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## HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth Area Committee

**Date:** 9 January 2021

**Report Title:** Scottish Fire and Rescue Area Committee Performance Report

**Report By:** Local Senior Officer for Highland

### 1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update to Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth Area Committee Members on progress against the priorities outlined in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Area Committee Plan for Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth.
- 1.2 Priority areas are identified through a range of Intervention, Prevention and Protection activities which are delivered through partnership to reduce the risk to the communities of Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth.
- 1.3 The report also contains previously agreed information and performance as requested by Area Committees.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Committee Members are invited to **comment** and **scrutinise** the attached Area Performance Report.

### 3. Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth Area Committee Performance Report

- 3.1 The attached performance report provides the current figures for Quarter 2 of 2020/21 and from the previous four reporting years from the central Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) performance management database against the key indicators and timelines from previous reports.
- 3.2 In achieving the priorities within the Area Plan for Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth a number of prevention activities are still being progressed during Covid. These include; the delivery of free home fire safety visits (HFSV) to high and very high-risk groups, through our operational RDS Staff and Community Safety Advocates (CSA), post domestic incident response (PDIR) both of which are aimed at reducing accidental dwelling house fires following our attendance

at any incidents of this type. Local managers continue to support the partners in delivering road safety programmes, and the reduction of fire-related antisocial behaviour through targeted youth engagement, utilising digital platforms within schools.

The continued application of the Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) Policy provides a means of targeting premises that the Service attends repeatedly and by engagement reduce the number of calls.

Staff also undertake Operational Intelligence (OI) visits to the higher risk premises in Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth to gather vital information on the hazards and risks on these sites which can help our operational response and firefighter safety.

3.3 It must be emphasised that the baseline figures for some of the indicators within the report are very low and this can make meaningful statistical analysis challenging. The low figures can also make it inappropriate to provide detailed data analysis which could compromise personal information.

3.4 The performance report shows that Accidental Dwelling fires, remain very low in the area with only two Accidental Dwelling fires in this reporting period. Fire Fatalities and Fire Casualties remain at zero. Deliberate Fires are up on the same period from previous years and the total number of incidents remain low for the Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth Area in comparison to the Highland total.

False Alarm UFAS incidents are up from previous years with 20 incidents. Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth personnel will continue to work in partnership with the clear aim of trying to eliminate all incident types through our preventative work and targeted engagement with premises.

Special Service – RTCs are up from previous quarter with 4 incidents in this reporting period, however this is still a considerable reduction with the same period last year.

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**Background Papers:** Highland – Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth Area Committee - Performance Report