2	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	1	0	1	0	0	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	1	1	0	4	1	
North Berwick Coastal	2	2	3	2	2	
Haddington & Lammermuir	3	2	1	1	1	
Dunbar & East Linton	2	1	1	4	2	

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

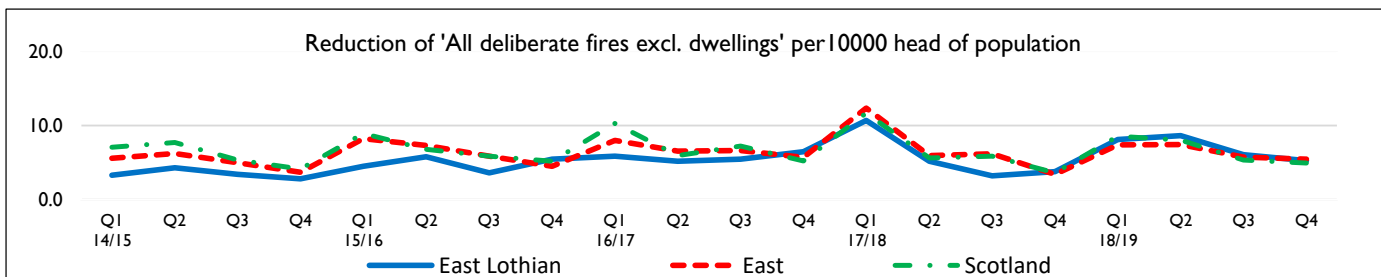
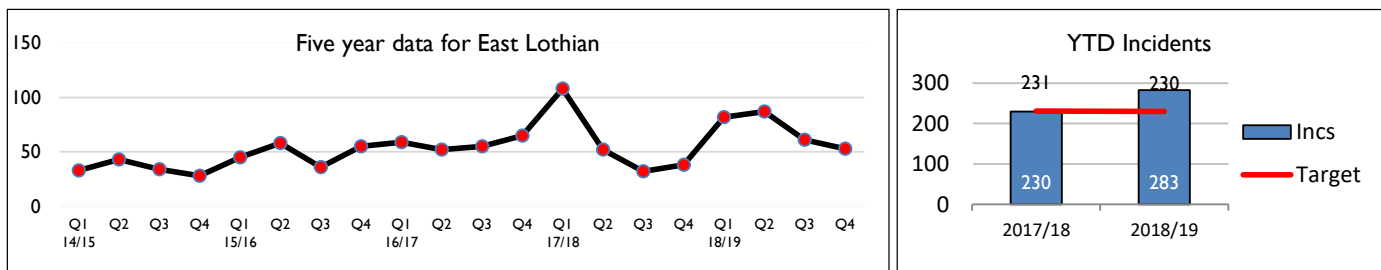
There were 91 deliberate fires during this reporting period and is an increase of 21 on the same period last year. The areas mostly likely to suffer from this type of fire behaviour are Prestonpans, Tranent, Haddington and Musselburgh. There has been an increase of 53 from the last reporting year. The 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 55% of deliberate fires with 40% to refuse and bins in East Lothian, with 5% attributed to deliberate building fires. Most incidents occurred in Prestonpans and Tranent, however Musselburgh and Haddington have high incidence.

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 - 47	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	138	194	231	230	283	
Musselburgh	39	50	37	41	54	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	23	40	71	52	63	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	55	59	79	70	76	
North Berwick Coastal	3	7	10	2	11	
Haddington & Lammermuir	12	23	23	39	50	
Dunbar & East Linton	6	15	11	26	29	

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 33 Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) during this reporting period. This is a decrease of 7 incidents 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.

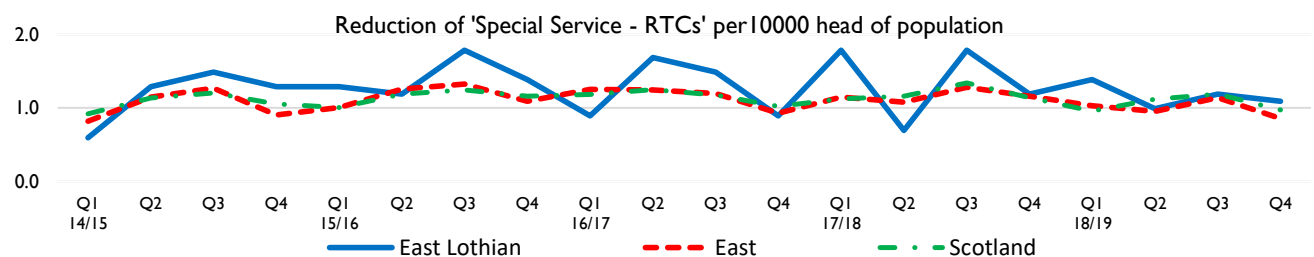
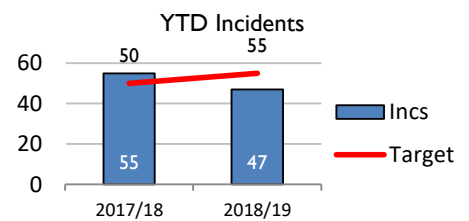
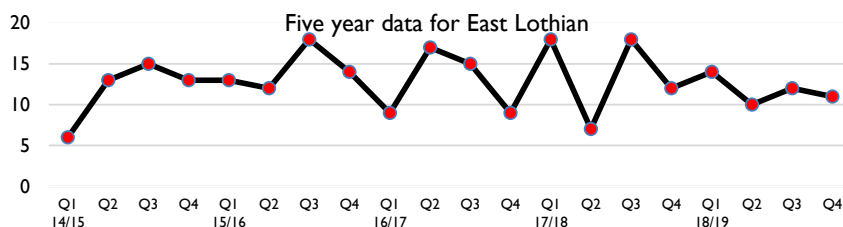
Reasons

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 - 8	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	47	57	50	55	47	
Musselburgh	11	14	12	7	7	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	6	8	2	6	5	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	15	12	8	13	8	
North Berwick Coastal	1	4	11	9	13	
Haddington & Lammermuir	5	4	9	11	5	
Dunbar & East Linton	9	15	8	9	9	

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

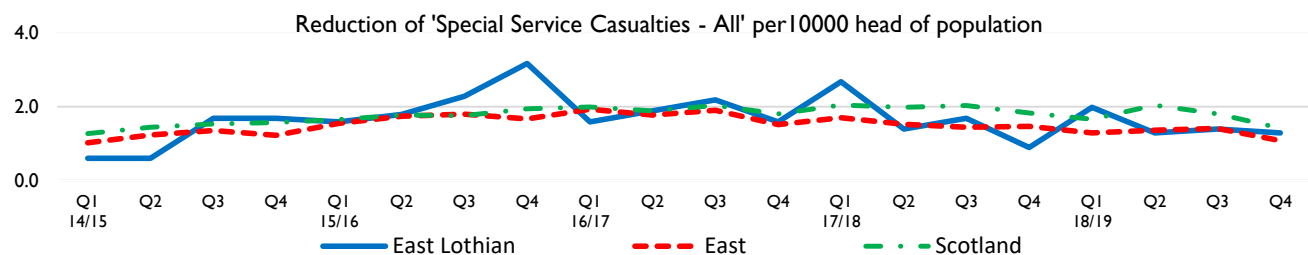
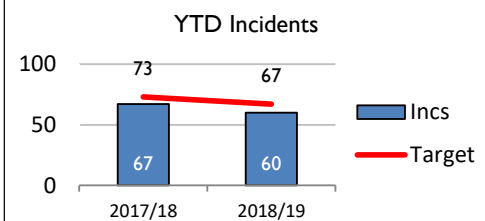
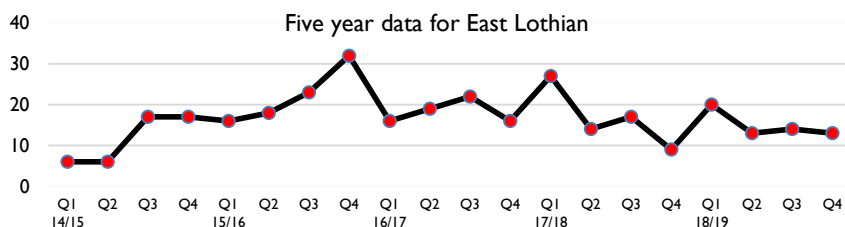
We attended to 27 casualties from non-fire emergencies in East Lothian, which is an increase of 1 compared with 2017/18. The trend per 10,000 head of population is in line with the average of the Scottish and East service delivery areas.

Reasons

We attended RTCs that resulted in 1 fatality and 16 casualties in East Lothian. SFRS helped 10 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.



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Preston, Seton & Gosford	4	20	12	6	5	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	11	7	15	8	7	
North Berwick Coastal	3	17	11	10	17	
Haddington & Lammermuir	10	7	6	12	10	
Dunbar & East Linton	5	16	8	13	16	

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

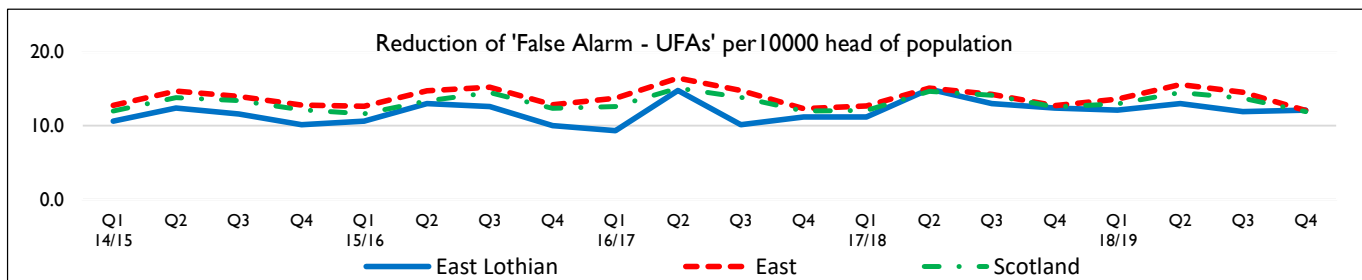
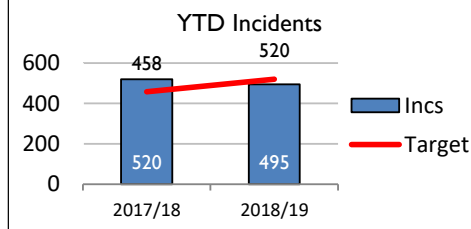
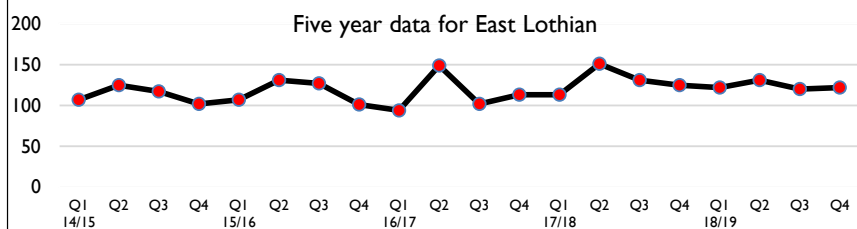
SFRS attended 242 UFAS incidents during this reporting period. In comparison to last year, this is a decrease of 14 incidents. East Lothian trend is in line with that of Scotland and the East Service Delivery area.

Reasons

Of the 242 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents we attended, 90% were caused by system and human errors (Testing, faults, cooking/burnt toast, aerosols etc.), 4% were good intent calls and 6% 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 - 83	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
East Lothian	451	466	458	520	495	
Musselburgh	149	154	139	140	162	
Preston, Seton & Gosford	39	44	33	61	38	
Tranent, Wallyford & Macmerry	56	65	87	88	78	
North Berwick Coastal	57	72	75	68	81	
Haddington & Lammermuir	97	89	67	121	84	
Dunbar & East Linton	53	42	57	42	52	

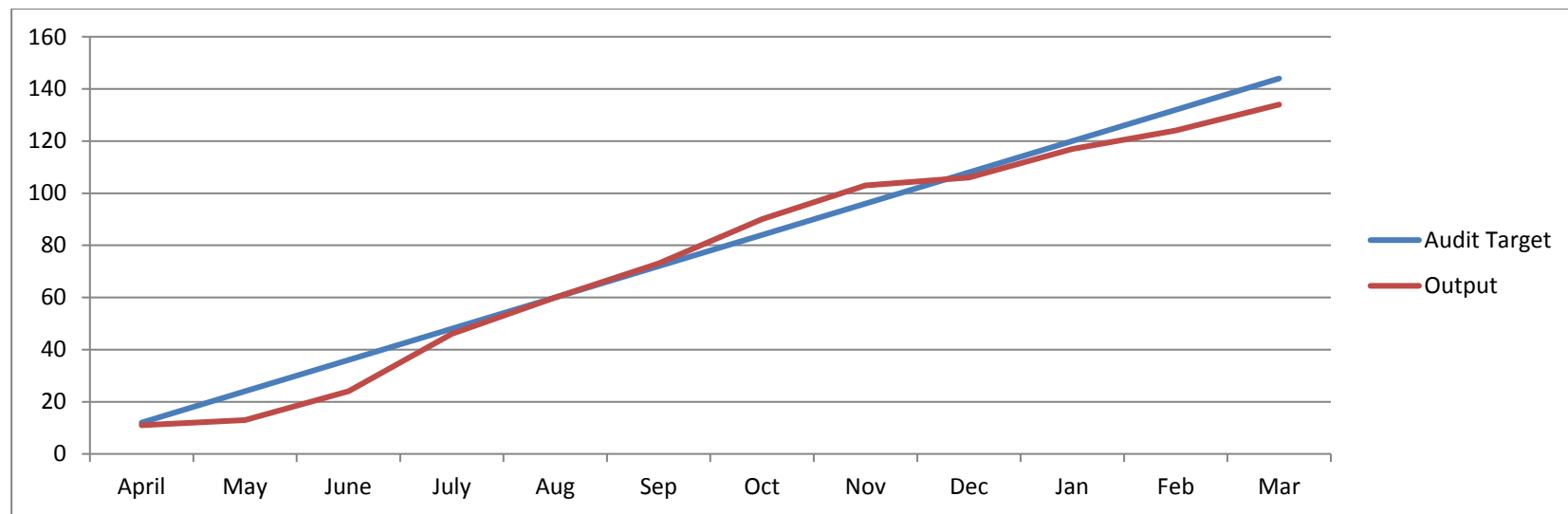
Prevention & Protection Activities

Year to date October 1st 2018 – March 31st 2019

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. Recent movement of staff has had a slight impact on the annual number of audits completed, however, all high-risk audits have been completed as per framework.

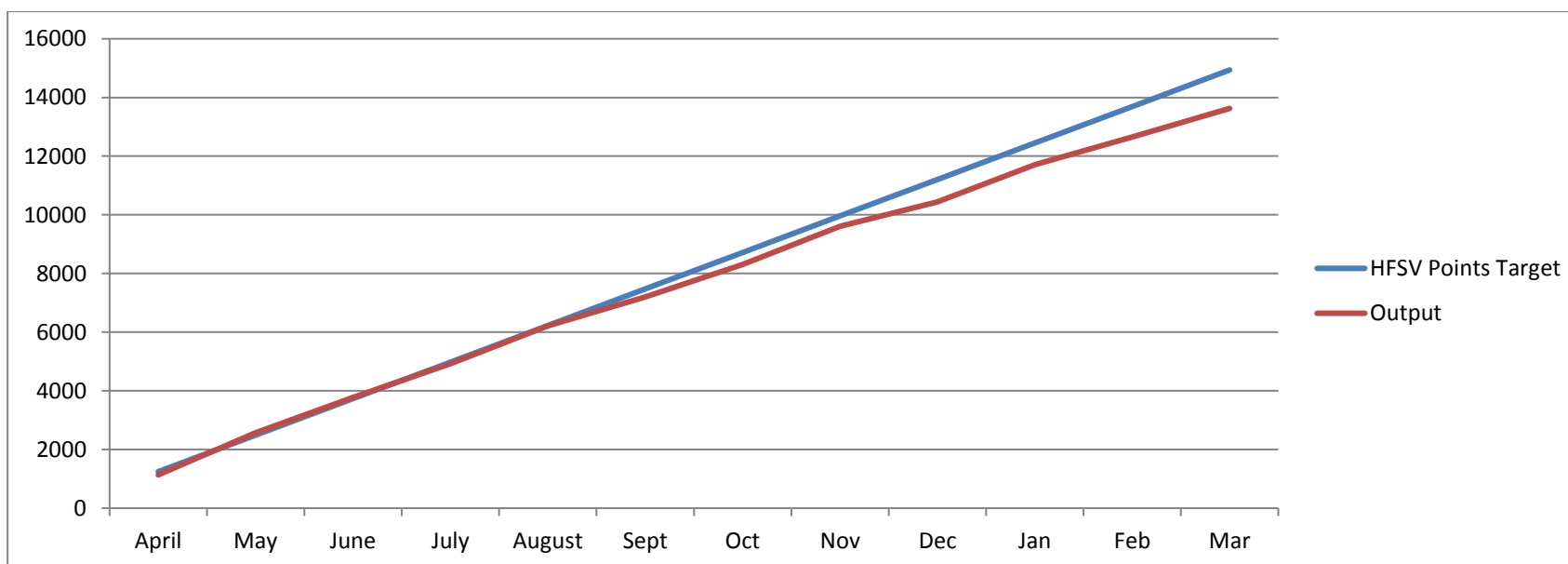
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	11	13	24	46	60	73	90	103	106	117	124	134	134



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 annual targets is down. This is mainly due to SFRS implemented changes last year which means we no longer revisit properties that have had a HFSV and were deemed to be either low or medium risk. On a positive note, the number of high risk referrals being received are increasing. We have just agreed new points targets for 2019/20. A total of **963** HFSVs were completed during 2018/19.

	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	8304	9608	10444	11708	12651	13628	13628



Total visits delivered April 2018 to March 2019 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	70
Fa'side	183
Haddington and Lammermuir	43
Musselburgh East and Carberry	183
Musselburgh West	158
North Berwick Coastal	111
Preston/Seton/Gosford	215
TOTAL	963

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

- During this period, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with youth engagement programmes, including, Risk Factory in the City of Edinburgh and Firekills in Scottish Borders and Midlothian. In addition to these programmes, the (CAT) were involved in a bespoke youth programmes at Polmont young offenders.
- Fireskills courses have been delivered locally at Dunbar in October and February.
- Local SFRS staff have worked with **3** individuals as part of our **FIRE**setter Intervention and Re-Education Scheme (**FIREs**)

Vulnerable Adults

- The local crews within East Lothian have generated **21** Adult Protection referrals (AP1).
- Our CAT have completed **20** 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 accounted for just over 100 of all received within this reporting period. We continue to work with partners and their staff, raising awareness and creating referral pathways. This is vital to support SFRS identifying those individuals at greatest risk of fire within the home. It can be seen from the figures below that this work is providing very positive results.

- East Lothian Community Access Team = **59**
- Housing Associations = **33**
- Social Services = **13**
- Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) = **22**
- Others = **25**

Other Work Completed or In Progress

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

- 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.
- Similar sessions have been delivered to East Lothian Council Housing staff, other housing providers and Allied Healthcare.
- The LALO attended EL Partnership Against Rural Crime meetings and events.
- Our Community Action Team have delivered fire safety talks to Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools within the East Lothian area.
- SFRS continue to support Community Planning and Community Justice agendas at all levels via representation.
- 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.



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

Date: 29th May 2019

Report By: Area Manager Steve Gourlay

Subject: SFRS Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2022 Consultation

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the East Lothian Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee with the information required to feedback on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2022.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the East Lothian PFCSSC notes the draft plan and provides feedback on the proposals.

3 THE CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is inviting the committee to share your views on our draft Strategic Plan 2019-2022.
- 3.2 As a cornerstone of our ongoing development, this Strategic Plan aims to ensure that we remain fully committed to improving the safety and wellbeing of the communities of Scotland that we serve.
- 3.3 The draft Strategic Plan was prepared following a statutory review of our current Strategic Plan 2016-19. A number of evidence sources were used

to support the review, resulting in several recommendations which were taken forward to inform the development of the draft Strategic Plan 2019-22.

- 3.4 We have a duty to have in place a Strategic Plan covering a period of three years. As we move into our seventh year since we were established, we are required to have a new Strategic Plan for 2019-22 published by October 2019.
- 3.5 This is your Service and we want to hear your views on our ambition to balance national priorities with the needs of local communities – now and in the future.
- 3.6 The consultation on our draft Strategic Plan 2019-22 is **open for ten weeks, closing on 18 July 2019.**
- 3.7 Your opinion matters and we hope you will help us to shape the future of the fire and rescue service delivered in Scotland.

4 DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2022

- 4.1 The draft summary plan is provided with this report
- 4.2 The link provides access to the full Draft Strategic Plan 2019-22 and all relevant documents and the consultation return.

<https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/planning-and-performance/draft-strategic-plan-2019-22/>

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**Draft Strategic Plan
2019-22
Summary Version**

This summary provides an overview of the draft Strategic Plan, 2019-22 for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). It sets out our broad ambitions over the next three years.

The purpose of this consultation is to gain a wide range of views and opinions to help us ensure our proposals are focused on the most important priorities and that they will continue to meet the evolving needs of our communities. To achieve this, we want to hear your views.

The formal consultation for this draft Strategic Plan is open between **Thursday 9 May 2019 and Thursday 18 July 2019**. Please feedback to us using our **online survey** <https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/> before the closing date. We will publish the results once the consultation is closed.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN

This plan sets out our commitments to the delivery of a first class fire and rescue service for all people across Scotland. In delivering these services we recognise the significant role we play in helping to achieve the Scottish Government's purpose, which is to focus government and public services on creating a more successful country by increasing sustainable economic growth, providing opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish.

We have developed this plan by building on the successes and experience gained over recent years. In particular, we have drawn from the results of our first ever **staff survey** in **2018** as well as our **Transformation consultation** in **2018**, which gathered views on the future of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and involved our staff, partners and the public. The consultation set out our need to transform, and presented a vision of how the Service could do even more for the people of Scotland.

We are committed to continuing this engagement with stakeholders as our journey progresses. This Strategic Plan outlines the longer term outcomes we aspire to achieve and the shorter term strategic objectives we will work towards to realise these aspirations. The outcomes and objectives are highlighted in the diagram below and the following pages. We'd love to know your thoughts.

Following this consultation, we will produce an updated version of the Strategic Plan that incorporates your feedback. This will go to the Minister for Community Safety and will be laid before Parliament by October for final approval. Once approved, we will develop a flexible three year programme that will include an Annual Operating Plan. This will be published each year and monitored on a quarterly basis by the Board and our Strategic Leadership Team.

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OUTCOME 1

Our collaborative and targeted prevention and protection activities improve community safety and wellbeing, and support sustainable economic growth.

Objective 1.1 We will work with our partners to ensure targeted prevention and early intervention are at the heart of what we do to enhance community safety and wellbeing.

To achieve this we will:

- Work in partnership to target our education programmes and community safety initiatives to reduce the risk of fire and other incidents of unintentional harm in the home.
- Continue to expand our prevention activity.
- Work in partnership to jointly utilise intelligence and data to identify those most at risk in our society.

Objective 1.2 We will enforce fire safety legislation in a risk-based and proportionate manner, protecting Scotland's built environment and supporting economic growth.

To achieve this we will:

- Continue to target fire safety audits to support those responsible for premises (the dutyholders), and ensure they are meeting their responsibilities to keep people safe.
- Continue to improve the safety of high rise premises.
- Continue to protect Scotland's built environment and support economic growth through our fire engineering work.

Objective 1.3 We will evaluate and learn from our prevention and protection activities and analyse data to ensure our resources are directed to maximise community outcomes.

To achieve this we will:

- Create a culture of reflection and review that helps our staff to improve the quality of their work and the services they deliver.
- Develop robust methods of planning and evaluation so that our prevention work is aligned with local and national priority needs and our impact on communities is maximised and understood.
- Continue to learn through the investigation of fires to improve prevention, protection and emergency response arrangements.

Objective 1.4 We will respond appropriately to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals and work with our partners to reduce and manage their impact on businesses, communities and our Service.

To achieve this we will:

- Work with duty holders to reduce false alarms and to reduce the risk to communities and our people by minimising unnecessary blue light journeys.
- Maintain the availability of resources where they are needed most, and increase the time available for operational personnel to undertake training and community safety activities.

OUTCOME 2 Our flexible operational model provides an effective emergency response to meet diverse community risks across Scotland.

Objective 2.1 We will analyse and understand a broad range of community risks across Scotland so that we have the right resources in the right places at the right time.

To achieve this we will:

- Ensure we have the most appropriate balance and distribution of capabilities to address potential risks to communities.
- Undertake a longer term exploratory review of what Scotland may look like in the future, Our Futures Vision, to understand what changes we may need to make to our operational footprint to be able to respond to any new or changing demands.

Objective 2.2 We will be more flexible and modernise how we prepare for and respond to emergencies, including working and learning with others and making the most of technology.

To achieve this we will:

- Review our operating model and duty systems to build in flexibility, reconfiguring resources to where and when they are needed most.
- Take further steps to reconsider the role of firefighters in today's society, aiming to improve a wider range of community outcomes.
- Put arrangements in place to ensure our firefighters are appropriately trained and equipped to save more lives in different ways.
- Continue to evolve the types of appliances and firefighting technology we use.
- Continue to explore and embrace technological advances and new ideas which provide a safer environment for our firefighters as we enhance safety within all the communities of Scotland.

Objective 2.3 We will maintain a strong presence across Scotland to help communities prepare for and recover from emergencies.

To achieve this we will:

- Work with our partners to assess risks, prepare for and respond to any significant threats or major emergencies.
- Improve how we can work together across command and control structures at the early stages of an incident through the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP) programme.
- Support local resilience partnerships to build capacity within communities so that they are prepared and can go some way to help themselves during an emergency situation.

Objective 2.4 We will make our frontline service delivery more effective by enhancing our command, control and communications arrangements.

To achieve this we will:

- Implement the new command and control mobilising system to enhance our resilience and emergency call handling capability.
- Work with a range of partners to ensure the successful delivery of the Home Office's Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP).

OUTCOME 3 We are a great place to work where our people are safe, supported and empowered to deliver high performing innovative services.

Objective 3.1 We will build strong leadership and capacity at all levels within the Service, and improve the diversity of our workforce.

To achieve this we will:

- Create a supportive and rewarding workplace environment which attracts and retains the best people.
- Maintain dynamic resourcing and workforce plans which are fully aligned to our business and budget planning processes.
- Continue to work with representative bodies to secure appropriate terms and conditions, which are fair and reflective of expanding job roles and deliver the best possible benefits packages for all staff who work for the SFRS.
- Promote a healthy work life balance to increase motivation and productivity, and support good mental health.

Objective 3.2 We will embed inclusive learning and development arrangements so that we have the organisational capability to deliver high quality innovative services.

To achieve this we will:

- Invest in excellent training facilities and arrangements to ensure we have the capability and skills to deliver first class frontline and supporting services.
- Embed different learning pathways to ensure all our people have access to development opportunities to keep them safe and to support them to fulfil their potential.
- Ensure we have empowered, ethical and values-based leaders at every level to inspire greater workforce diversity.
- Challenge existing ways of doing things and encourage innovation.
- Embed effective succession planning to identify potential leaders for the future.

Objective 3.3 We will care for our people through progressive health, safety and wellbeing arrangements.

To achieve this we will:

- Protect the safety of our people through a strong proactive health and safety culture.
- Continue to improve our management information systems so we can identify trends and areas in need of attention, and recognise positive results and improvements to enable the sharing of good practice across the organisation.
- Create a mentally healthy environment within which all our staff can work and prosper.

Objective 3.4 We will engage with our people, and other stakeholders, in an open and honest way, ensuring all have a voice in our Service.

To achieve this we will:

- Carry out a staff survey every two years and take action on what our people say.
- Implement robust change management practices so that our people can get involved in the decisions that matter to them.
- Continue to host Board meetings in different towns and cities around Scotland, giving the opportunity for local teams, local partners and communities to engage with Board members and senior leaders on national policy and unique local issues.

OUTCOME 4 We are fully accountable and maximise our public value by delivering a high quality, sustainable fire and rescue service for Scotland.

Objective 4.1 We will maximise our contribution to sustainable development through delivery of economic, social and environmental benefits for the communities of Scotland.

To achieve this we will:

- Continue to contribute to social equality, economic viability and environmental protection.
- Implement a SFRS Sustainable Development Framework, communicating a clear plan from which to showcase and report on the wide range of activities which contribute to sustainable development nationally – in essence making global goals our business.

Objective 4.2 We will minimise the risks we face through effective business management and high levels of compliance with all our responsibilities.

To achieve this we will:

- Continue to manage our business and money appropriately, complying with various regulations, through a robust set of policies, business processes and identified responsibilities.
- Explore how we can develop more predictive insights and improve evidence led decision making to help us respond effectively to emerging risks and challenges and to further strengthen our governance arrangements.
- Enhance our ability to identify and respond appropriately to a variety of political, operational, financial and legal risks to safeguard our resources and reputation.

Objective 4.3 We will invest in and improve our infrastructure to ensure our resources and systems are fit to deliver modern services.

To achieve this we will:

- Invest in our ICT digital infrastructure to meet the growing demand for effective, efficient and secure systems.
- Implement a long term asset management strategy which will redesign our property and fleet portfolio to balance the needs of a modern national service with those of tightening budgets.

Objective 4.4 We will strengthen performance management and improvement arrangements to enable robust scrutiny, challenge and decision making nationally and locally.

To achieve this we will:

- Introduce a new performance management system to enhance how we manage our performance in the coming years.
- Employ measured and cumulative actions to improve what we do.
- Foster a culture where our people are empowered to use their skills and experience to make improvements in their work.
- Regularly review the design of our services, systems and processes to ensure they are delivered in the most efficient, effective and safe way.



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REPORT TO: Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

MEETING DATE: 29 May 2019

BY: Depute Chief Executive - Partnerships and Community Services

SUBJECT: Tackling Antisocial Behaviour

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the number of antisocial behaviour complaints made to East Lothian Council during the reporting period (1 October 2018 to 31 March 2019) 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 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.

- 3.3 *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.
- 3.4 Acute problems unique to specific geographical areas are addressed via temporary multi-agency Problem Solving Partnerships (PSPs). During the reporting period there were three PSPs in existence; one 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 worked alongside parents, within the context of an Action Plan, to reduce the incidences of antisocial behaviour occurring at this locus. The PSP 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. During the reporting period there was a marked reduction in the number of antisocial behaviour made to Police Scotland and East Lothian Council. In the last of the referred to PSPs, representatives from the local business community were instrumental in contributing to the efforts in reducing day-time antisocial behaviour occurring on the High Street.
- 3.5 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. The performance of the funded officers is monitored by the Antisocial Behaviour Overview Group.
- 3.6 An interrogation of antisocial complaints made to the Council during the reporting period shows a mild decrease from a figure of 607 received between 1 October 2017 and 31 March 2018 to 606 received during the respective period in 2018/2019.

- 3.7 Appendix 1 shows a graph containing a linear analysis of antisocial behaviour complaints made to East Lothian Council over the last seven financial years.
- 3.8 Of the 606 cases progressed during the reporting period, 269 related principally to noise with 114 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 6% of the complaints registered were made within the context of ongoing neighbour disputes. 187 of the 606 complaints were received from Musselburgh and the surrounding environs, 103 from Tranent, 104 from Dunbar, 74 from Prestonpans, 91 from Haddington and 47 from North Berwick.
- 3.9 Of the aggregate figure, 48 of the complaints were received from anonymous sources with 43 identifiable complainers making three or more calls during the reporting period.
- 3.10 The Council continues to raise legal proceedings against those engaged in the most serious and persistent forms of antisocial behaviour. There are currently 48 live Antisocial Behaviour Orders in East Lothian. There are currently five antisocial behaviour related eviction cases before Edinburgh Sheriff Court.
- 3.11 During the reporting period, East Lothian Council, with the support of Police Scotland, successfully applied for Antisocial Behaviour Orders in relation to five alleged members of an English based Serious and Organised Group operating within East Lothian. It was alleged that all five males were involved in targeting vulnerable local residents and that they were responsible for drug dealing, intimidation and acts of violence. All five are now prohibited from entering East Lothian.
- 3.12 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, 317 referrals have been made to the Resolution Service.
- 3.13 In the Summer of 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.

3.14 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.

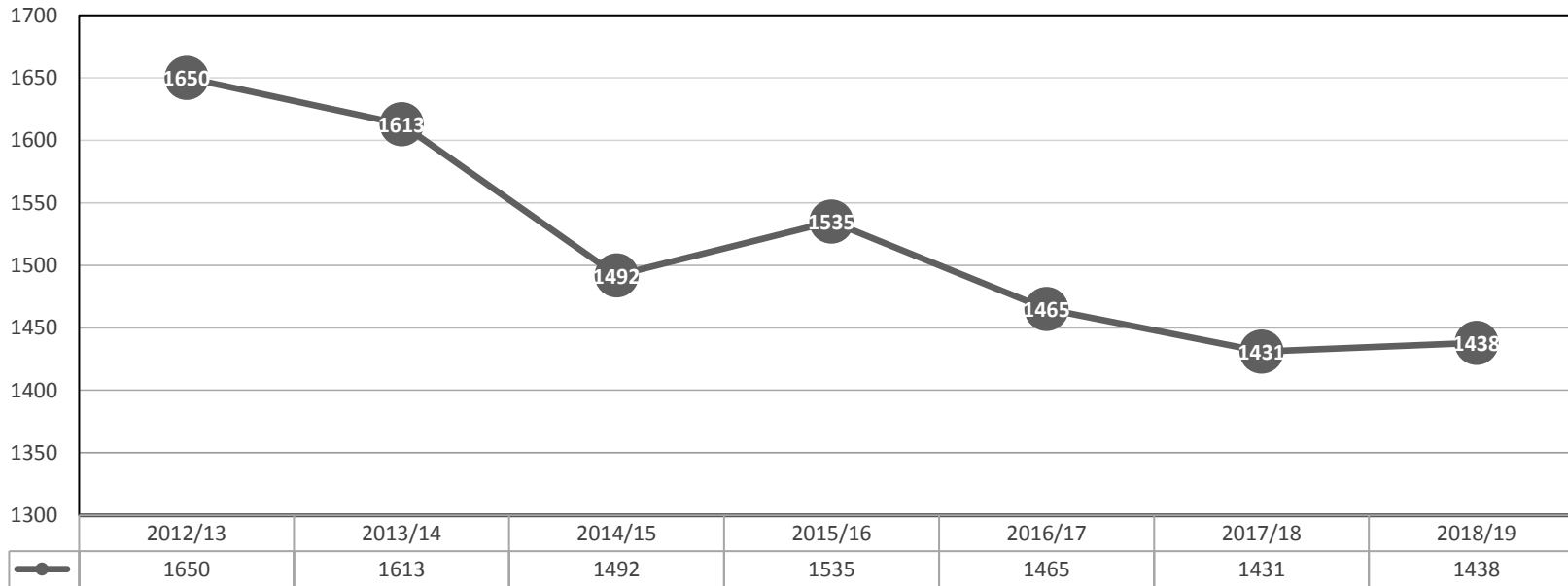
7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Graph – Antisocial Behaviour Complaints made to East Lothian Council 2012-2019.

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Appendix 1

**Number of Antisocial Behaviour Complaints made to
East Lothian Council**



YEAR

REPORT TO: Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

MEETING DATE: 29 May June 2019

BY: Depute Chief Executive - Partnerships and Community Services

SUBJECT: Local Authority Views on the year in Policing 2018/19

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the opportunity for the Committee to respond to the Scottish Police Authority annual review of policing 2018/19.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to complete the responses to questions submitted by the Scottish Police Authority on policing in 2018/19 (Appendix 1).

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is currently preparing the Annual Review of Policing for 2018/19 and its Annual Report. The SPA is keen that the views of local authorities on policing and police scrutiny arrangements in their care can inform this process

- 3.2 With that in mind the SPA has issued a short set of questions to help it gather and understand the views of police scrutiny committees. The SPA has asked for responses by 31st May.

- 3.3 The questions have been listed in Appendix 1. Where possible officers have provided a draft response to the questions but there are two questions for which a draft response has not been provided as they are particularly require elected members' views:

- What are the top three things about policing in your area, which are working really well?
- What are your top three priorities for improvement, linked to policing in your local area?

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 This report is not applicable to the wellbeing of equalities groups and an Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – none.

6.2 Personnel – none.

6.3 Other – none.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Appendix 1: Survey of Local Authority Views on the year in Policing 2018/19: DRAFT Response

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**APPENDIX 1: Survey of Local Authority Views on the year in Policing
2018/19: DRAFT Response**

	Question	Response
1	How effective do you think Police Scotland's support for local scrutiny and engagement with your committee has been in the past year?	Police Scotland's support for local scrutiny and engagement with East Lothian Council's Police, Fire and Community Safety Committee has been effective. Regular performance reports that are provided to the Committee. The reports have been revised in order to take account of members' requests for better information. Senior officers regularly attend the Committee to present the performance report and respond to questions from elected members.
2	How well do you think your local police plan reflected local priorities in 2018/19?	The local police plan reflects local priorities.
3	How effective has Police Scotland's reporting against your priorities in your local police plan been in helping you understand how policing is performing?	Police Scotland's quarterly performance reports effectively report against the priorities in the local police plan.
4	During 2018/19, do you think policing's performance in your area has improved, stayed the same, or has dipped?	Overall, it has stayed the same
5	What are the top three things about policing in your area, which are working really well?	
6	What are your top three priorities for improvement, linked to policing in your local area?	
7	Are there any examples of good practice or innovation in your local area you want to highlight, and that could be adopted as good practice in other council areas?	Community Area Police Partnerships work very effectively in East Lothian and help to set local priorities for community policing

8	What would you like to see the SPA to do more of, to help you in your scrutiny role and to support better local outcomes?	
9	How would you describe your local scrutiny arrangements for policing?	Dedicated Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee
10	How many elected members are regularly involved in your local police scrutiny process?	The Committee has nine elected members
11	Is there any additional information or feedback you would like to share?	No

Date	Performance Monitoring/ Inspection Reports	Other Reports / Reports Requested by Members
*14 Nov 2019	Police Scotland Scrutiny Report Q1 and Q2 Fire Service Local Performance Report Q1 and Q2	ELC Antisocial Behaviour Report
*14 May 2020	Fire Service Local Performance Report Q3 and Q4 Police Scotland Scrutiny Report Q3 and Q4	ELC Antisocial Behaviour Report

***To note that the meetings will take place on Thursdays at 2.00pm**