

People & Communities Scrutiny Committee

Committee Room 2, 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street,
Glenrothes / Blended Meeting



Thursday, 8 June, 2023 - 10.00 a.m.

AGENDA

The following item is circulated with reference to the main agenda previously issued:-

ADDITIONAL ITEM

- 1. RESPONSE TO URGENT MOTION SUBMITTED TO CABINET COMMITTEE ON 1 JUNE 2023** – Verbal Update from Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service withdrawal of appliances

The Committee notes proposals by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) to withdraw appliances temporarily or otherwise from Methil, Glenrothes, Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy, including the high reach appliance from Kirkcaldy, as part of a budget cuts exercise.

The Committee expresses its deep concern about the proposal to withdraw appliances from Fife and mandates the Council Leader (Cllr D Ross), the Spokesperson for Communities & Leisure (Cllr L Erskine), the Convener of the People & Communities Scrutiny Committee (Cllr E Clarke) and the Chief Executive of the Council to engage collectively with SFRS to express the concerns of the Committee and to seek the withdrawal of these proposals.

The Committee also refers the matter to the People and Communities Scrutiny Committee for their urgent consideration, inviting the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee (Cllr E Clarke) to consider adding the item to the agenda of the meeting on 8 June 2023 as urgent business. The Committee agrees that the Scrutiny Committee should also consider using its power to invite the Chief Officer of the SFRS, or their representative, to attend the Committee meeting on June 8th to allow members to examine the proposals.

Members are reminded that should they have queries on the detail of a report they should, where possible, contact the report authors in advance of the meeting to seek clarification.

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