

North East Fife Area Committee

JP Court Room, County Buildings, Cupar / Blended Meeting

Wednesday, 21 June, 2023 - 9.30 a.m.



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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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THE FIFE COUNCIL - NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE – CUPAR – BLENDED MEETING

JP Court Room, County Buildings, Cupar

26 April, 2023

9.30 a.m. – 13.50 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Jonny Tepp (Convener), Al Clark, Fiona Corps, Sean Dillon, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid and Ann Verner.

ATTENDING: Donald Grant, Community Manager (North East Fife), Vicky Wilson, Area Community Development Team Manager, Communities & Neighbourhoods Service; Joan Gallo, Lead Officer, Children and Families and Criminal Justice Service; Morag Millar, Strategic Growth & City Region Deals Programme Manager, Business & Employability Services; Chris Smith, Lead Officer (Development Management), Planning Service; Dr. Helen Hellewell, Associate Medical Director (Fife Health & Social Care Partnership), Jacquie Stringer, Locality Planning Co-ordinator, Health & Social Care; John Mitchell, Head of Roads & Transportation, Susan Keenlyside, Service Manager (Sustainable Transport & Parking), Allan Maclean, Lead Consultant (Sustainable Traffic & Travel), Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant (Traffic Management), Roads & Transportation Services; Rona Weir, Education Manager, Stuart Booker, Improvement Officer (Strategic Planning & Performance), Education and Children's Services; and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Dallas Seawright, Conservation Manager, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust (for para. 58 only).

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

58. DEPUTATION ON RIVER EDEN SOURCE-TO-SEA SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP (RESSSP) BY CONSERVATION MANAGER, FIFE COAST AND COUNTRYSIDE TRUST

The Convener agreed, in terms of Standing Order No. 6.2, that Mr. Dallas Seawright, Conservation Manager, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust, would address the meeting to update members on the Eden Source-to-Sea Sustainability Project.

Mr Seawright advised of progress in removing giant hogweed and other non-native invasive species which infested the river and outlined proposals for future funding to continue work to improve the water quality and the ecology of the area.

Members thereafter asked several questions which were answered by Mr. Seawright.

Decision

The Convener thanked Mr. Seawright for his detailed and informative presentation.

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59. NOTICE OF MOTION - RIVER EDEN SOURCE-TO-SEA SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion was submitted:-

Councillor Jonny Tepp, seconded by Councillor Jane Ann Liston, moved that:-

"The River Eden slowly flows across the Howe of Fife through the village of Strathmiglo to the market town of Cupar and then to Guardbridge where it enters the North Sea via the Eden Estuary, a nature reserve and an important conservation area for wading birds. The Eden Estuary is a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and along with the Firth of Tay was designated a Ramsar site on 28 July 2000. The River currently is poor or moderate for river quality - with no designations on the river currently until the Eden Estuary.

The North East Fife Area Committee notes the coming together of the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, Eden Angling Association, St Andrews University and Sustainable Cupar and their intention to create a formal partnership to be known as the River Eden Source-to-Sea Sustainability Partnership ("the RESSSP") to develop a joined up source-to-sea management plan covering the whole catchment area to improve water quality, improve habitats and develop community understanding of the River Eden.

The Committee welcomes plans for the formation of the partnership; agrees to express support for the work of the partnership and promote the work of the partnership where it aligns with the objectives of the North East Fife Local Area Plan; and instructs the Chair of the Committee to write to the Partnership to demonstrate its support in the terms of this motion".

Decision

The motion was unanimously agreed.

60. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee of 15th February, 2023.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

61. JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICE – COMMUNITY PAYBACK: UNPAID WORK SCHEME

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Service (Education and Children's Services) updating members on developments within Fife Council Justice Social Work Service in relation to the work of the Community Payback Unpaid Work Team in the North East Fife Area Committee Wards during April 2021 to March 2022.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) agreed that further reports on the Unpaid Work Scheme by the Justice Social Work Service would be brought to this Committee on an annual basis.

Councillor Lothian joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

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62. APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATION - GIBSON HOUSE, ST ANDREWS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services advising of a change of membership on The Gibson House St. Andrews SCIO and Gibson Training & Care Limited (formerly known as The Gibson Trust/Mortification).

Decision

The Committee agreed to appoint Councillor Al Clark as the Council's representative on The Gibson House St. Andrews SCIO and Gibson Training & Care Limited in place of Councillor Robin Lawson.

63. TAY CITIES DEAL ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability Services presenting the second Annual Report on progress by the Tay Cities Region Deal 2021/22.

Decision

The Committee noted the progress on activity in North East Fife in connection with the Tay Cities Deal.

64. STOPPING UP OF FOOTWAY AREA USING SECTION 207 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services requesting approval for the stopping up of a paved access area adjacent to a public footway accessing an outdoor amenity/open space/play area to the west of Shoolbraids, St. Andrews.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the proposed stopping up of the paved access area to allow for Planning Permission 22/02995/FULL to be realised on site; and
- (2) using section 207 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, delegated its confirmation to officers if no objections were received and otherwise submission to the Scottish Government for confirmation.

65. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING – NORTH EAST FIFE

The Committee considered a report by the Associate Medical Director (Senior Leadership Team Lead for North East Fife H&SC Locality Planning Group) providing members with an overview of the Health and Social Care (H&SC) Locality Planning for North East Fife.

Decision

The Committee agreed that six monthly reports would be submitted to the Committee by the Health and Social Care Partnership with updates on locality planning and joint areas of interest between H&SCP and community planning partners.

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66. SOUTH STREET, ST ANDREWS - STREET LAYOUT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services updating members on the temporary street layout in Murray Place and South Street, St. Andrews and the recent public consultation carried out on the future of the South Street spaces as part of a "place-based" approach.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the results of the recent public consultation exercise;
- (2) approved the retention of temporary footway extensions on South Street, St Andrews;
- (3) agreed that officers would progress preliminary design work for the footway extensions on South Street, St Andrews and submit a further report to the committee once these designs had been developed; and
- (4) agreed that a permanent footway extension would be built in Murray Place, St Andrews to replace the temporary feature.

Councillor Kennedy left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

Councillor Kennedy-Dalby left the meeting following consideration of the above item.

The meeting adjourned at 11.45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

67. A912 & B936 FALKLAND – PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the A912 Pleasance / Main Street and B936 Newton Road, Falkland and a 40mph buffer zone on the A912.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 20mph and 40mph speed limits as detailed in Drawing No. TRO/23/24B attached to the report, with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

68. 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS, ST ANDREWS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing issues surrounding a request for 20mph speed limits in St Andrews.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the issues surrounding the request for all 30mph roads in St. Andrews to be reduced to 20mph speed limit; and
- (2) agreed the inclusion of the 20mph speed limit in St. Andrews as a proposed capital Area Roads Programme scheme for 2024/25.

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69. EAST NEUK SKATEPARK – COMMUNITY-LED CONSULTATION

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service advising members of the outcome of the community-led consultation carried out in relation to the options appraisal for the East Neuk Skatepark.

Motion

Councillor Alycia Hayes, seconded by Councillor Ann Verner, moved that the committee agree the recommendations in the report.

Amendment

Councillor Sean Dillon, seconded by Councillor Fiona Corps, moved as follows:-

The North East Fife Area Committee:-

1. thanks the local community group supported by the Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council in undertaking and reporting the findings of their community consultation;
2. recognises the community support for an East Neuk Skatepark;
3. notes that Bankie Park and Waid Academy were considered as potential locations for an East Neuk Skatepark;
4. recognises the continuing concerns expressed by some of the local community regarding the consultation's preference for Bankie Park as the site for the East Neuk Skatepark;
5. requests officers to undertake an options appraisal and project design for an East Neuk Skate Park for further consideration by committee and that Bankie Park and other sites including Waid Academy should be appraised; and
6. requests that officers work with the local community to develop the options appraisal and project design incorporating the wider greenspace impact and assessing other impacts for the project.

Each option should be scored for its effect on community cohesion.

Roll Call

For the motion – 5 votes

Councillors Hayes, Hoggan-Radu, Lothian, MacDiarmid and Verner.

For the amendment – 8 votes

Councillors Clark, Corps, Dillon, Holt, Knox, Lawson, Liston and Tepp.

Having received a majority of votes, the amendment was accordingly carried.

Decision

The Committee agreed in terms of the amendment.

70. LOCAL AREA BUDGETS 2022-24

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing members with the necessary information to allocate funding for various projects from local area budgets.

Decision

The Committee approved the following list of projects:-

Anti-Poverty

- Lived Experience - £6,000
- Summer Programme - £20,000
- Additional CEW for 12 months - £43,000
- Additional Welfare staff temp part-time for 12 months - £36,000

Mental health/social isolation

- Adult Befriending - LINK - £10,000
- Cupar Local Studies - FCT - £23,000

Climate Change

- Eden Hogweed - FCCT - £24,000

Transport and access to services

- Feasibility Study Newburgh Pontoon - £10,000
- Duffus Park Middle Car Park - £80,000
- Public Building Wifi - £20,000

Community Participation

- St. Andrews Bandstand - funding shortfall - £12,000
- Waterstone Crook Pitch - £10,000

Local Place Plans - Consultancy Support - £15,000

71. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - NORTH EAST FIFE CLD PLAN AND ANTI-POVERTY UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on the work of the NEF Community Development Team which included reporting on youth work, adult learning, family, capacity building work and anti-poverty work.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the work of the NEF Area Team and the work to address rural poverty in the area;
- (2) approved the following areas of spend projected for 2023/24 in anti-poverty funding, aligned to the NEF Local Community Plan:-
 - St Andrews Environmental Network - £24,000
 - Holiday Activities - £13,000
 - Project staff - £49,500
 - Discretionary Fund - £22,400
 - Hardship Provision - £26,100; and
- (3) noted the selected areas of spend for the 2022/23 allocated budget and the impacts on those who had received funding to combat poverty.

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72. REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES - 2021/22

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) providing members with details of the attainment outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's schools during the school year 2021/22.

Decision

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2021/22; and
- (2) the strategies being implemented to raise attainment.

Councillor Holt left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

73. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Manager, Property Services advising of action taken using the List of Committee Powers in relation to property transactions.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

74. NORTH EAST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) in support of the Committee's consideration of the workplan for future meetings of the Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme; and
- (2) that members should contact the Convener with suggestions for future agenda items.

21 June 2023

Agenda Item No. 4

Application for Funding from Crail Common Good Fund – Crail Play Park Renovation

Report by: Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods

Wards Affected: 19 – East Neuk and Landward

Purpose

To present for consideration an application received from Crail Community Council for grant funding from Crail Common Good Fund.

Recommendations

Members are asked to consider an application from Crail Community Council for £44,884.47 towards the costs of renovating Crail Play Park.

Resource Implications

Crail Common Good Fund has an estimated in-year revenue surplus of £53,041 and revenue balances from previous years of £340,034. Successful applications from previous years that have yet to draw down funding amount to £60,616, excluding this application.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications based on this report.

Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

The project has the support of ward members.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Applications to Common Good Funds should be able to demonstrate a benefit to the inhabitants of the former Burgh concerned.
- 1.2 Applications for £5,000 and under can be determined under delegated powers if there is agreement between the local Elected Members. However, the amount applied for on this occasion will require that it is determined by the North East Fife Area Committee.
- 1.3 The grant application should normally be a maximum of 50% of the total project cost except in circumstances where funding is for the maintenance of Common Good property.

2.0 Project Proposal

- 2.1 The local Charette carried out by Crail Community Partnership highlighted the need, want and requirement of improved play spaces in Crail. This application is for a grant to renovate the play park adjacent to the school and nursery in Crail.
- 2.2 The play park equipment is nearing the end of its asset lifetime, with several pieces having already been removed but not replaced.
- 2.3 The current play equipment is not accessible to disabled users, therefore, equipment in the new design of the park has been specifically chosen to allow accessibility – e.g., accessible roundabout, bucket swing and sensory panels. Furthermore, the access path into the park will be improved to ensure ease of access for those in a wheelchair.
- 2.4 The current play equipment does not fully cater to the age range of the children using the park hence, the new design includes more challenging equipment which allows the chance for climbing for older users age 12+, while ensuring there is suitable equipment for younger children that still provides the opportunity for risky climbing and self-propelled movement – all of which are essential for development at all stages.
- 2.5 The fencing along the entire play park and skate park will be replaced as part of the project as the old fence is rusted and not particularly safe or secure. Further perennial planting will be added to enhance the natural environment and to attract wildlife, both pollinators and birds.

3.0 Project Costs

- 3.1 The overall cost for the project is £189,784.47. Fife Council will fund £100,000 of the overall cost (63%).
- 3.2 The following applications have been made to cover this cost:
 - Common Good - £44,884.47 (this application)
 - Fife Environment Trust - £44,900 (pending)

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 The award of a grant towards the cost of renovating the Crail Play Park ensures its long-term sustainability.
- 4.2 The application meets the criteria for Common Good funding. Grant funding requested is under 25% of total estimated project costs.

List of Appendices

1. Crail Common Good Financial Statement
2. Crail Community Partnership Financial Evaluation Form

Background Papers

No background papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022/23
AS AT FEBRUARY 2023**

2021/22	2022/23 EXPENDITURE TO DATE	2022/23 FULL YEAR PROJECTION
£	£	£
INCOME		
39,440 RENTS	34,985	39,440
17,267 EXTERNAL INTEREST	11,543	17,267
516 INTEREST ON REVENUE BALANCES	0	516
0 OTHER INCOME	458	458
OTHER INCOME - PROPERTY	0	0
57,223 TOTAL INCOME	46,986	57,682
EXPENDITURE		
0 PROPERTY COSTS - CORPORATE MANAGED	0	0
1,511 PROPERTY COSTS - OTHER	300	300
43,670 GRANTS - Current Year	7,833	27,358
GRANTS - Previous years	11,950	53,041
3,652 OTHER EXPENDITURE	0	0
48,833 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	20,083	80,699
8,390 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	26,903	(23,017)
REVENUE BALANCES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR GRANTS	11,950	53,041
8,390 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) TOTAL	38,853	30,024

FOR INFORMATION ONLY - YEAR END BALANCES AS AT 31/3/22

	£
HERITABLE PROPERTY	753,753
INVESTMENTS	424,170
PRIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS	53,041
REVENUE BALANCES (NET OF PRIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS)	340,034
	1,570,998

CRAIL COMMON GOOD

ANALYSIS OF GRANT PAYMENTS

APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEARS

£	OUTSTANDING PROJECT	REF	AWARDED DATE	£ PAID
20,000	Crail Parish Church Restoration	NEF023	02/09/2020	
4,858	Crail Public Improvement Works - Phase 2	NEF031	02/09/2020	4,858
20,000	Refurbish Harbourmasters Office at Crail Harbour	NEF035	02/09/2020	
3,918	Mercat Cross Restoration	NEF041	28/10/2020	3,918
591	Crail Community Partnership - Victoria Gardens 2021 Plant	NEF050	07/01/2021	
2,384	Crail Festival - Tree Pollarding	NEF067	05/10/2021	1,884
1,290	Crail Museum & Heritage - assist in cost of interpretation bc	NEF068	27/10/2021	1,290
53,041				11,950

REMAINING AMOUNT STILL TO BE PAID 41,091

APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN 2022/23

£	COMMITTED PROJECT	REF	AWARDED DATE	£ PAID
2,562	Standpipe Installations	NEF073		2,562
1,450	Crail in Bloom	NEF074	5/12/2022	
1,825	Crail Museum & Heritage Centre - Computerising Collection	NEF075	5/12/2022	
10,000	Trustee of Crail - Turning Tarmac into Wetland	NEF079	7/20/2022	
1,992	Crail Community Hall - Roof Repairs	NEF080	8/4/2022	1,992
6,250	Crail Community Hall Boiler Replacement	NEF081	10/3/2022	
3,279	Crail Community Hall Electrical Repairs	NEF083	12/19/2022	3,279
27,358				7,833

60,616

IN YEAR ESTIMATE SURPLUS AVAILABLE TO SPEND 22/23			30,024
CURRENT REVENUE BALANCES AVAILABLE			340,034
TOTAL AVAILABLE TO SPEND IN 2022-2023			370,058

COMMON GOOD APPLICATION -FINANCIAL EVALUATION FORM

Amount of Grant

Application Number

Grant Applicant

Contact Name
Address

Description of Project

Period of Accounts

1. One off Project

2. Information available from the Annual Accounts

Income & Expenditure/Receipts & Payments Account

Statement of Balances/Balance Sheet

Accounts Audited/Independent Examiner

Deficit or Surplus as % of Total Expenditure

Have Funds at end of year increased
If so, what is percentage increase on previous year

Organisations Annual Income

Organisations Annual Expenditure

Expenditure items appropriate

3. Comments from Evaluation of Accounts

4. Funding Breakdown

Detailed Breakdown of costs provided
Detailed Breakdown of Funding Income provided

<u>Income raised/applied for</u>	
Current Application	£ 44,884 Common Good
Income raised	
Other Grants	100,000 Fife Council Match 53% 44,900 Application made to Fife Environmental Trust
Others	
Total Income	<u>189,784</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>189,784</u>

5. Comments

Funds available in the CG fund to fund this

Prepared By S Mitchell Finance Assistant 4/26/2023

Checked By E Hodgson Accountant 5/10/2023

Designation Date

21 June 2023

Agenda Item No. 5

Safer Communities Team Update Report

Report by: John Mills, Head of Housing Services

Wards Affected: North East Fife area (Wards 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide elected members with an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the North East Fife committee area during the 12 month period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to note and comment on the activity to date.

Resource Implications

None.

Legal & Risk Implications

None.

Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is not required as this report presents an update on the activity of the Safer Communities Team. No policy or funding changes are being proposed that are likely to have an impact on equality groups.

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with community safety partner agencies.

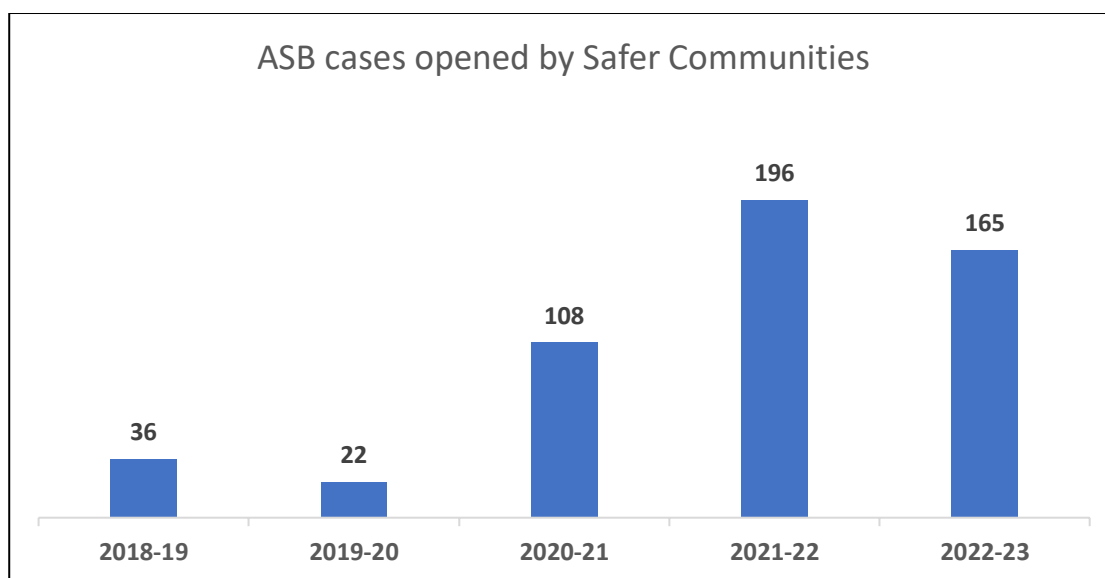
1.0 Background

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update elected members on the activity of the Safer Communities Team (SCT) within this committee area during the financial year 2022-23.
- 1.2. This report sits alongside individual updates from Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). It should be noted that the three core agencies (Police Scotland, SFRS and Fife Council's SCT) may comment on work carried out *in partnership* with each other and other agencies but cannot comment specifically on work carried out independently by other services.
- 1.3. Some information may be included on Fife-wide activity to raise awareness of the range of activities which may be of interest to members and their constituents.
- 1.4. Each activity is categorised as either People or Place focussed.

2.0 People Focussed Activity

- 2.1. Our Fife Cares service received 35 referrals in relation to **home safety advice** during 2022-23, a decrease on the number received in the previous year (32 referrals). All clients were contacted and offered either a visit or a telephone contact.
- 2.2. The majority of home safety referrals (97%) related to requests for tailored home safety advice specifically for families with children under five years of age.
- 2.3. In the last financial year, the majority of home safety referrals for child safety were received from Health Visitors (60%), whilst the remainder come from a variety of other sources such as Community and Family Nurses, Social Work, Housing Officers, and family support services such as Fife Gingerbread and Homestart.
- 2.4. Over the same period, referrals for home safety in relation to vulnerable adults were predominantly received from Social Work Services and Housing Services (53%), but also come from Community Nurses, Fife LGBT, Frontline Fife, Housing Associations and Safer Communities Officers.
- 2.5. During 2022-23, officers from the Safer Communities Team attended quarterly meetings of the Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness Cross Party Working Group chaired by Claire Adamson MSP and held at the Scottish Parliament. At the March 2023 meeting, as part of the 10th anniversary celebrations of the group, officers were invited to present a "good news" input on the Fife Cares service. This included information on how the service keeps abreast of changes, emerging trends and risks, and how it evolves in response. This input was extremely well received and led to further discussion between those in attendance. Appendix 1 contains details of the input delivered.
- 2.6. Referrals to the Fife Cares service regarding **home security advice** under the Safe, Secure and Supported at Home initiative decreased slightly during 2022-23 compared to the previous year (51 and 58 respectively).
- 2.7. Safe Secure and Supported at Home referrals are mainly received from Police Scotland (54%), but also from other sources such as Fife Women's Aid, Housing Officers, Health Visitors and Social Work.
- 2.8. During 2022-23, Fife Cares staff were asked to provide 24 separate inputs to groups or community events across Fife, and at one national event, on the subject of Home Safety and Security.

- 2.9. **Fife Community Safety Support Service (FCSSS)** is funded by the Safer Communities Team to provide support and/or mediation to those experiencing, or involved in, antisocial behaviour in a private space setting. The service received 19 referrals, a decrease on the previous year (27).
- 2.10. Of the referrals received by FCSSS, 10 resulted in the provision of emotional or practical support whilst the remaining nine involved some form of mediation between the parties involved.
- 2.11. Appendix 2 provides examples of feedback received by FCSSS plus some additional information on the service.
- 2.12. As of 17th January 2022, the Safer Communities Team became the single point of contact for all cases of private space **antisocial behaviour (ASB)**. This, coupled with the increase of private space ASB during the pandemic, has led to an increase in the number of cases dealt with by the team, as demonstrated by the following graph:

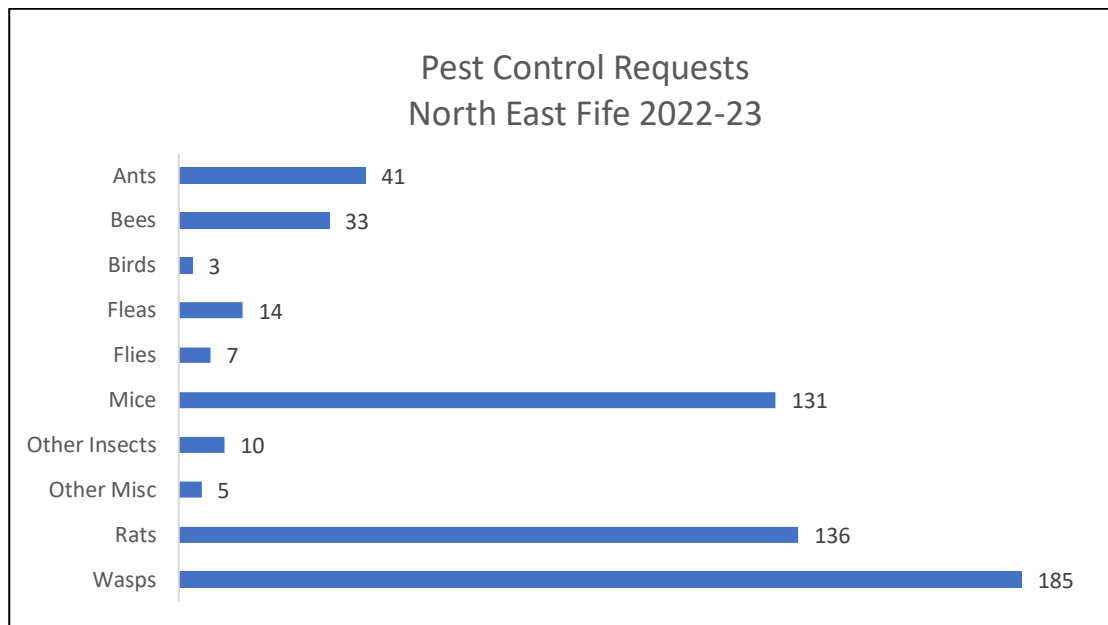


- 2.13. Of the cases closed in 2022-23, 92% were resolved within locally agreed timescales. Please see table 1 below for timescales involved and appendix 3 for the Scottish Housing Regulator’s definition of resolved cases.

Table1: Locally Agreed Timescales for Antisocial Behaviour Cases

Category	Target timescale: Initial contact - complainer	Target timescale: Resolution
Extreme	1 working day	12 months
Serious	3 working days	6 months
General	5 working days	2 months

2.14. Our **Pest Control** officers responded to 565 requests for service during 2022-23, compared to 555 in the previous year. The number and type of pests dealt with are depicted in the following chart:



2.15. Seven **stray dogs** reports were received by the Safer Communities Dog Wardens, a slight decrease from the previous year (12). Five of the dogs were microchipped, but only two reflected the correct details of their owners. Five dogs were subsequently claimed/returned to their owner and the remaining two were passed to an animal charity for assessment prior to being rehomed. Officers continue to raise awareness of the importance of microchipping and the legislation in force.

2.16. In 2022-23, Safer Communities Project Officers resumed their **Dog Watch** initiative, a project aimed at commercial dog walkers across Fife, which began in 2019 but had to take a break during the pandemic. This project aims to encourage commercial dog walkers who use Fife's parks and greenspaces to sign up to a voluntary scheme and register their details with the Council. By complying with the criteria within the scheme, commercial dog walkers can:

- reduce their impact on local parks and other users
- set a good example to other dog walkers
- deliver a safe and quality service for their customers

2.17. The wider public benefit from Dog Watch by knowing that those dog walkers who have signed up to the scheme have been individually inspected - including their vehicles - to ensure they are safe for transporting dogs. In 2022-23, a total of 17 dog walkers have joined, albeit none as yet from the North East Fife area.

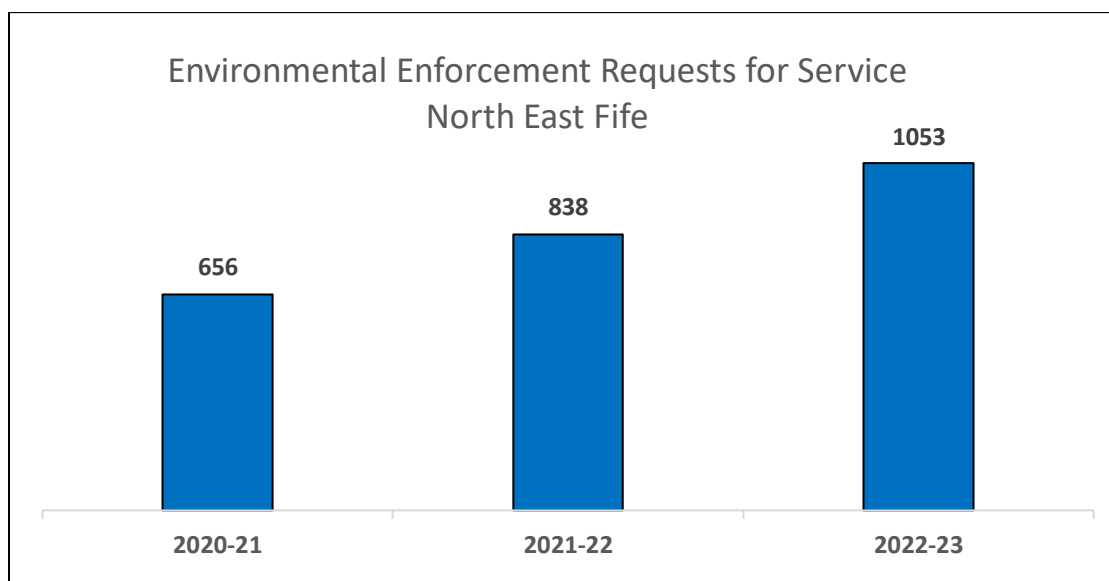
2.18. Reports of attacks by dogs during lambing season are unfortunately becoming more common. In partnership with Police Scotland, Safer Communities Team set up a pilot event at Falkland Estate on Friday 10th March to engage with members of the public and to provide awareness of the importance of keeping their dogs on the lead and under control, particularly during lambing season. This event also provided us with the opportunity to speak to the public about dog fouling and other wildlife issues.

- 2.19. Due to the success of this event and further reports about attacks, we hosted a similar event in Blairadam Forest on 12th April 2023. Whilst this event occurs within the current financial year, we felt it important to share this information now rather than wait to report it next year. The Blairadam Forest event included more partners to support the day, including Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, Forestry Commission, National Sheep Association, SSPCA (Scottish Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), PARC (Partnership against Rural Crime), Police Scotland. The event received national attention and was covered by STV, raising awareness at a crucial time in the lambing season and hopefully preventing further attacks across the country, not only in Fife. The plan is to make these annual events which we will host at various locations around Fife.
- 2.20. The Fife Community Safety Partnership has recently reinvigorated the Road Casualty Reduction Group, in which officers from Safer Communities Team are involved. Our Project Officers provided a number of **Road Safety** initiatives which covered the whole life spectrum from birth onwards (see appendix 4 for road safety activities focussed on each life stage).
- 2.21. Whilst some events were delivered to a Fife-wide audience, the following were delivered specifically within the North East Fife committee area:
- Junior Road Safety Officers Initiative (6 schools – 31 pupils)
 - Leuchars Army Base - Primary School Event
 - Safe Drive Stay Alive (4 schools – 598 pupils)
- 2.22. Appendix 5 provides additional information about the range of road safety initiatives involving the Safer Communities Team in 2022-23.
- 2.23. Project Officers from the Safer Communities Team support the Fife Water Safety Group, which is a working group set up under the Fife Community Safety Partnership's Reducing Harm priority). During 2022-23, our officers attended the Train the Trainer for **Waterside Responders Course**, and they are working with RNLI to set up a course in 2023-24 for local businesses. The aim is to have local responders on hand in areas where water safety issues may occur.
- 2.24. Our project officers also identified the gap for an emergency first aid and water safety course for **Wild and Open Water Swimmers**. SCT officers will work with RNLI to create a suitable course to offer to these groups during 2023-24.
- 2.25. Our **Youth Justice Officers (YJOs)** received 34 referrals about young people in the North East Fife area from the Youth Offender Management Group (YOMG) during 2022-23, an increase on the previous year (19). This is due to the increased capacity of Safer Communities Team Youth Justice Officers following successful recruitment during 2022-23.
- 2.26. In previous years, we have been able to provide statistical evidence that our work with young people creates positive outcomes. Unfortunately, the information we use to demonstrate the success of our activity is held by Police Scotland and is currently unavailable due to a change of systems. We hope to be able to access this valuable information at a later date. In the meantime, our YJOs are working on methods of obtaining feedback from young people and the different people involved in their lives to provide a qualitative evaluation of the work they carry out.

- 2.27. In November 22, the YJOs delivered an ASB input to S3 &4 pupils at Wade Academy - the input focused on what is anti-social behaviour and what the youth justice system looks like. This was delivered during the pupils PSE classes and enhanced the learning that was provided by teaching staff as part of their normal PSE provision. This has resulted in a positive relationship with the school and ongoing advice and support with identified young people.
- 2.28. In March 23, YJOs also delivered a Fireskills course within the Levenmouth area. This course is aimed at young people that have come into contact with the youth justice system or are on the periphery of offending behaviour. The purpose is to enhance core skills, such as citizenship, awareness of health and safety, confidence and communication, problem solving, self-discipline, team working and an understanding of the role the Fire Service and other agencies play in the community. Although this was delivered in the Levenmouth area, we offered places to young people in the NEF area.
- 2.29. Throughout the year, the Officers supported CLD and youth work colleagues to provide street work/detached youth work in response to ASB reports in the Cupar area. This has been informed with information sharing between colleagues (Police, Safer Communities and elected members) which has enabled us to ensure that the resources are in the correct area. This has enabled CLD to make connections with young people in the community and work with them within the school setting and a reduction in reports of ASB from this particular group.
- 2.30. Appendix 6 also provides more information about our youth justice activities across Fife during 2022-23.

3.0 Place Focussed Activity

- 3.1 In terms of **environmental enforcement** issues, 1053 requests for service were received for the North East Fife area during 2022-23. The following chart shows the comparative figures for the past three years:



- 3.2 Appendix 7 provides data showing the number of reports per type of Environmental Enforcement over the past three years.

- 3.3 Our Safer Communities Officers (SCOs) carried out 1389 patrols in this area over the reporting period, a decrease on the previous year (1547 patrols). The patrols have covered a variety of community issues, including public space antisocial behaviour, dog fouling, youth issues, noise, vandalism, vehicle misuse, littering, fly tipping, drugs misuse and partnership working. Support referrals, intelligence and requests have come from a number of sources including but not limited to public reporting, Police colleagues, Fire colleagues Elected Members, Housing and Partnership meetings.
- 3.4 The Safer Communities Team link in with other partners on a monthly basis at our private and public space hub meetings. The public space meeting has representatives including Police, Fire, Cluedup, Includem, and Community Learning and Development. At this meeting all partners share intelligence and discuss any issues that may be arising and arrange a joint plan of action, joint working or take away tasks if necessary. The private space meeting involves Housing, Police and Safer Communities and we discuss all private space ASB issues and ongoing cases to ensure an effective partnership approach to resolving neighbour disputes.
- 3.5 Regular joint patrols with partners take place to assist in any ongoing issues within the North East Fife area. SCO's have assisted with ASB issues at various locations including Guardbridge, Taybridgehead, Cupar and St Andrews. These patrols are pre-arranged with colleagues from Community Learning Development, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust and Police colleagues.
- 3.6 Safer Communities help coordinate the abandoned bike removal process within the St Andrews Area. A recent process review involving Police, Transportation and Safer Communities developed an improved process for Fife. Safer Communities lead on the organisation of removal of any abandoned bikes along with support from Clean and Green in the St Andrews area. Any bikes removed are then stored locally at the St Andrews Police station before being donated to various charities for refurbishment, or stripped for usable parts.



4.0 Campaigns and events

- 4.1 Team members are normally involved in a variety of **events** throughout each year. Due to the ongoing impact of the pandemic during 2022-23 we continued to utilise our **social media** platforms to convey the community safety message to the residents of Fife. We provided information, advice, and assistance on a number of different campaigns. We attracted over 8,500 followers on Facebook during 2022-23 and, overall, we reached an audience of over 685,000 people across Fife. See appendix 8 for further information.
- 4.2 In order to keep up to date with forthcoming events and activities co-ordinated by the Safer Communities Team or shared by the Team on behalf of partner agencies, members are invited to 'like' our Facebook page **Safer Communities Fife** or follow us on Twitter **@safeinfife**.

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 This report provides members with information on the wide range of safer communities' activity being undertaken in this committee area, in line with local priorities and emerging issues, and in partnership with other community safety organisations.

List of Appendices:

- Appendix 1 - Fife Cares input to Cross Party Working Group
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Fife Cares Input to Cross Party Working Group March 2023

Good news story of the Fife Cares Service where we provide free child safety visits and free home safety visits for vulnerable adults.

- This service is of the utmost importance to the people who receive it and are working in it
- It is vital to maintain the service to help reduce unintentional harm and make a difference to those we can reach
- We continue to face huge challenges of reducing budgets and the increasing costs of everything, from staff costs to fuel and equipment
- We are continually examining our methods of working and the menu of equipment we provide as well as advice we give
 - We must examine our equipment against costs to see if there is an alternative way to deliver the safety involved
 - An example of this is to deliver safety gates along with appropriate advice instead of fitting stair gates
 - We are providing more advice both verbal and written in form of booklets and have produced our own library of booklets with advice, as well as utilising resources from other partners
 - We are also involved in making our delivery more efficient and effective such as delivering advice through discussion with groups such as nursery mums and elderly forums etc.
- In our partnership with RoSPA we look at what they are doing and have done and learn from their experience and knowledge. We also share what we are doing with them.
- Through partnership working we take on board issues raised here at CPG such as the danger of button batteries, and work with partners such as CAPT to promote safer use of such batteries
- We promote these messages through events and social media as well as at each visit we carry out. Now we are finding that more parents of young children at visits are aware of these dangers. We do however continue to spread the messages.

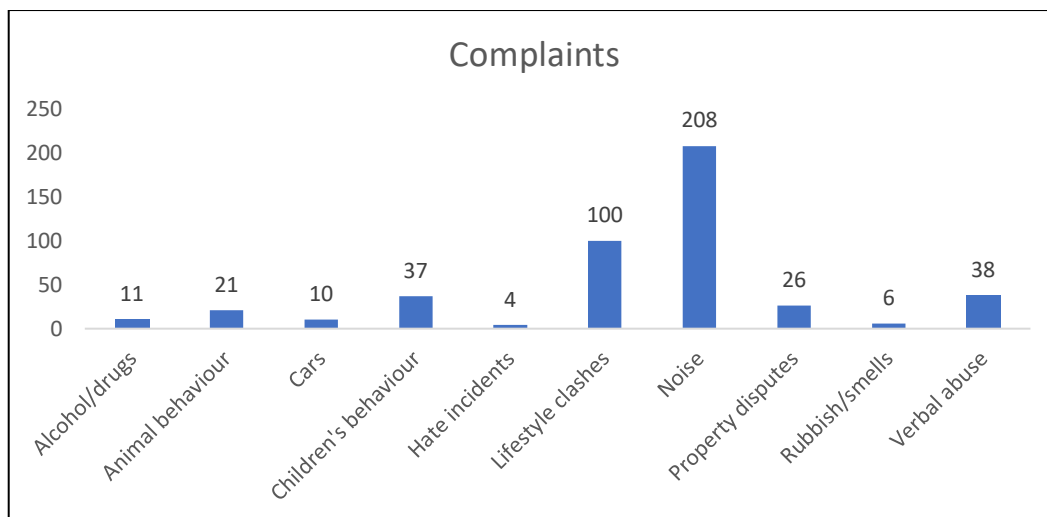
- Evaluation of what we are doing is essential to our continued improvement–
 - We use mobile working and utilise computer tablets to record our visits and now have evaluation questions on our work tablets for each visit
 - We have just completed a pilot with a Child Nursery Focus Group examining what we do regarding child safety visits to find out what the parents think and what matters to them
 - We listen to clients at our visits and collate information about what they need and what is important to them – recently we have had several issues raised around child car seats and we are also trained by RoSPA to check these and to provide appropriate advice.
- It is essential to attend important forums such as CPG to listen to and communicate with partners even when, on face of it, the subject does not seem connected. An example of this was Health and Safety in Waste Mgt. – Lithium-Ion battery risks – home fire risks

Good News in Summary:

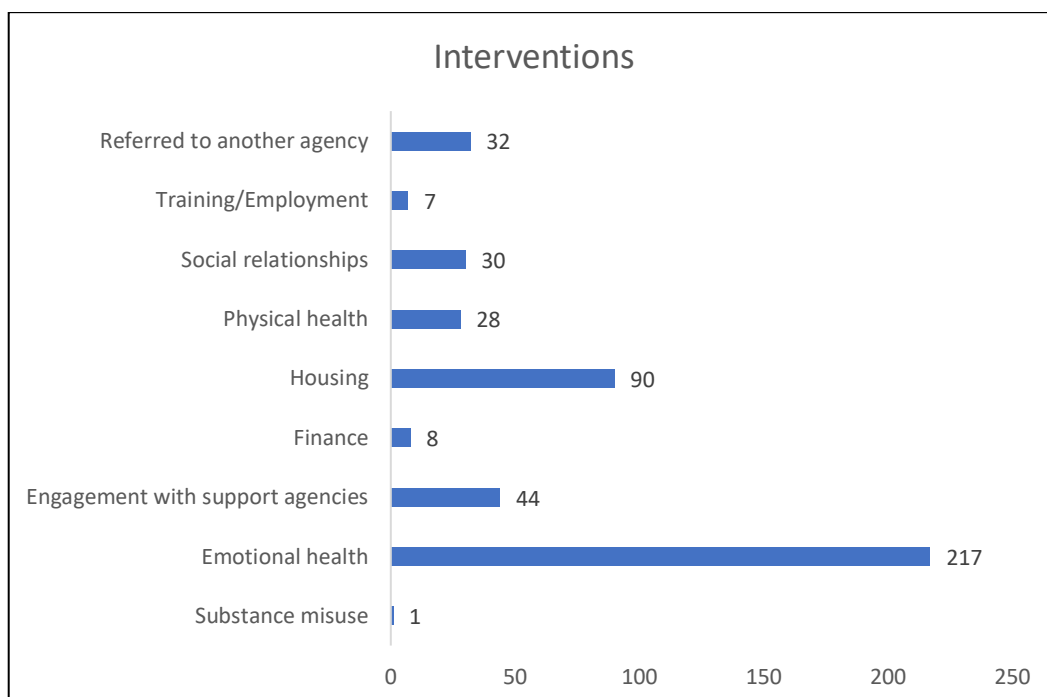
- We continue to work together to prevent unintentional harm
- Our service has evolved using partners and forums like CPG
- We will continue to evaluate our service and to adapt it according to the needs of our clients, whilst taking cognisance of other pressures and influences.

FCSSS - Further information of Fifewide services (2022-23)

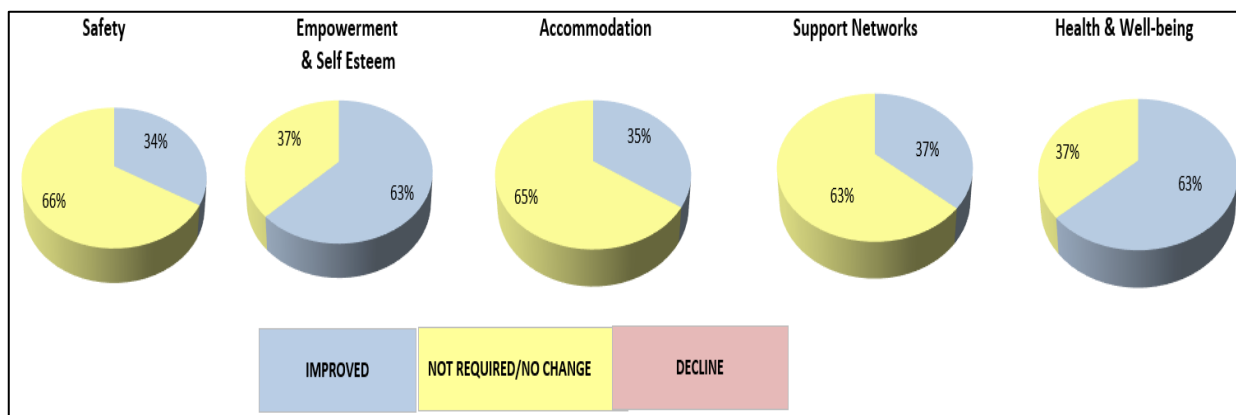
- All referrals were responded to within 2 working days
- The majority of referrals were received from the Safer Communities Team (79%)
- Complaints about noise were most common (45%), followed by issues to do with clashes of lifestyle (22%)



- A total of 544 households were involved with FCSSS during 2022-23
- Interventions delivered were as follows:



- Outcomes in relation to support cases are measured using the Empowerment Star assessment tool, where clients feedback on how their involvement with FCSSS has affected five different areas of their lives. The following diagram shows that improvements were made in all areas, but specifically Empowerment and Self Esteem and Health and Wellbeing:



Examples of customer feedback:

Do you think there have been positive changes to your life since taking part in the Service?

"Having someone to talk to other than my family has really helped, I am continuing to feel more confident and positive now and using breathing techniques suggested to me"

"Having someone to talk to about my fears and anxiety have helped, I have found strength to contact the police when needed, I have been referred to the wardens and feel safer"

What did FCSSS do well?

"Helped put me in the right direction"

"Provided a safe space to talk"

"Referred me onto the wardens and liaised with Fife Council"

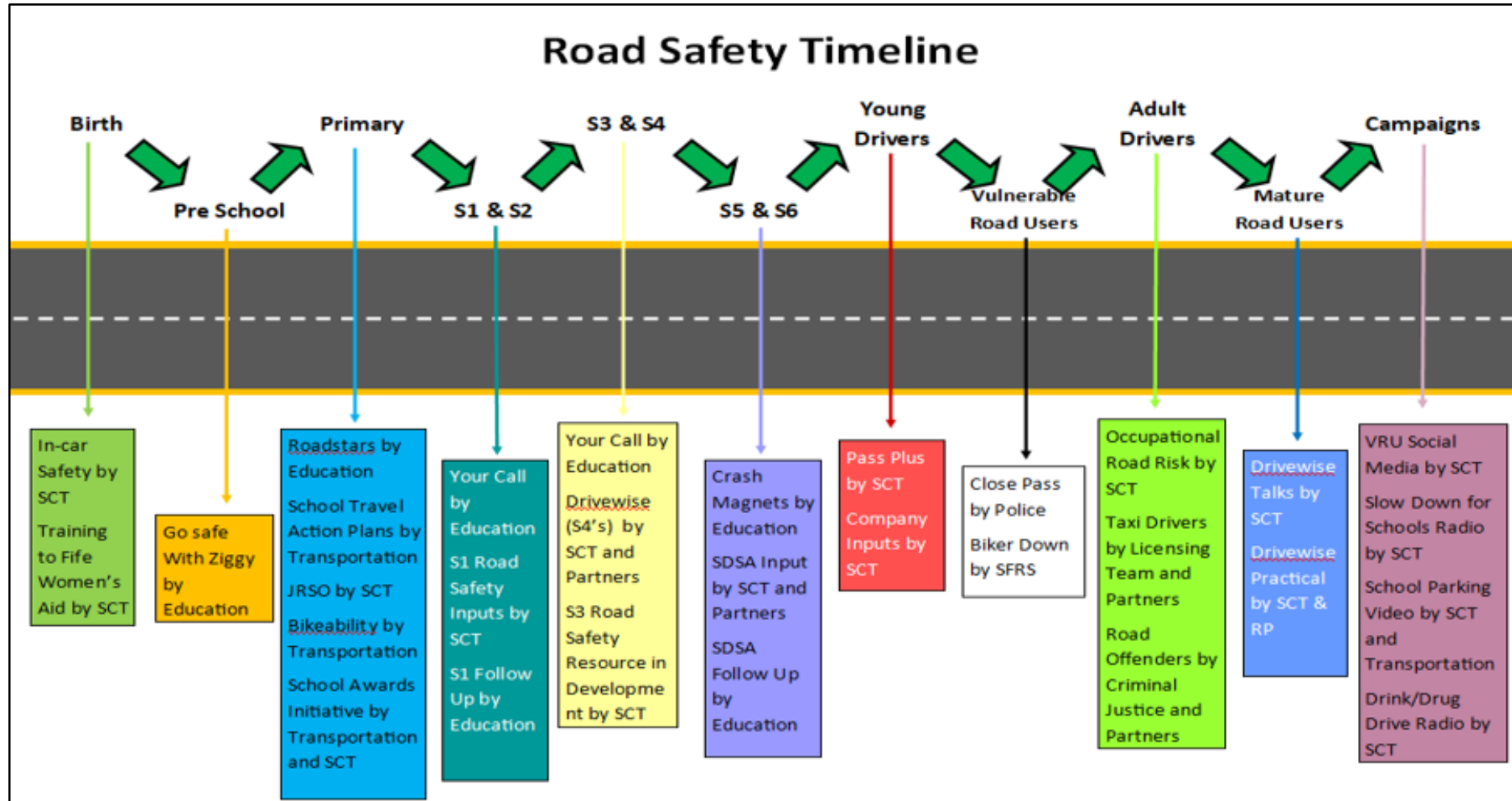
What could FCSSS do better?

(No comments made).

Scottish Housing Regulator Guidance for Landlords (March 2023)

Antisocial Behaviour

<p>Indicator</p> <p>15</p> <p>(Updated)</p>	<p><i>Percentage of anti-social behaviour cases reported in the last year which were resolved.</i></p> <p>(i) Number of cases of anti-social behaviour reported in the last year. Of those at (i):</p> <p>(ii) Number of cases resolved in the last year.</p>
<p>Definition</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where the landlord has taken appropriate measures, as set out in its ASB policies and procedures, to address the cause of the anti-social behaviour complaint and has advised the complainant of the outcome; or • where the landlord does not have the authority or powers to resolve, and it has provided a full explanation of the landlord's position to the complainant. <p>A Case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A case is opened when a tenant or service user reports an incident of ASB to their landlord. • A case can be made up of a single report/complaint of ASB; or • Multiple reports/complaints about the same party, made whilst a case is still ongoing. Such further reports/complaints would not be counted as a further new case. • Once a case is resolved and a further report/complaint of ASB is received, this should be treated as a new case.



Road Safety Initiatives

In Car Safety

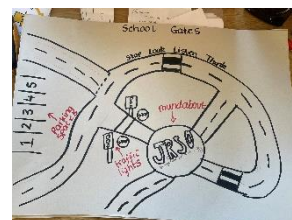


Clinics and Individual checks – SCT staff continue to carry out child car seat clinics, especially to coincide with National Child Safety week. In 22/23 we hosted three clinics, one in Dalgety Bay (SWF), one in Leuchars (NEF) and one in conjunction with Police Scotland at Leven Prom.

Fife Women's Aid Training – Our staff are also in the process of carrying out training to Fife Women's Aid to assist them with the knowledge of how to fit their car seats safely when transporting children for their work.

Primary

Roadstars Competition – To promote the new national Roadstars road safety resource SCT partnered with Transportation services to launch a Fife-wide Primary School competition. To encourage entries we pulled together our own version of what we were asking schools to do with a number of partnering agencies and the Provost ([Roadstars Song Partnership Version 2](#)) A number of schools from across Fife entered and the eventual winner was Carleton Primary ([Carleton Roadstars - YouTube](#)), who were awarded £500 to place towards road safety resources at their school. They have chosen to use these funds to place markings in their playground to carry out Bikeability training (photo to show their design). The current Transport Minister awarded the school with their prize on 20th February.



Don't Park Here Campaign – Just before the end of the 2021/22 school year, we again partnered with Transportation to run a new initiative called Don't Park Here. The aim being to produce short videos to discourage adults from parking irresponsible around the gates of schools and especially on yellow zig zags. We worked with three schools in Cowdenbeath, Dunfermline and Leven to produce these videos that schools could use on their social media in the new academic year.

JRSO Initiative – Our team continue to support the Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) initiative across all Fife Schools. During this financial year we have visited 37 primary schools to help establish JRSO's within their schools. The area breakdown for these schools is as follows (other schools are continuing to run the programme but have not needed our assistance to set up this year).

Leuchars Event – SCT were invited to Leuchars Army Base to attend a primary school event. Over 400 P6/7 pupils from schools across Fife attended an engagement day organised by Leuchars. We hosted a couple of workstation at the event, one was focussed on road safety using our reaction timers and snakes and ladders game, the other station was based around responsible recycling and was run by two SCO's.



Individual Inputs – In November we were invited in to Hill of Beath Primary to talk to all of their pupils about road safety during two assemblies. This is a service we offer if there has been an issue at the school around road safety. As this was a cycling issue we partnered up with the Bikeability Co-ordinator from Transportation.



Secondary

S1 Talks – Our project officers have continued to carry out S1 talks within the Kirkcaldy area, as we cannot provide this input to all schools we looked to where our resources are needed most and this area has the highest number of statistical evidence for need for inputs. In 22/23 we carried out 25 class talks to 625 S1 Pupils at Balwearie HS (10 classes / 261 pupils), Kirkcaldy HS (9 classes / 220 pupils) and St Andrews HS (6 classes / 144 pupils).

St Andrews HS - In December 2022 a S2 pupil was unfortunately involved in a road traffic collision on coming out of school. The school then invited us in to deliver a short input at year group assemblies to S1-S4 (647 Pupils) and then we also talked to individual S1 (6 classes / 144 pupils) and S2 classes (6 classes / 145 pupils).

S3 Project with Kirkcaldy HS – We were approached by the Guidance team in Kirkcaldy HS to help them create a suitable road safety resource that will engage their S3 pupils. We are working with them on this and hope to have something in place for the new academic year.

SDSA

Inputs and follow Up Resource – We have now fully moved the SDSA programme away from Rothes Halls and are taking the input directly to each school. This is still a partnership project but is led and co-ordinated by Safer Communities. All 18 high schools received the SDSA input and this year we also were able to deliver to St Leonard's Private School in St Andrews. A total of 2480 pupils received the input.

We have also produced a follow up resource for the guidance staff to use within PSE classes. This enable the teachers to gain discussion with the pupils.

SDSA Future – This year we have also filmed other partners so that we can keep the film up to date with the most relevant content. We are also in discussions with Education to pursue the option of SDSA being a set part of the curriculum rather than an opt in programme.

Pass Plus

We continue to support and fund new drivers to gain additional driving knowledge and experience. This financial year we have held 4 online courses with a total of 12 new drivers attending. This project continues to have support from a Fife Road Policing officer. Numbers are not high in this project as funding is limited.

Road Traffic Offenders

Course – This 5 week course is run by Criminal Justice but we are invited to present an input during week 1 and then present SDSA in week 5. This financial year only one course has taken place with 12 participants from across Fife. The next course is planned for May 2023.

New Project – Criminal Justice have contacted us about developing a new resource for Fife residents who they need to work with but are not in the system long enough to attend one of the above courses. We have had an initial meeting with them to discuss this and hope to create something for later this year.

Taxi Drivers

The Taxi Driver course has not run since early 2020 due to covid. Licencing have recently brought together all the partners to discuss setting up the courses again and they are due to start in April 2023. Safer Communities presents a generic road safety input at each of these dates.

Older Drivers

Talks – We currently offer talks to Older groups about how to stay driving safely for longer. This financial year we have given 5 talks to groups from across Fife.

Practical Days – Last year we introduced the new Drivewise 65+ days. This is a practical session for older drivers who attend a venue and go on a drive observed by a Road Policing officer. They are then given hints and tips to help keep them safe and driving for longer. We held two events during the last financial year, with participants from across Fife.

Group Talk



Drivewise 65+ Event



Radio Campaigns

Slow Down for Schools – We produced this radio campaign to encourage drivers to think about their speed when they are driving near to schools when the pupils are starting and finishing. The messages were recorded by safer Communities staff and Police Scotland. The plan is to have two campaigns running during the year, one at the start of the academic year in Aug/Sept and one when the pupils go back after Christmas. Due to funding we did not hold this campaign in Aug 2022 but created a partnership with Ford in Dec 2022 and they supported our Jan 2023 campaign.

Partnership with Ford

We formed a partnership with Fife Ford in Dec 2022 and as part of this they are funding our radio campaigns for Slow Down for Schools and we also hope to hold future radio campaigns on other subjects in 2023.

Youth Justice activities

Our officers co-ordinate or take part in activities and provided advice, guidance and information to young people, their parents/guardians and also professionals from other agencies, all of which is designed to support young people and to prevent them becoming involved in problematic behaviour, lifestyles or situations.

Listed below are some of the activities our Youth Justice Officers (YJO) were involved in during 2022-23:

- No Knives Better Lives inputs at Viewforth High School, Inverkeithing High School and Wade Academy.



- Anti Social Behaviour inputs at Auchtermuchty PS, St Johns PS, Kings Road PS, Methilhill PS, Rimbleton PSS, St Columbas HS, Warout PS.
- Diversifire at Dunfermline, Lochgelly and Methil.
- F24 program at Auchmuty High.
- Leading a Park Golf diversion in Kirkcaldy in partnership with Fife Golf Trust and Dunnikeir Golf Club.

- Part of a partnership response to youth ASB in Cupar, Dunfermline and Glenrothes (supporting Clued Up and Cupar Youth Café).
- Supporting the Creative Change Collective Tic Tok program over 12 weeks delivered in Kirkcaldy.



- We have also supported young people both individually and in groups at Inverkeithing HS, Woodmill HS, St Columbas, Auchmuty HS, Madras College, Lochgelly HS.
- Co facilitating Ask/Tell Suicide Prevention training with Fife Health and Social Care Partnership.

- YJOs are part of the following initiative/projects:
 - Fife Suicide Prevention Network (co-ordinated by Fife Social Care Partnership)
 - Brighter Futures Health Hub
 - YAP Group.

We asked our Youth Justice Officers to answer the following questions about work they took part in during 2022-23:

Why did you get involved in specific projects?

We attend regular meetings such as YOMG, youth work meetings, strategy groups, MVP strategy group amongst others, as a result of attending these meetings it identifies opportunities to offer support.

Who, or which agencies, asked for your help and who have you helped?

Partners such as Education, Police Scotland and SFRS mainly. Other third sector partners we have approached directly - this is for support with their expertise, such as BRAG with their F24 experience or Clued Up to support programs with their inputs.

What partnership working took place?

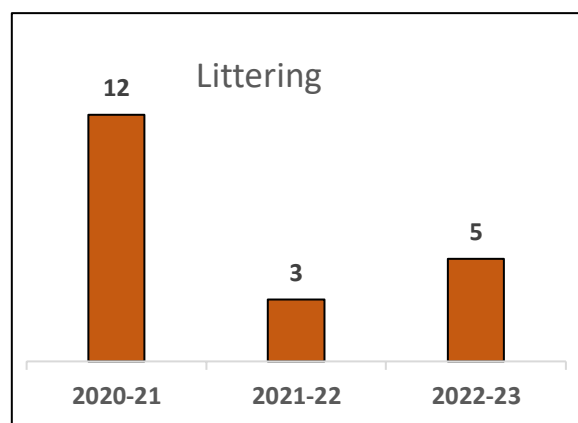
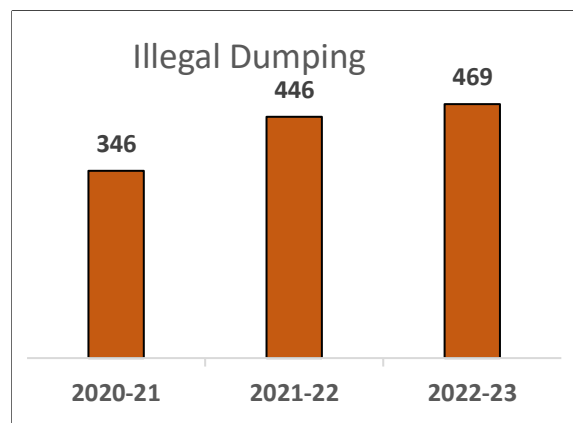
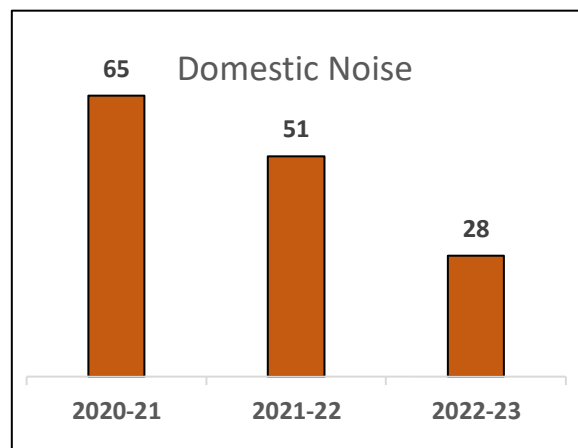
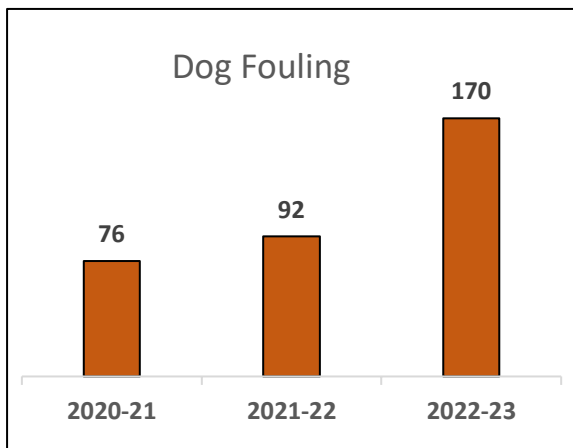
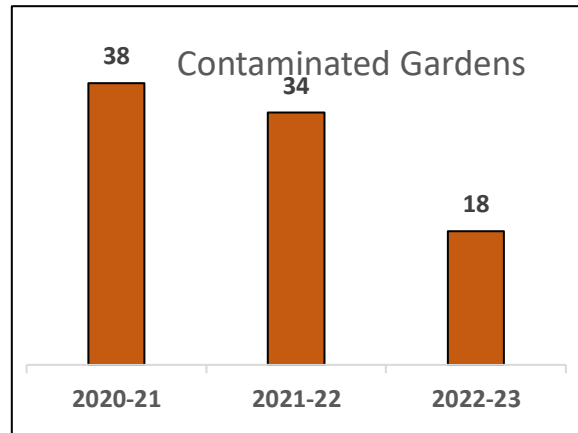
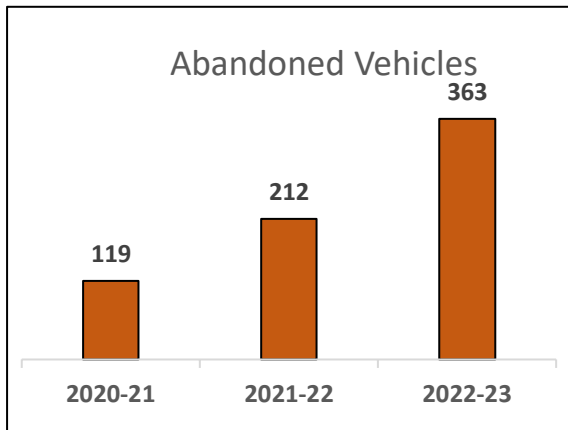
Each partner plays to their strengths and knowledge base, e.g. – at Diversifire, SFRS lead the 'drill yard' element and YJO's are responsible for identifying and supporting the young people to complete the course successfully. Police Scotland lead an Anti-Social Behaviour input as well as provide an officer for the week to show the human side of Policing. Clued Up deliver a harm reduction input surrounding alcohol and substance use.

What was the outcome of your involvement with young people?

It's really difficult to measure an outcome for preventative work. However, the aim is that we provide an opportunity for young people to be educated and supported in a way that allows them to gain insight and understanding about the impact of their behaviour in their local community, as well as knowledge about supportive agencies.

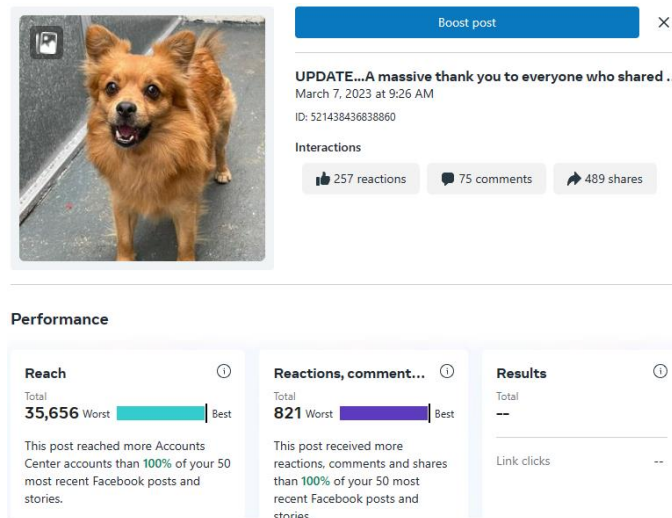
**Environmental Enforcement Reports received by Safer Communities Team
by Type and Year**

(North East Fife 2020-2023)



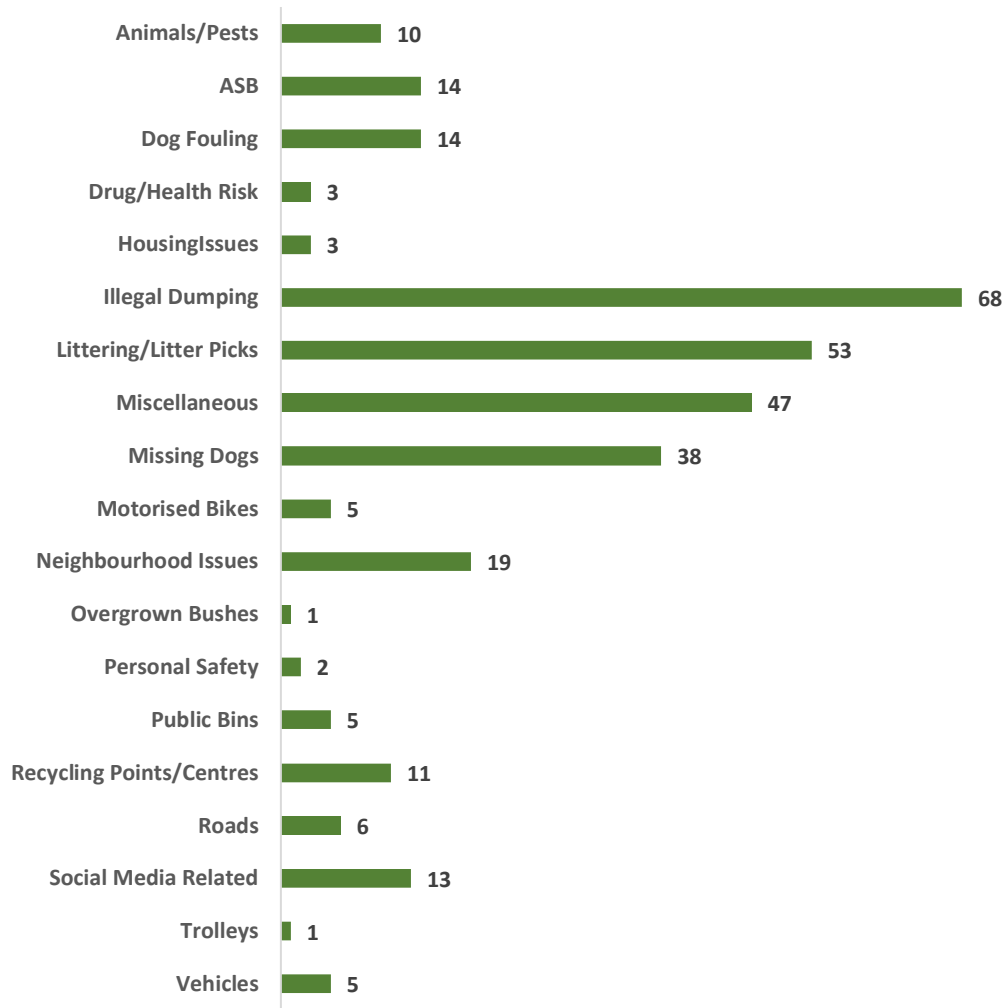
Safer Communities on Facebook

- During 2022-23, the Safer Communities Team social media platforms:
 - attracted a total of 8,533 **followers**
 - received 1,229 **new page likes**
 - attracted an **audience** comprised mainly of women aged between 35-44 (77.6% women and 22.4% men)
 - **reached** a total of 685,709 people.
- The **top five towns** our followers reside in are
 - Dunfermline (19.9%),
 - Kirkcaldy (15.8%),
 - Glenrothes (13.4%),
 - Leven (9.5%)
 - Cupar (5.9%)
- Our **highest reaching, highest reactions** and most shared post was in relation to a lost dog, which received a reach of 35.7k reach, 257 reactions, 75 comments and 489 shares.



- Posts about lost and stray dogs are always very popular and are our top 5 **highest hitting** posts.
- Our **most commented** on post was in connection to the new lids on milk bottles, with 219 reactions and 86 comments. It had a reach of 17,324.
- 318 messages were sent to us via our **Social Media Messenger** account. The following diagram shows the number of messages received by this method and the subject they related to. The majority of messages received were about illegal dumping (68 messages). The miscellaneous category accounted for a variety of subjects, including unsafe walls, speeding, cuckooing, and fireworks.

Social Media Messages Received



21 June 2023

Agenda Item No. 6

Operational Briefing on Policing Activities within North East Fife April 2022 - March 2023

Report by: Chief Inspector Chris Dow, Local Area Commander, North East Fife

Wards Affected: 16 - 20

Purpose

This report provides Elected Members with information on matters impacting or involving Police Scotland, which have relevance to community safety in the North East Fife area.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to consider the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

Resource Implications

There are no additional resource implications arising from the activity outlined below.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no identified legal or current risk implications.

Impact Assessment

An EqIA has not been completed and is not necessary because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

Consultation is an ongoing process with Elected Members from Wards 16 – 20, local communities through Community meetings and partner agencies through established meeting processes.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the activity in respect of local priorities, campaigns and initiatives undertaken by North East Fife (NEF) officers from April 2022 to March 2023. All police activity was undertaken alongside local and national objectives and in support of other organisational priorities within the NEF policing area.

2.0 North East Fife Local Area policing update

- 2.1 The Local Police Plan 2020-2023 demonstrates the commitment of local policing to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the people and communities of Fife. The Plan ([Police Plan](#) link) identifies Divisional priorities as;
- Acquisitive Crime
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Violent Crime
 - Substance Misuse
 - Road Safety
- 2.2 Through community engagement and partnership discussion, combined with local policing knowledge and intelligence the following objectives were identified as bespoke issues for NEF to focus on during 2022/23 and on which this report is primarily based.
- Driver Behaviour (Operation Paramount)
 - Anti-social Behaviour (Operation Prevail)
 - Crimes of Dishonesty (Operation Principle)

Policing in North East Fife saw two significant resourcing challenges (see Working In Partnership) during the last year. A minimum staffing level was maintained for 'business as usual' in our communities with staff brought from support roles to front line for a short period of time to ensure capacity remained consistent throughout and the public in turn, noticed no change in our capacity to respond.

3.0 Ward 16 Howe of Fife and Tay Coast

- 3.1 Community Speedwatch restarted this year after COVID and is now back up and running. Requests for volunteers were placed in the monthly Community Council Reports and in local newsletters. The uptake wasn't as positive as in recent years, due to changes in circumstances however training has commenced with a smaller number of volunteers now ready to undertake deployments. This is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of community policing to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.



Speedwatch

A number of new sites are currently being assessed to see if they meet the safety criteria before deployments commence and we are continuing with our Community Engagement events to drive publicity.

- 3.2 As part of our community engagement our Community Safety Officer along with local Community Officers spent time at Falkland Estate in our commitment to tackling rural crime and, in particular livestock attacks. These attacks generally occur when dogs are off their leads or roaming without an owner or person in charge with them. Our Community Safety Officer works alongside key partner agencies and reports directly to the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC).

Community Officers received a number of reports from concerned members of the community suggesting that illegal poaching was being carried out at Birnie Loch/Gaddon Loch. Proactively patrolling these sites community officers traced a number of individuals illegally poaching at both Loch sites which resulted in fishing equipment being seized, being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.



PC Mark Lowe with seized fishing equipment

- 3.3 A scam - also known as a trick, con or swindle, has been on the increase during this past year. Whilst anyone can fall for a scam, regardless of their age or health it tends to be older people at a greater risk of falling for a scam than younger people. Someone who lives alone and who has limited social contact may not be able to discuss a letter or a phone call they have received with someone else to establish its veracity. Aware that not everyone has access to the Internet, Facebook or Twitter local Community Officers attended at a number of local Coffee Mornings, taking along literature and spending time with members of the community discussing their concerns and offering preventative advice.

PC Hadow took part in a joint partnership working day, which was carried out in the Howe of Fife area, the purpose of which was to provide a visible point of contact for the community to engage and relay any ongoing issues they were experiencing. This involved officers from Police Scotland, Fife Council Housing, Safer Communities and the North East Fife Tenants and Residents Federation coming together in one place within the various towns to provide advice and assistance. Preventative and safety advice was also provided to those who attended which was well received and requests were made for Community Officers to attend at other local groups.

4.0 Ward 17 – Tay Bridgehead

- 4.1 Throughout the year local engagement and communication has highlighted that road safety remains a priority for residents in the Tay Bridgehead area. PC's Dunn and Robb regularly carry out speed checks and Pop Up Bob deployments covering the many villages in the area to provide visibility, engagement and enforcement to drivers in relation to speeding. Officers have also worked to address driver behaviour in other forms including working with Nature Scot based at Tentsmuir to prevent and deter the use of off road bikes and quad bikes in the area and on the beaches. Community Officers carried out joint patrols with Nature Scot leading to a number of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders being issued in relation to individuals who have been caught driving a mechanically propelled vehicle without lawful authority on land. Officers also carried out patrols at night in Balmerino and Wormit after issues were reported regarding excessive noise and inconsiderate driving of vehicles. Officers engaged with a number of drivers, carried out vehicle and driver checks and issued documentation notices for vehicle issues to be complied with. Feedback from local residents has been positive in relation to this work.



PC Robb carrying out speed site check

- 4.2 Recognising an increase in young person disorder and anti-social behaviour in the Guardbridge and Leuchars areas which included a number of vandalisms; Community Officers PC Dunn and Robb were instrumental in carrying out enquiries, identifying offenders and charging those that were responsible. PC's Dunn and Robb also pro-actively carried out high visibility patrols in the areas affected and contributed to a multi-agency approach to reduce and prevent this type of behaviour. This included letter drops to residents, joint visits to households with Safer Community Officers and attended educational settings at local primary schools and Madras College delivering a number of inputs on behaving responsibly in the community to young persons and explaining the consequences of such behaviour and the impact it can have on others. Officers ensured they attended local community council meetings to update residents and also held various 'Coffee with Cops sessions' in the community to update and offer advice, security information and re-assurance. As a result of this there was a reduction in calls and offences reported.

4.3 Our communities continue to highlight concern and report suspicions of drug misuse which assists in Officers developing intelligence. During the review period a number of drug search warrants have been served and executed at addresses throughout the ward areas with positive results. PC Dunn developed intelligence at an address in the Newport area, where he successfully applied for a warrant. PC Dunn led a joint operation and coordinated both local and specialist resources to execute the warrant safely. This resulted in a quantity of Class B drugs seized along with weapons, the householder arrested and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. Officers will continue to develop intelligence to minimise drug misuse and the impact this has on the local community.



Community Officers with specialist Officers being deployed to drugs search

4.4 During the summer months and the long hours of daylight Community Officers throughout all five ward areas participated in a joint initiative with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust and Safer Communities. Officers attended coastal and forest areas to educate and promote responsible use of areas where wild camping occurs. Community Officers attended at Wormit Bay and Balmerino on numerous occasions throughout this deployment where they engaged with members of the public about wild camping, the responsible use of beaches and being considerate to other users.

Colleagues from the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust have responsibility for the coastlines and they have the knowledge and skills to provide up to date safety advice, camping advice, education and the ability to promote responsible use of the coastline and countryside.

Colleagues from Safer Communities have the skills and powers to deal with anti-social behaviour including noise nuisance legislation, littering and dog fouling. They can provide advice, fixed penalty notices or work with Police to deal with more serious incidents or repeat offenders.

Community Officers can report any offences of a more serious nature and/or repeat offenders and also give robust backing to the other partner agencies. The initiative was successful with engagement and education, as well as providing re-assurance to residents who are impacted by such behaviour. Additional information signage was identified as required and erected post this deployment in the Taybridgehead area as a result of the joint patrols.



Community Officers joint patrolling with FCCT and Safer Communities Officers

5.0 Ward 18 – St Andrews and Strathkinness

- 5.1 St. Andrews and the local area is popular with cyclists with cycle and road safety a priority. Officers continued in their efforts to focus on this and undertook work to minimise the risk to road users. Working alongside our Road Policing colleagues, Operation Close Pass continues to be implemented in the area promoting and educating driver behaviour towards cyclists.



PS Peddie and PC Smith with Road Policing Officer

Community Officers, including University Community Officer PC Fox, have also worked with Transition, University of St. Andrews, to promote bike safety in and around St. Andrews town. PC Fox took part in awareness campaigns with Transition at various locations throughout the University campus including the Students Union promoting safe cycling and lighting requirements in the hours of darkness. PC Fox, whilst patrolling the University campus, has also handed out flyers and placed posters on bike racks with key messages of bike and rider safety. During the dark winter nights Community Officers have patrolled the town centre, challenging those cycling without lights in the hours of darkness, educating and enforcing same.



PC Fox working with Transition

- 5.2 Officers continue to form good working relationships with both Primary and High Schools in their Ward areas. Regularly, throughout the academic year, Officers attend and carry out visits, talks and engagement with young person's delivering inputs covering a range of topics. This includes how children can keep themselves safe, re-iterating key messages around good behaviour and behaving responsibly both within school and within the community setting. Community Officers and Community Safety Officer PC Fisher attended Madras and delivered inputs to all S1 to S3 pupils along with the Deputy Rector of Madras. During these inputs topics including school values, promoting positive relationships and importance of thinking before speaking or carrying out an action, protected characteristics including hate incidents and crimes, negative impact of bullying and online bullying and anti-social behaviour. These inputs were greatly received by the school and have had a positive impact on pupil's assisting with keeping themselves safe and behaving responsibly.

Community Officer PC Doherty has undertaken a week long training course covering Early Intervention through Education. The course aim is to provide personnel with the requisite skills and knowledge to effectively prepare and deliver specialist crime prevention, educational presentations and key messages to a variety of target audiences and individuals assisting PC Doherty in her role. Community Officers continue to work with the school throughout the academic year.



Community Officers within school and the Community

- 5.3 Community Officers enlisted the help of Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, to assist with a letter drop in relation to a Housebreaking Initiative around St Andrews. During the dark winter nights it is easier for thieves to identify properties which are lying vacant as they may not be lit and lie in darkness. This is most common in the early evening, just before residents arrive home from work and other daytime activities. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers delivered over 100 leaflets to houses in darkness in the St Andrews area advising them how they can keep their property safe and measures which the householder can do to increase property safety and minimise their property being targeted for crimes of dishonesty.



Police Scotland Youth Volunteers with PC Doherty

- 5.4 St. Andrews continues to attract young persons to the area to socialise. A minority of young people engage in acts of anti-social behaviour causing disturbance and annoyance to others. Acknowledging and responding to this, every weekend Community Officers carry out high visibility patrols in and around St. Andrews Town Centre. Officer's primary duties on these patrols is to engage with young persons and deter them from committing offences or behaving in a manner which causes annoyance to others. Officers are briefed every weekend and patrol

known hotspots or areas highlighted as a concern by residents. In addition, Officers have good relationships with staff in various establishments throughout the town, and have early engagement in particular with the bus station and to build an intelligence picture and offer reassurance and support. PC Doherty has made contact with licensed premises in St. Andrews offering advice and knowledge around proxy sales in an effort to prevent alcohol from being in the possession of young persons. Officers continue to work with partner agencies and have carried out a number of joint patrols with Safer Community Officers and are working alongside other agencies including Clued Up and the schools to offer alternatives to young persons and to educate them on safe and responsible behaviour. Whilst St. Andrews will always attract individuals to attend, the work carried out and visibility is making a difference to deter and minimise the disruption anti-social behaviour has on the local Community.



PC Doherty patrolling with Safer Community Officers



PC Cook carrying out a licence premises check

6.0 Ward 19 – East Neuk and Landward

6.1 Road Safety remains a priority throughout all Ward areas with Community Officers continuing to carry out speed deployments. PC's Cook and Wallace carried out speed site checks in the villages making up the East Neuk and Landward and continue to allocate significant time to this duty. They have issued official warnings, along with numerous fixed penalty notices as well as reporting drivers direct to the Procurator Fiscal for speeding offences. Officers continue to be visible in the Communities and through engagement with local residents will concentrate their checks in areas where there are concerns highlighted.

PC's Cook and Wallace remain flexible with their shifts and have arranged to be on duty to cover the increase in traffic volume to the area numerous events in the local area bring including the events at Crail Airfield. Community Officers work alongside colleagues from Road Policing to ensure a visible presence in numerous villages in the East Neuk these vehicles travel through, taking robust action towards poor driver behaviour.



Pop Up Bob deployed in Kingsbarns



PC Wallace carrying out a speed site check

6.2 Following national concerns around violence in secondary schools and an incident at Waid Academy Community Officers PC Cook, PC Wallace and Community Safety Officer PC Fisher attended Waid Academy to provide support for a Violence Reduction Workshop event which was organised by the Depute Rector. Officer's spoke to S1, S2 and S3 pupils in relation to violence both within and out-with school and gave advice on how to behave as a responsible person. The school provided the following feedback;

"We are hugely appreciative of the collaboration and support we receive from our Police colleagues and today's input from PC Fisher really struck a chord with our learners, in particular the information about being a positive bystander and how to support situations that may arise in our wider community."

Community Officers continue to support the school in relation to pupil behaviour through visibility and engagement. PC's Cook and Wallace have attended both the Youth Information Market held by the school to speak with pupils and provide information about a career with the Police and also attended numerous Together We Can sessions assisting and engaging with young persons who have attendance and behaviour related issues at the school. During the Together We Can sessions this offers pupils the opportunity to speak with Officers in a smaller group assisting with building rapport with them.

PC's Cook and Wallace have also held Coffee with Cops sessions at the Waid Community Campus providing security and safety advice and delivering key messages to members of both the school and local community.



PC's Wallace and Cook speaking with Waid pupils

6.3 Community Officers welcome and are reactive to intelligence in the local community including intelligence surrounding the consumption and supply of controlled substances. Officers, where applicable, will carry out work to disrupt and minimise drug misuse in the Ward area.

Community Officers engaged in a joint operation with colleagues from South Wales and Liverpool resulting in two addresses in the East Neuk being simultaneously entered under Warrant for misuse of drugs. Officers recovered a quantity of Class A drugs, a quantity of Class B drugs combining a four figure sum. In addition, through proceeds of crime, Officers froze a number of bank accounts with large sums of money therein.

The householder was traced and arrested for drugs supply offences where they were transported to South Wales to appear at Cardiff Magistrates Court.

Officers continue to support and assist South Wales with the investigation.

- 6.4 PC's Cook and Wallace continue to work alongside partner agencies and recently attended at the RNLI Station in Anstruther to take part in the Waterside Responder Training Scheme. This is a programme which aims to equip individuals who work near to water with the knowledge and skills to be confident to undertake action to save a life. Each year around 96 people die in and around water in Scotland through accidental and natural causes. It is estimated that a large percentage of those who lose their lives in water die before the alarm is raised. This training has increased Officers awareness and knowledge which they can share with colleagues.



PCs Cook and Wallace with RNLI Anstruther

- 6.5 Local Officers regularly respond to incidents on our coastline with our partner agencies including Scottish Ambulance service, Coastguard and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The coastal “chain walk” which is situated between Shellbay and Elie on the North East Fife coastal path is a hotspot for incidents where a range of emergency services respond to save individuals who have come into difficulties usually as a result of becoming stranded by the tide, stuck on the chain walk or who have fallen or slipped and who need assistance. Community Officers are currently working with the RNLI, Fife Council and Fife Coastal and Countryside Trust to erect further signs, either side of the chain walk, providing key messages of risk and warning, along with advice on how to navigate this section of coastal path providing walkers with sufficient information to make an informed choice prior to committing to the chain walk itself. It is anticipated that these signs will reduce the amount of incidents on the chain walk section of coastal path, thereby keeping people safe and reducing and minimising incidents for Police and partner agencies. The work is still in the planning phase however Community Officers were delighted to secure funding through Police Scotland’s Community Partnership Fund to assist in contributing to fruition of this project.

7.0 Ward 20 - Cupar

- 7.1 Community Officers have attended all the Primary Schools within the area and carried out speed deployments at the start and end of school days, engaging with drivers and issuing warnings where required. Parking remains a problem at school drop off times meaning there can be poor visibility for young people crossing roads and work is ongoing regarding Road Safety.

Pop Up Bob has been deployed regularly to assist us with our campaign against speed and all local officers regularly undertake speeding deployments.

7.2 As part of the Community Officers work they undertake firearms enquiries. Officers whilst undertaking a routine enquiry in Cupar were informed about a male who had a number of unregistered firearms. As part of our commitment to public safety and keeping the community safe they successfully applied for a warrant. To execute the warrant and make the weapons safe we required the use of a specialist firearms team. The owner was caution and charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.



Weapons seized after the warrant was executed

Community Officers have been out on foot patrol and engaging with local residents and young people following reports of Anti-Social Behaviour in the area, it is recognised that for many young people, just ‘hanging around’ is a chosen social activity. It gives them an opportunity to be with friends, it’s free and is unsupervised by adults. Local officers have been involved with the Youth Café in Cupar and worked with schools about the causes and impact of anti-social behaviour in Cupar.

Officers recognise that there are sometimes triggers in young people and anti-social behaviour can be due to peer pressure and the need to fit in. During a Parent Evenings at Bell Baxter High School officers held a ‘roadshow’ speaking to both parents and young people about the dangers young people can face in the community, involvement with illegal substances and online safety.



PCs Lee Smith and Duncan Shand at Bell Baxter High School

7.3 Community in Cupar (CiC) was originally set up during the Coronavirus pandemic, providing much needed support in the community. Since then it has grown significantly providing support to the LGBTQ+ community and operating a community café welcoming refugees. Local Community Officers are involved with CiC, and have joined the group both as guest speakers and as attendees. As part of Compassion in Action Police Scotland had a number of food boxes delivered and took these along to the group and successfully applied for a grant for funding. As a result £1000 was donated by Police Scotland to ensure this vital commodity can keep supporting the community.



PCs Shand/Smith presenting food boxes



PCs Smith/Shand presenting the cheque

As part of reaching out to the Community we approached the North East Fife Tenants and Residents Association and held Coffee with Cops, the purpose of this being for members of the community to pop in and speak with officers and allow us to update members of the public with details of new scams/frauds that they need to be aware of. It also provided an opportunity for people to speak to the Police about issues they wouldn't ordinarily want to 'bother' the police with but have worries or concerns about.

Due to the increase of online and telephone scams, aimed mainly at vulnerable members of our community, officers have attended numerous coffee mornings to reach out and explain how best to avoid becoming a victim of these crimes.

8.0 Working in Partnership

8.1 The University of St Andrews prides itself on being the 'most international of Scotland's Universities' and in 2023 was ranked No. 1 in the UK. There are more than 130 countries represented amongst its students, making St Andrews undoubtedly the most diverse community within Fife. Throughout the academic year nearly 10,500 students make up the total population of St Andrews with teaching staff and other support staff bringing it closer to 15,000.

Due to the impact of the University and the expense it brings not only to people within the town, but is significant estate, discussions in 2021 began on how to support the University, its staff and students and the local community.

As a result, in August 2022, a dedicated University Community Officer was installed on a Pilot Project basis for a 16 week period, This was extended to June 2023 for a full academic year to allow a review of the role and its effectiveness for all stakeholders.

The role which is fully funded by the University, is undertaken by PC Larna Fox. PC Fox is based within the University campus footprint working collaboratively to provide a direct and visible Policing presence delivering personal and property safety inputs to staff and students and addressing emerging issues. Her work has already seen significant praise from University staff and students around improving confidence in policing and crime reporting measures. Much of the work undertaken by PC Fox allows the Community Officers for Ward 18 to focus on other community matters in/around the town and surrounding area without being distracted by the workload from the University. It is hoped that a successful review will see the post in place full time for the 2023/24 academic year.



UCO PC Larna Fox

- 8.2 The 150th Open Golf in St Andrews operated for a 10 day period in July 2022 and required a significant planning process bringing in police officers to support the international event.

Preparation included significant public and business consultation, licensed premises meetings, and public drop-in sessions. For the first time, the event had a fully dedicated 24/7 shift profile in place solely for the 'off-course' engagement and reassurance and was in addition to local response teams based at St Andrews. Significant crowds attended for events and practice days leading up to the tournament itself, with the overall event being seen as a huge success. The provision by local policing of a safe, secure environment was critical for the event to take place without incident and allow spectators from around the world to attend and not only enjoy the golf, but the facilities that North East Fife brings.

The success of the planning culminated in the Planning Team (led by Chief Inspector Chris Dow, supported by Community Sergeant Jo Peddie plus others) saw them receive a national policing award for the logistical planning undertaken. Since the event, both CI Dow and PS Peddie, now form part of the management team in North East Fife community policing. Nothing more than positive feedback was given by visitors to the community policing style, an approach which is embedded in how your local policing, operate within the North East Fife area.



8.3 Following the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth in September 2022, a national plan was instigated which saw resourcing drawn from all areas of business within Police Scotland, and which North East Fife policing contributed. Whilst the response had no physical footprint in our area, officers were supplied to main routes, and to Edinburgh as part of a major policing operation to see the Queen make safe passage to St Giles Cathedral, then onwards to Edinburgh Airport. The staffing commitment was understandably significant, whilst minimising the impact on the ability of local policing to provide critical response to 'business as usual'. The commitment of local policing, flexibility in their working day and shift patterns and the impact on their own families and commitments was quite rightly recognised, and again shows policing in a positive light in how we respond to major events, whilst still retaining the support of our communities.

- 8.4 October 2022 saw another international event with the annual Alfred Dunhill Links Championship in St Andrews, resourced from local Policing staffing and continues to be an overarching success. Significant planning between the Richemont, IMG Health & Safety, Security & Car Parking Contractors, St Andrews Link Trust, plus Scottish Ambulance Service continues to provide a safe event and environment for local residents, spectators and players testament to the warm welcome North East Fife continues to give.
- 8.5 PC Dunn undertook his training to fulfil an ambition to become a Wildlife Crime Officer, attending training courses across Scotland including the Wildlife Detective Training Course at Tulliallan in January 2023. This role is carried out alongside his Community role with the aim of assisting the Wildlife Crime Liaison Officer in investigating incidents and offences in the local area.

He has been involved in numerous investigations across North East Fife working closely with partner agencies such as SSPCA, RSPB and the Scottish Agricultural Science Agency (SASA). Most notably a case was reported in relation to a badger sett disruption whereby a male blocked and dug into an active badger sett in pursuit of a fox and in doing so caused significant permanent damage to the sett.

A large part of the role is to provide information and assistance to colleagues who attend Wildlife incidents and have never experienced such calls. He now provides colleagues with information in relation to handling carcasses, seizing of evidence, noting of statements and interview planning for potential suspects.

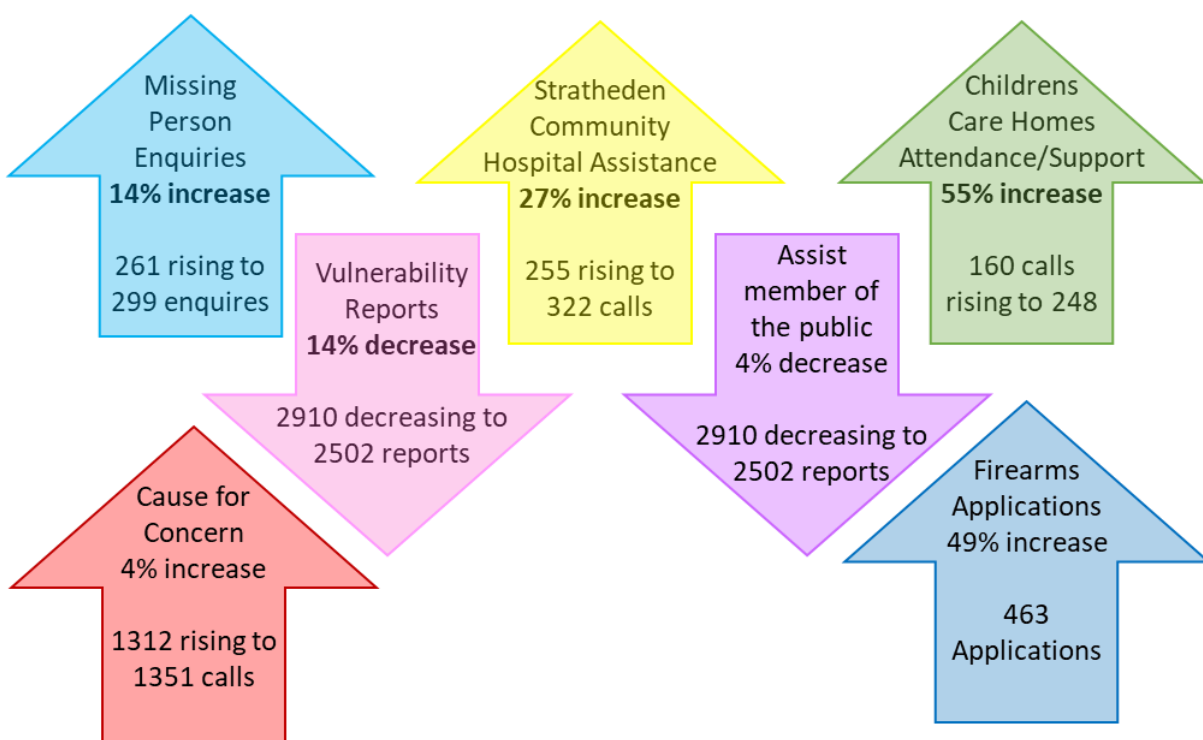


PC Dunn meeting Fernlie, a Tawny Eagle

9.0 Protecting People From Risk of Harm

9.1 Dealing with the most vulnerable members of our society and protecting those at risk of harm remains a primary focus for modern day policing. The decision making process which determines the type of policing response received revolves primarily around the assessment of Threat, Risk and Harm.

As a result policing focusses largely on responding to those most in need through their own vulnerability, or vulnerability through the position they have found themselves in. In this recording year, not only did your local policing deal with the priorities outlined in this document with significant success, they further responded to;



All of these enquiries require meaningful officer involvement, engagement and diversion from what could be traditionally reviewed as policing duties (namely dealing with reported crime). But the reader should continue to acknowledge that traditional policing continues to trend in a different projection. This was highlighted in the new HMICS 2021/22 Annual Report, where it was reported 73% of all calls to police resulted in no crimes being recorded. Policing in North East Fife recognises this trend, whilst still making significant inroads into other matters of concern within the community.

9.2 In keeping with a key priority raised by the North East Fife community, namely road safety and influencing driver behaviour we continue to support public safety through high visibility deployments in the area. The information below is directly derived from recorded actions by your local response and community ward teams, and does not include the visibility profile provided by Roads Policing Division on major routes. During this recording year we conducted;

- 512 Stop Point deployments on a mixture of routes for high visibility, engagement, education and deterrent purposes
- 137 Speed Gun deployments, many in areas directly influenced by resident engagement with community policing
- 84 Pop-Up-Bob deployments in key villages and near schools, again heavily influenced by resident contact, or by community council engagement with local policing

All of these commitments to Operation Paramount saw a decrease from previous years, reflective of the position with commitments to hidden demand reflected above and the challenging staffing profile.

9.3 North East Fife's Community Safety Officer, PC Emma Fisher was also recognised this year at the Chief Constable Awards at the Scottish Police College. PC Fisher received the award for Police Scotland Unsung Hero for the implementation a number of youth diversion projects and worked with vulnerable members of the local communities within Cupar. She has secured funding to integrate diverse communities through events and education. Emma dedicates her professional and personal life to improving the wellbeing of her local community and endeavours to offer a high level of service to all people and groups she meets and works with.

10.0 Licensed premises

10.1 Licensed premises are subject to a Red, Amber and Green (RAG) grading system, which highlights specific premises that have come to the notice of the police. The definition of the three RAG categories is as outlined below:

- **Red** - Problematic Premises (highest grading)
- **Amber** - Premises subject to formal intervention (subject to some form of monitoring & intervention where appropriate), and
- **Green** - Monitored Premises – (all reported incidents)

10.2 There are no licensed premises within North East Fife requiring intervention at this time.

10.3 Local policing engaged with the Licensing Sergeant for the Division, Licensing Support Officers from Fife Council and saw an increase in recorded visits to public houses and off sales premises.

Some off sales premises provide significant challenges for theft by shoplifting, and engagement continues to understand what it is about those stores, which make theft (particularly alcohol) more appealing. Store management will require to provide increased safety measures for their staff, and will in the next reporting year see those premises reported to the Licensing Board for a review of their conditions.

This year also saw very successful Friday/Saturday high visibility foot patrols in St Andrews Town Centre, Fife's busiest night time economy. This was widely welcomed at licensed premises and door security staff, tourists and those enjoying what the town had to offer.

- 10.4 A number of licensed premises engaged in this year's Best Bar None process. The scheme engages with and supports licensed premises to be safe employers, and create safe spaces for the public and their staff to work, visit and enjoy. North East Fife's Community Safety Officer is heavily involved in the support, training and visibility for these premises, who work towards recognition and annual awards. This year saw 4 GOLD Awards and a SILVER Award given to licensed premises in North East Fife.

However of particular note was the DIAMOND award given to licensed premises in the Fife area who had shown greatest effort and contribution towards safety and charity work.

This was awarded to the Student Union, St Andrews, which achieved full marks in the assessment criteria showing passion in every category, demonstrating excellent practices in crime prevention and public safety. As a result they have been nominated for a national award yet to be decided upon.

11.0 Policing in North East Fife

- 11.1 The policing structure in NEF continues to place a strong focus on dedicated community policing and believes in a collective responsibility to ensure the area is a safe place to stay, work and visit.

Your Community Ward Officers for the forthcoming 2022/23 are;

- ❖ Ward 16 – Constable Kirstie Haddow and Constable Mark Lowe
- ❖ Ward 17 – Constable Gavin Dunn and Constable Lee Robb
- ❖ Ward 18 – Constable Tobias Wetzler and Constable Dawn Doherty
- ❖ Ward 19 – Constable Robert Cook and Constable Robert Wallace
- ❖ Ward 20 – Constable Lee Smith and Constable Duncan Shand
- ❖ University Community Officer – Constable Larna Fox

Supporting the Ward officers are;

- ❖ Inspector Murray Gibson Community Inspector
- ❖ Sergeant Helen Manuel Community Sergeant (Wards 16 and 20)
- ❖ Sergeant Joanna Peddie Community Sergeant (Wards 17, 18 and 19)
- ❖ Constable Emma Fisher, Community Safety Officer

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21 June 2023

Agenda Item No. 7

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Local Plan Annual Performance Report

Report by: Niall Miller, Station Commander for the North-East Fife Area.

Wards Affected: All

Purpose

This report provides the Committee with incident information for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. The Incident information enables the Committee to have an overview of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) North East Fife Committee Area incident activity against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

Recommendation(s)

The committee is asked to consider the progress across a range of KPI's within this report, and comment as appropriate.

Resource Implications

Not applicable

Legal & Risk Implications

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 provides the statutory basis for fire reform, including the responsibility to:

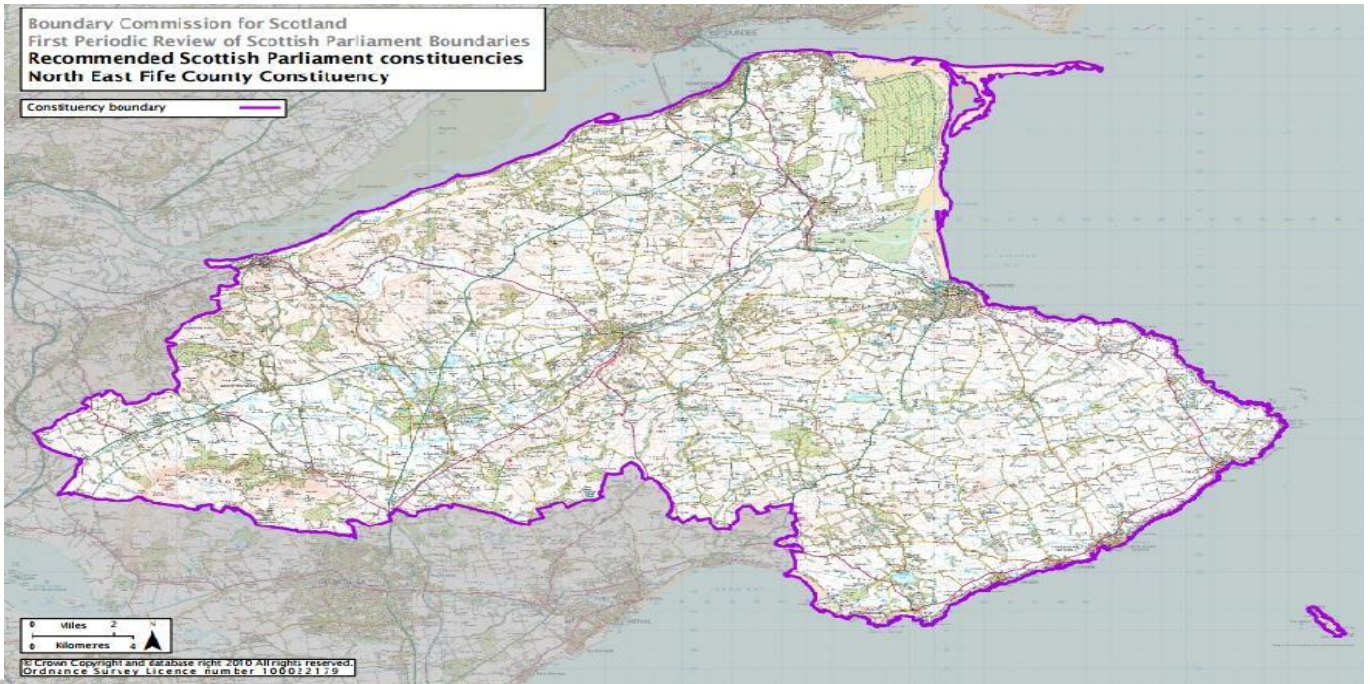
- Put in place statutory planning and reporting requirements including providing facilities for consultation;
- Make new arrangements for strengthening local engagement and partnership working, including a new statutory role in the LSO and development of local fire and rescue plans linked to community planning, along with clear powers for local authorities in relation to the provision of fire and rescue services in their area.

Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment checklist is not required as this report does not have any immediate implications for service delivery and policy.

Consultation

This document is circulated amongst SFRS Fife LSO managers and appropriate partners to enable areas of high incidence to be scrutinised for reduction strategies.



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

April 2022 – March 2023

Covering the activities and performance in support of the North-East Fife Local Area Fire Plan.

ABOUT THE STATISTICS IN THIS REPORT

The activity totals and other statistics quoted in this report are provisional in nature and subject to change because of ongoing quality assurance and review.



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DEFINITIONS

Accidental Dwelling Fire

Building occupied by households, excluding hotels, hostels and residential institutions. In 2000, the definition of a dwelling was widened to include any non-permanent structure used solely as a dwelling, such as caravans, houseboats etc. Caravans, boats etc. not used as a permanent dwelling are shown according to the type of property. Accidental includes fires where the cause was not known or unspecified.

Fire Fatality

A person whose death is attributed to a fire is counted as a fatality even if the death occurred weeks or months later.

Fire Casualty

Non-fatal casualties consist of persons requiring medical treatment including first aid given at the scene of the fire, but not those sent to hospital or advised to see a doctor for a check-up or observation (whether or not they actually do). People sent to hospital or advised to see a doctor as a precaution, having no obvious injury are recorded as precautionary 'check-ups'.

Deliberate Fire

Includes fires where deliberate ignition is merely suspected, and recorded by the FRS as "doubtful".

Non-Domestic Fires

These are fires identified as deliberate other building fires or accidental other building fires.

False Alarms

Where the FRS attends a location believing there to be a fire incident, but on arrival discovers that no such incident exists, or existed.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal

Where the FRS attends a non-domestic location believing there to be a fire incident, but on arrival discovers that no such incident exists, or existed. (UFAS).

Primary Fires:

- Buildings (including mobile homes) fit for occupation (i.e. not wholly derelict) and those under construction.
- Caravans, trailers etc.
- Vehicles and other methods of transport (not derelict unless associated with business e.g. scrap metal).
- Outdoor storage (including materials for recycling), plant and machinery.
- Agricultural and forestry premises and property.
- Other outdoor structures including post-boxes, tunnels, bridges, etc.

Secondary Fires

- Single derelict buildings.
- Grassland etc., including heath, hedges, railway embankments and single trees.
- Intentional straw or stubble burning.
- Outdoor structures, including: lamp-posts, traffic signs and other road furniture, private outdoor furniture, playground furniture, scaffolding, signs and hoarding etc.
- Refuse and refuse containers.
- Derelict vehicles (a vehicle without a registered keeper).

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This annual performance report for the period April 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023 inclusive and provides comparative data across the previous 3 years for the same period. The KPI's detailed below support the delivery of the North-East Fife Area Fire plan in support of the SFRS Fife Local Fire and Rescue Plan priorities and are shown in bold text;

- **Domestic Fire Safety**

Continuously monitor the number of accidental dwelling fires

Continuously monitor the severity and cause of accidental dwelling fires

Continuously monitor the number and severity of fire related injuries

- **Deliberate Fire Setting**

Monitor the number, type and cause of deliberate fire setting incidents in Fife

- **Built Environment**

Monitor the number and severity of fire related incidents in our relevant premises

- **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals**

Monitor and challenge each Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) incident across Fife

- **Transport and Environment**













Monitor the amount of water related incidents

Monitor the frequency of attendances at Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs), as well as the number and severity of injuries. These will be monitored alongside Police Scotland RTC incidence information

2. PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

2.1 The table below provides a summary of annual activity 2022-2023 and a comparison of the previous year's activity.

It aims to provide at a glance our direction of travel based on the previous year's figures.

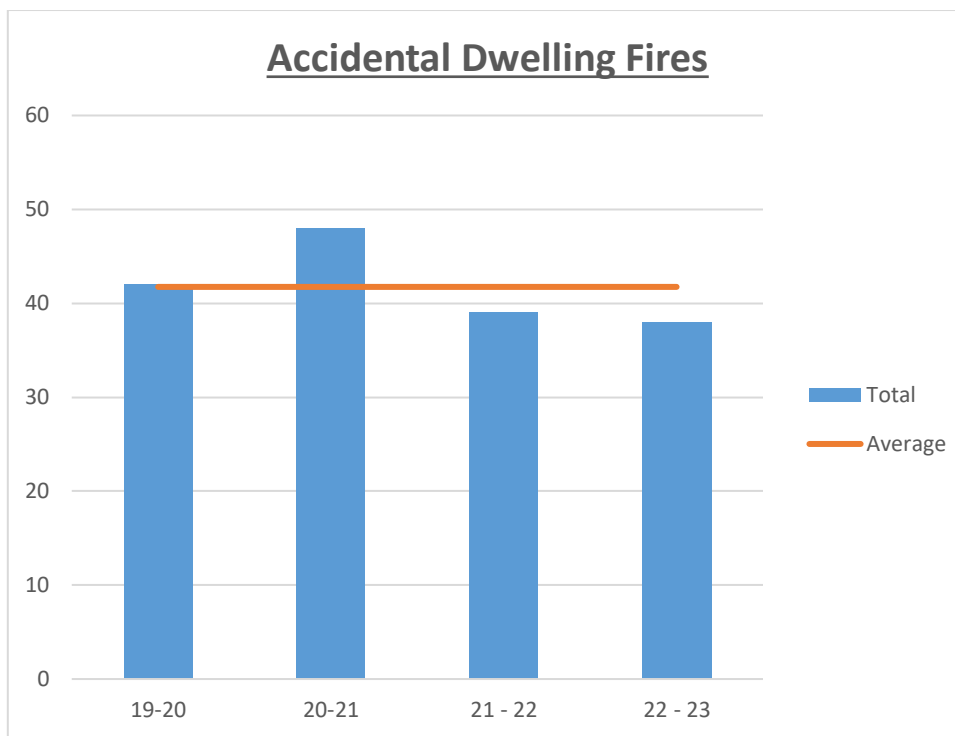
<p>Accident Dwelling Fires</p>  <p>2023 = 38 2022 = 39</p>	<p>ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>2023 = 0 2022 = 0</p>	<p>ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>2023 = 7 2022 = 1</p>
<p>Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>2023 = 11 2022 = 20</p>	<p>Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>2023 = 43 2022 = 40</p>	<p>Non-domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>2023 = 25 2022 = 30</p>
<p>Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>2023 = 0 2022 = 0</p>	<p>Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>2023 = 0 2022 = 0</p>	<p>Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>2023 = 489 2022 = 450</p>
<p>Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents</p>  <p>2023 = 35 2022 = 40</p>	<p>Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>2023 = 3 2022 = 0</p>	<p>Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>2023 = 19 2022 = 35</p>

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The following performance indicators should be noted for the annual period April 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023 inclusive comparing data across previous years for the same period;

- **Accidental Dwelling Fires** - There were 38 recorded during this period which is a decrease of 1 on last year's figure of 39, which is below the 4-year average.
- **Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatal Casualty** - There was no fire fatalities during this recording period. This is the same as last year.
- **Accidental Dwelling Fires Non-Fatal Casualties** - There were 7 fire casualties during this recording period. This is an increase of 6 on the previous year.
- **Deliberate Primary Fires** - There were 11 recorded during this period. This is a decrease of 9 on last year and below the 4-year average.
- **Deliberate Secondary Fires** – There were 43 recorded during this period. This is an increase of 3 on last year.
- **Non-Domestic Building Fires** - There were 25 recorded during this period. This is a decrease of 5 from last year.
- **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) caused by automatic fire alarms (AFAs) in non-domestic buildings** - There were 489 recorded during period. This is an increase of 39 and 70 above the 4-year average.
- **Road Traffic Collisions** – There were 35 recorded during this period. This is a decrease of 5 on last year and in line with the 4-year average.
- **Fatal RTC Casualties** – There were 3 RTC fatalities recorded during this period which an increase of 3 from last year.
- **Non-Fatal RTC Casualties** – There were 19 recorded during this period. This is a decrease of 15 compared to last year and below the 4-year average.

3. Domestic Fire Safety



Graph 1 Accidental Dwelling Fires – April – March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	10	10	6	9
East Neuk & Landward	8	9	11	5
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	6	5	10	11
St. Andrews	8	12	8	12
Tay Bridgehead	10	12	4	1
Total	42	48	39	38

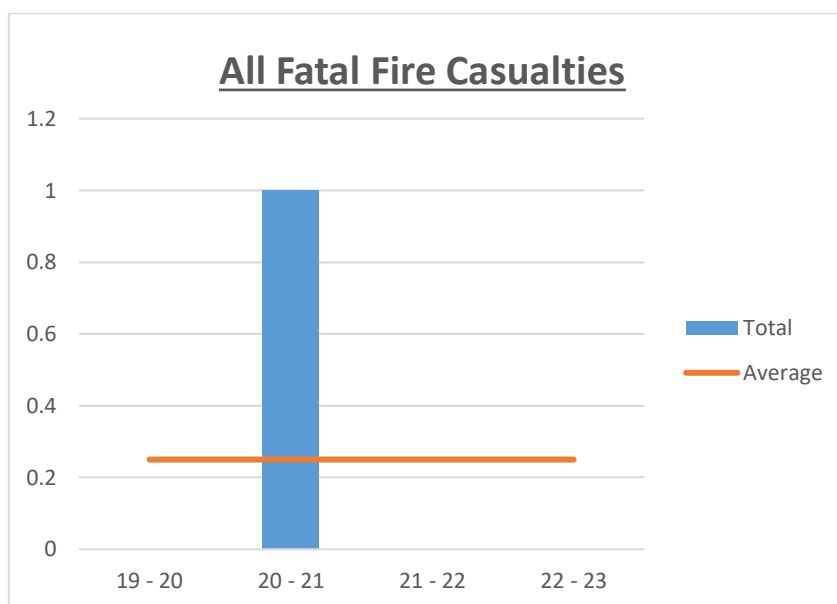
Table 1 Accidental Dwelling Fires by Committee Area April – March 2019-2023

3.1 Accidental Dwelling Fires have decreased compared to the previous year's figures

3.2 This reporting period has seen a decrease in Accidental Dwelling down by 1 incident from last year's figure. This is more than 3 below the 4-year average.

- 3.3 24 of the recorded 38 Accidental Dwelling Fires for this reporting period were caused within the kitchen area with 19 of these due to cooking. 24 incidents were limited to damage to the item first ignited and 3 limited to the room of the fires origin. Only 2 of the 39 incidents resulted in fire development to serious damage involving the other areas on the floor of origin.
- 3.4 It is pleasing to note that 22 out of these 38 addresses, a detection system was fitted and that on 17 occasions they operated and raised the alarm (on one occasion insufficient products of combustion were present to activate the alarm and the fire was discovered and alarm raised by a person.). Four times an alarm operated and didn't raise the alarm due to other reasons.
- 3.5 23 of these incidents were resolved either without Scottish Fire and Rescue Service intervention, or by very limited action on arrival i.e. removal from heat source / disconnection of the fuel supply. 5 of these incidents required the application of water from a Fire Appliance hose reel or main jet to extinguish.
- 3.6 The information above describes a continuing trend of reduction in severity. This can be attributed to the high number of detection systems being tested and where necessary fitted by SFRS and partners, which give an early warning of fire.
- 3.7 The absence of smoke detection equipment at 16 of incidents, evidences the need for SFRS and partners to continue the free HFSV and smoke alarm campaign across NEF with communities and partners to ensure all dwellings are covered appropriately.

3.8 Accidental Dwelling Fires - Fire Fatalities



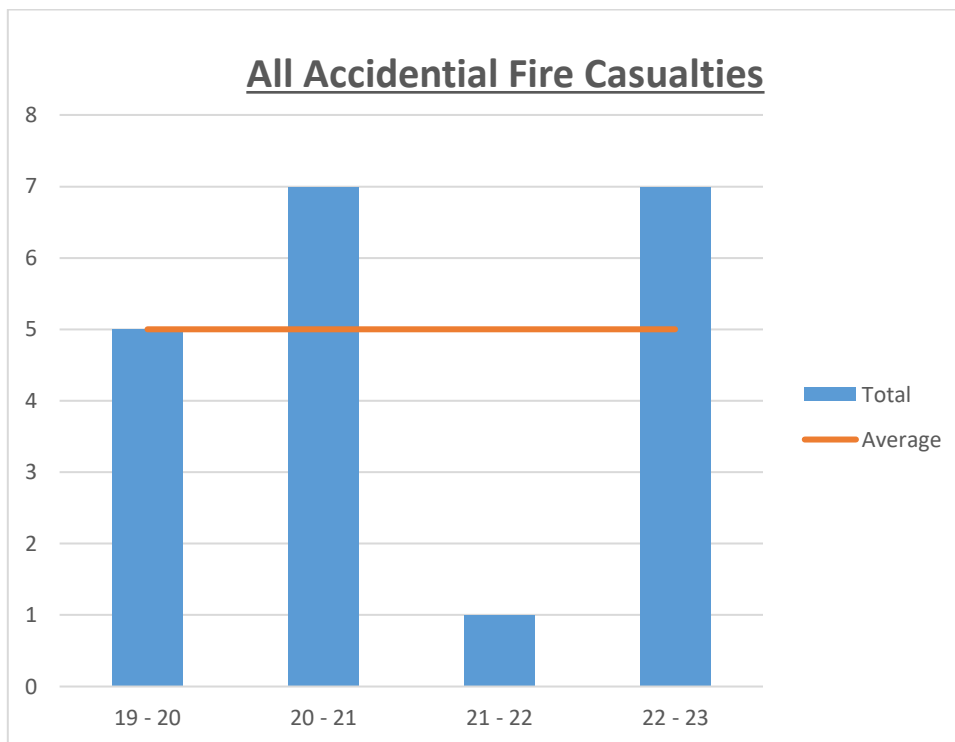
Graph 2 Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatal Casualties — April – March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	0	0	0	0
East Neuk & Landward	0	1	0	0
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	0	0	0	0
St. Andrews	0	0	0	0
Tay Bridgehead	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0	0

Table 2 Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatal Casualties April – March 2019-2023

3.9 No fire fatalities have occurred within the North-East Fife Area for the reporting period 2022 - 2023.

3.10 Fire Casualties – Accidental Dwelling Fires (not including precautionary checks)



Graph 3 Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties April –March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	2	2	0	2
East Neuk & Landward	0	1	0	1
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	0	1	1	3
St. Andrews	0	3	0	1
Tay Bridgehead	3	0	0	0
Total	5	7	1	7

Table 3 Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties April –March 2019-2023

- 3.11 Fire casualties within dwellings have increased by 6 this recording period compared to last year's figures.
- 3.12 Three casualties were transported to hospital, one with suspected serious injuries, two with suspected slight injuries. Another individual was given first aid on scene. The other three casualties declined treatment.

3.13 Domestic Fire Reduction Strategy

Home Safety Visits (HFSVs) play a vital part in our strategy to reduce the number of Accidental Dwelling Fires. Station personnel recorded 370 completed visits in the reporting period across the North East Fife area. These visits are used to deliver vital fire safety messages and install detection systems, as well as trip, slip and falls messages and safety equipment for our elderly and very young population.

This year's figure is higher than last year's 318 due to various factors. Main one being the 2021 – 2022 relaxation of Covid-19 National Government guidance as face to face HFSVs were re-introduced meant that we were able to clear a backlog in requests in the previous reporting year, with visits now being carried out in a more timeous manner.

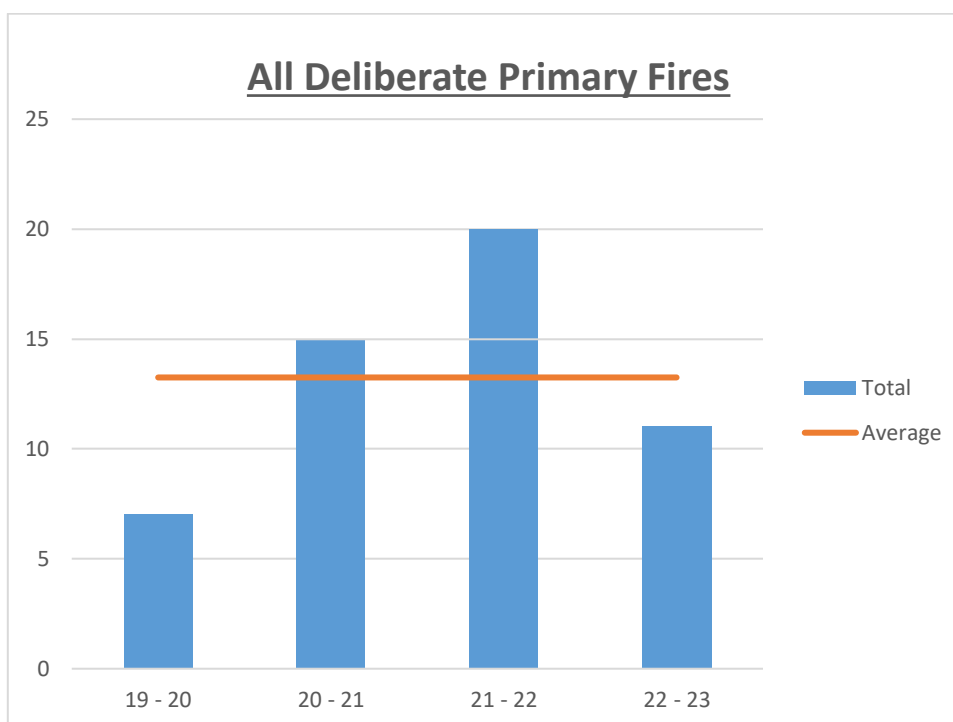
SFRS continue to adapt our HFSV approach. The focus continues to be those most at risk and those visit requests from partners and individuals which record the occupier at a high risk of fire, but have reintroduced in-person visits to all households within the North East Fife area regardless of assessed risk. This approach ensures that all residents within the North East Fife area have access to the advice and services that SFRS can provide while still allowing our teams to focus on those visits to high risk individuals within their home environment and work with them and partners to reduce the risk posed.

SFRS conduct Home Visits

- Householder request;
- Post Incident Response visits carried out after any incident at a house;
- No detection fitted within a house;
- Threat of Fire on the property;
- Partner Referrals.

4. Deliberate Fire Setting

4.1 Deliberate Primary Fires

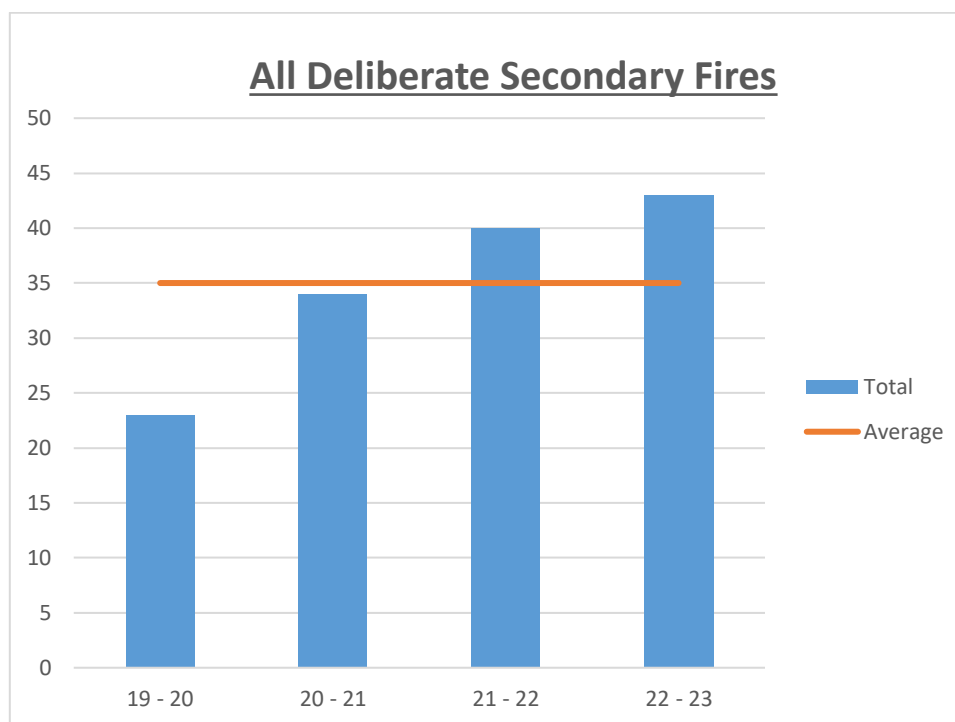


Graph 4 Deliberate Primary Fires April – March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	1	2	3	0
East Neuk & Landward	4	4	4	3
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	1	3	6	3
St. Andrews	0	2	2	3
Tay Bridgehead	1	4	5	2
Total	7	15	20	11

Table 4 Deliberate Primary April – March 2019-2023

4.2 Deliberate Secondary Fires



Graph 5 Deliberate Secondary Fires April – March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	4	3	8	11
East Neuk & Landward	5	11	9	12
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	1	4	6	4
St. Andrews	6	5	8	11
Tay Bridgehead	7	11	9	5
Total	23	34	40	43

Table 5 Deliberate Secondary Fires April – March 2019-2023

4.3 Deliberate fires can be broken down into two categories, primary and secondary. Primary fires generally involve property and include buildings, sheds, caravans, motor vehicles and plant and machinery. Secondary fires are often minor and include the burning of rubbish, grass and derelict vehicles.

4.4 The graphs and tables above show that both Primary and Secondary Deliberate fires have increased over the reporting period.

4.5 Deliberate Fire Reduction Strategy

We continue to target education and prevention activities in high activity areas to deliver education regarding the dangers and consequences of deliberate fire-setting.

We are working closely with our Police and Local Authority partners to ensure that those responsible are identified and dealt with robustly. We also liaise with premises occupiers both domestic and retail to give advice on refuse storage and security, which can be a target of deliberate fire-setters.

Deliberate Fires are discussed and reviewed when required with partner agencies to address and reduce operational demand and anti-social behaviour.

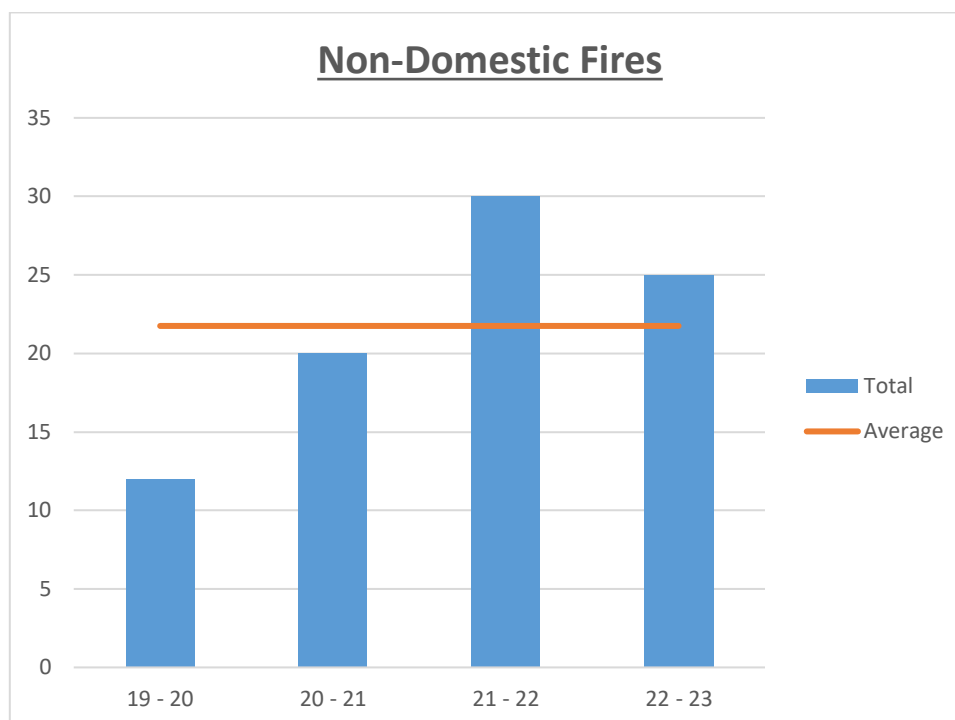
Fire Skills groups have also restarted, where targeted young people are given the chance to engage and learn new skills with our Community Safety Engagement team and local partners. We have fully restarted engagement in local primary and secondary schools, driving home key messages relating to Anti-Social Behaviour-related firesetting and crews are attending local youth groups to reach out to those that might be missed in the school setting.



Part of our interaction at Secondary School level has been the reintroduction of the Anthony Nolan Blood Cancer donor recruitment events, which has seen an encouraging uptake from the local senior pupils and presents another forum for quality interaction and education on all matters relating to Fire Service activities and promoting Good Citizenship.

5. Built Environment

5.1 Built Environment – Non- Domestic Fires



Graph 6 Built Environment Non - Domestic Fires April –March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	3	4	5	6
East Neuk & Landward	0	8	5	5
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	2	4	2	3
St. Andrews	7	3	10	9
Tay Bridgehead	0	1	8	2
Total	12	20	30	25

Table 6 Built Environment Non - Domestic Fires April –March 2019-2023

5.2 The table above shows that Non-Domestic Fires have decreased by 5 from the previous year. 19 of these were accidental with 2 unknown and 1 deliberate. 11 of these fires were limited to the item first ignited, 5 were limited to the room of origin.

5.3 There were no casualties resulting from these incidents within Built Environment Non- Domestic Fires for this period with 4 incidents involving the whole building.

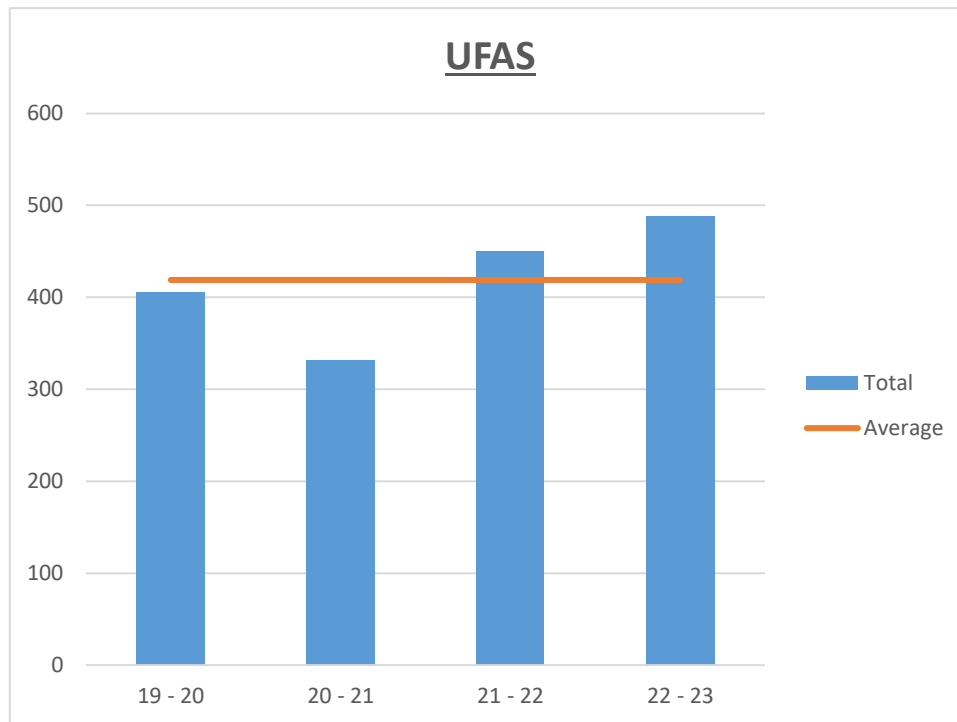
5.4 Built Environment Fire Reduction Strategy

We continue to deliver a programme of fire safety audits in relevant premises - as detailed within section 78 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 - identified as high risk on an ongoing basis. We also complete thematic audit programmes where patterns emerge of incidents in a risk group.

As well as the audit programmes described above, we also deliver 'post fire audits' which take place as soon as possible after a fire has occurred in premises. The purpose of these audits is to deliver further fire safety advice to the premises occupier, and to identify any issues which could be used to inform other similar premises types to prevent further incidents of a similar nature.

6. Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

6.1 An Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) can be defined as ‘any alarm activation which is not the result of a fire or a test’. UFAS incidents have remained pretty constant over the four-year period at an average of 419. The table and graph below details the incident numbers over four years.



Graph 7 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals April – March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	86	63	78	94
East Neuk & Landward	50	40	52	41
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	58	47	56	73
St. Andrews	184	144	223	253
Tay Bridgehead	27	38	41	28
Total	405	332	450	489

Table 7 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals April – March 2019-2023

6.2 This period has seen an increase of 39 UFAS incidents with an increase in 3 of 5 ward areas. This is the highest figure within the 4-year comparison and above the 4-year average of 419. This is despite an increase in Fire Detection Systems being fitted within school premises and NHS buildings along with problematic systems within known premises. The table below highlights where our attention is focussed to achieve further reductions. Below are the top 20 premise types we have been called to.

Property Types	UFAS
Other Residential, Student Hall of Residence	83
Education, College/University	69
Residential Home, Nursing/Care	46
Education, Infant/primary school	37
Hospitals and medical care, Hospital	32
Sporting venues, Golf Clubhouse	24
Other Residential, Hotel/motel	21
Industrial Manufacturing, Food and drink processing	13
Other Residential, Other Residential Home	11
Entertainment and culture, Community centre/Village or Parish Hall	10
Entertainment and culture, Sports and Social club	10
Other Residential, Boarding School accommodation	9
Other Residential, Sheltered Housing - not self contained	9
Food and Drink, Other Restaurant/cafe - (licensed for sale of alcohol)	9
Residential Home, Children's	8
Public Utilities, Telephone exchange	6
Retail, Single shop	6
Residential Home, Retirement/Elderly	5
Hospitals and medical care, Day care centre (drop in centre)	4
Food and Drink, Pub/wine bar/bar	4

6.3 Reduction in Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Strategy

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) Reduction Strategies continue to be managed and monitored by a 'UFAS Champion' who contacts premises occupiers after each UFAS incident, to discuss the activation, as well as strategies to reduce or eliminate. The UFAS Champion will continue to engage robustly with duty holders and occupiers to drive these types of incident down.

From 1 July 2023, SFRS will stop attending automatic fire alarm (AFA) call outs to commercial business and workplace premises, such as factories, offices, shops and leisure facilities unless a fire has been confirmed.

Our control room operators will now be asking anyone who reports a fire alarm to check whether there is an actual fire or signs of fire, before sending the nearest resource. This does not apply to sleeping premises, such as hospitals, care homes, hotels or domestic dwellings. This change follows the SFRS public consultation in 2021.

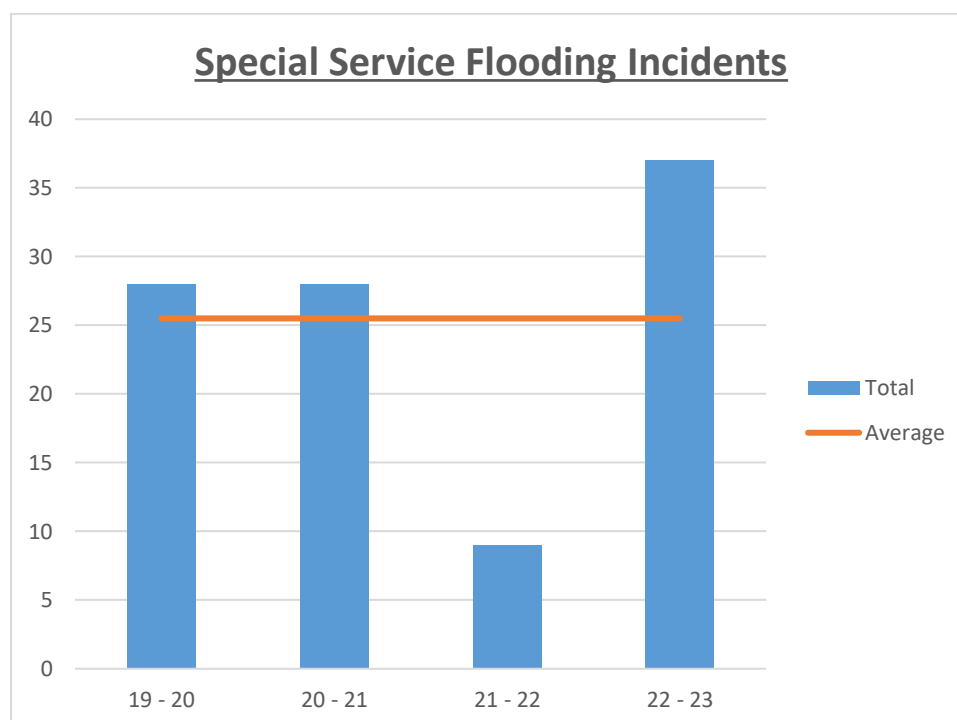
It is estimated that this change will greatly reduce unnecessary call outs which will free up capacity to increase our operational availability, undertake more community safety prevention work and to upskill our staff.

7. Transport and Environment

7.1 These will be monitored alongside Police Scotland RTC incidence information.

7.2 Water Related Incidents

Water related incidents have increased from last year. This has increased from 9 to 37 this year. 15 involved SFRS making the incident safe, 11 involved SFRS pumping out water, 4 involved assisting in- evacuation from properties and 3 involved us giving advice only.



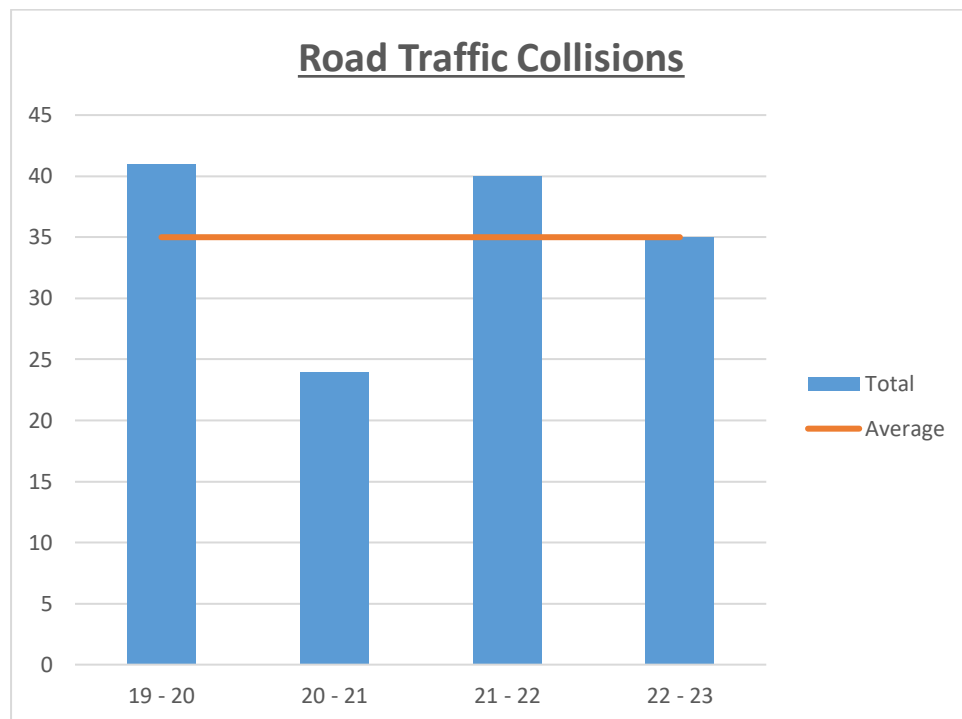
Graph 8 Special Service, Water Related Incidents April – March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	13	6	2	13
East Neuk & Landward	4	2	2	2
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	7	16	2	11
St. Andrews	4	4	2	3
Tay Bridgehead	0	0	1	8
Total	28	28	9	37

Table 8 Special Service, Water Related Incidents April – March 2019 – 2023

7.3 Road Traffic Collisions

As SFRS generally only attend RTC's of a serious nature, where persons are trapped, the figures below do not capture every RTC which occurs within North East Fife.



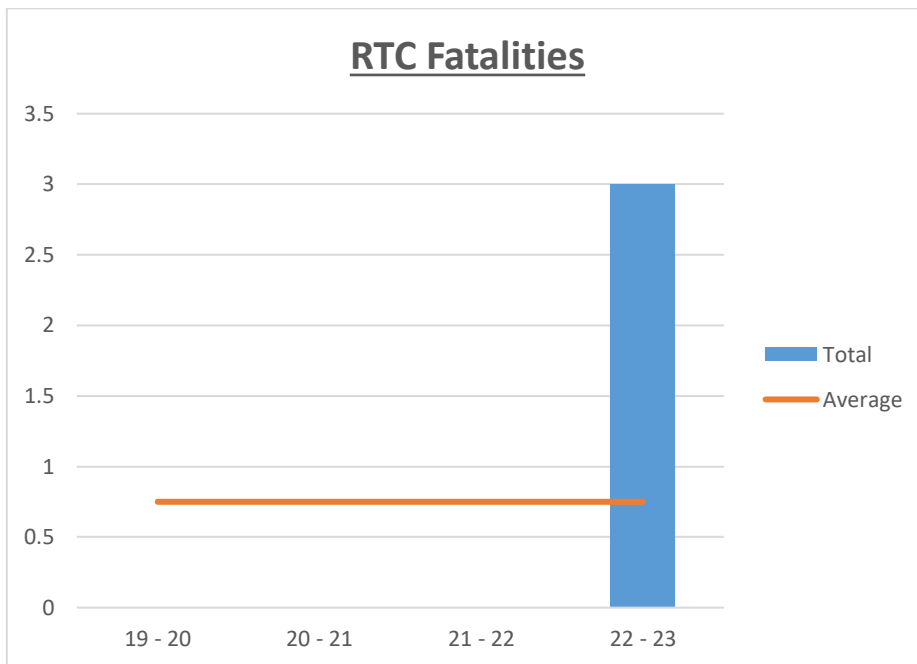
Graph 9 Road Traffic Collisions April – March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	5	4	9	7
East Neuk & Landward	10	4	8	6
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	8	9	14	12
St. Andrews	6	3	6	2
Tay Bridgehead	12	4	3	8
Total	41	24	40	35

Table 9 Road Traffic Collisions April – March 2019 – 2023

7.4 SFRS have responded to 35 RTCs this recording period which is a decrease of 5 from last year’s figures. Scrutiny of these RTCs has shown no major hotspot areas have been identified. We attended 2 RTCs at the same location of the Parbroath crossroads of the A913 and A92.

7.5 RTC Fatal Casualties



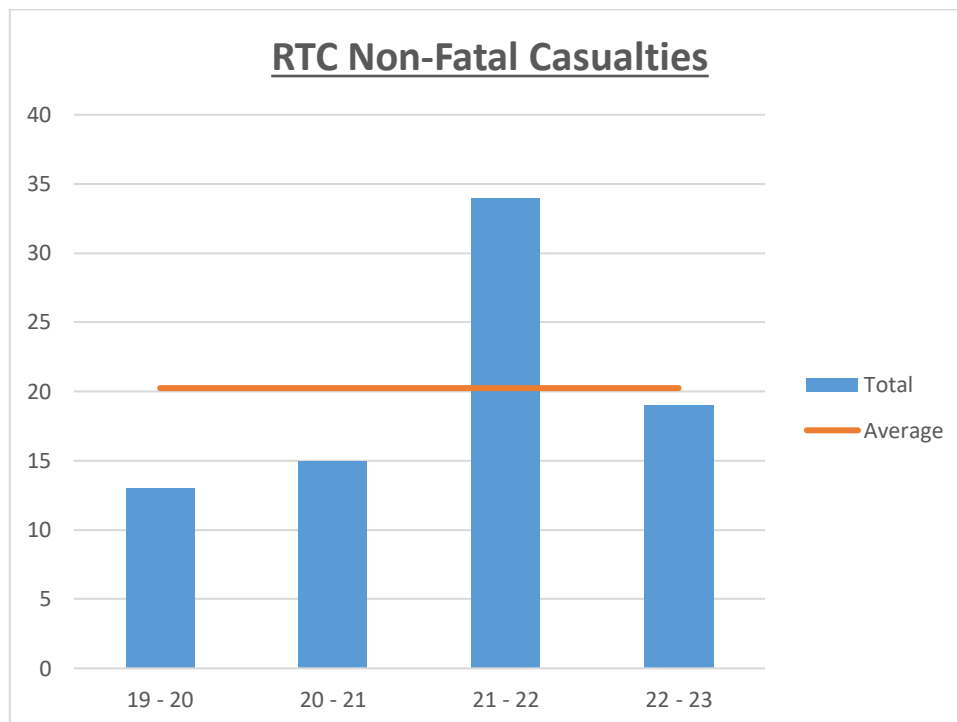
Graph 10 Road Traffic Collision Fatal Casualties April – March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	0	0	0	0
East Neuk & Landward	0	0	0	0
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	0	0	0	2
St. Andrews	0	0	0	0
Tay Bridgehead	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	3

Table 10 Road Traffic Collision Fatal April – March 2019-2023

7.6 RTC Fatalities – 3 Fatal RTC incidents have been attended to by SFRS in this recording period within NEF.

7.7 RTC Non-Fatal Casualties



Graph 11 Road Traffic Collision, Non-Fatal Casualties, April – March 2019-2023

Ward	19 - 20	20 - 21	21 - 22	22 - 23
Cupar	1	3	8	1
East Neuk & Landward	4	5	1	5
Howe of Fife & Tay Coast	3	2	15	5
St. Andrews	0	2	4	2
Tay Bridgehead	5	3	6	6
Total	13	15	34	19

Table 11 Road Traffic Collision, Non-Fatal Casualties, April – March 2019-2023

7.8 RTC Casualties

There has been a decrease of 15 RTC casualties within this recording period down to 19.

7.9 RTC Injury Extent

The table below shows that 2 casualties were deemed to have suffered a serious injury. 12 casualties appeared to sustain slight injuries and 4 received first aid at the scene.

RTC Extent of Harm	
Injury - Victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be Serious	2 (5 less than last year)
Injury - Victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be Slight	12 (8 less than last year)
Injury – First aid given at the scene	4 (4 less than last year)

7.10 Transport and Environment Related Incident Reduction Strategy

SFRS contribute as part of the Road Casualty Reduction Group (RCRG), which is a part of the current Fife Community Safety Strategy.

SFRS are key partners in delivering the Biker Down, Safe Drive Stay Alive and Drive Wise Road Safety initiatives

8. Conclusions

There has been a decrease in 5 of our KPIs, accidental dwelling fires, deliberate primary fires, non-domestic buildings, RTCs and RTC casualties.

3 KPIs have stayed static at zero, fatalities and casualties within non-domestic building fires and accidental dwelling fire fatalities.

There has been a rise in 4 of our KPIs recording figures. Increases in accidental dwelling fire non-fatal casualties, deliberate secondary fires, UFAS and RTC fatalities.

All reductions are because of SFRS and partners continued efforts to improve the safety of all who live work and visit Fife. We will continue to focus on these areas to continue these welcoming trends. We will concentrate our focus on the areas of emerging increase identified in this annual report and strive to seek reductions and improve local outcomes.

SFRS will continue to manage and improve demand reduction strategies linking in with key partner agencies to ensure a thriving and sustainable country for generations to come to create a safer place to live, work and visit.

Background Papers

SFRS Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Fife Local Authority Area.

Link - <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/east/east-local-plans.aspx>

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21 June 2023

Agenda Item No. 8

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Report by: Alan Paul, Head of Property Services

Wards Affected: 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of action taken using the List of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising from these transactions, as any expenditure is contained within the appropriate Service budget.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications arising from these transactions.

Impact Assessment

An EqlA is not required and is not necessary for the following reasons: the items in this report do not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

All consultations have been carried out in relation to this report.

1.0 Background

- 1.1** In dealing with the day to day business of the Council there are a number of matters relating to the purchase, disposal and leasing of property and of property rights. This report advises of those transactions dealt with under powers delegated to officials.

2.0 Transactions

2.1 Disposals

2.1.1 Servitude right of access over 164 square metres of ground adjacent to Braeview, Church Street, Freuchie

Date of Sale:	2 March 2023
Price:	£2,000
Purchaser:	Graham and Anja Armstrong

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1** These transactions are reported back in accordance with the List of Officers Powers.

List of Appendices

1. N/A

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:

N/A

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21 June 2023

Agenda Item No. 9

North East Fife Area Committee Workplan

Report by: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director Finance & Corporate Services

Wards Affected: All

Purpose

This report supports the Committee's consideration of the workplan for future meetings of the Committee.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Committee review the workplan and that members come forward with suggestions for specific areas they would like to see covered in any of the reports.

Resource Implications

Committee should consider the resource implications for Council staff of any request for future reports.

Legal & Risk Implications

Committee should consider seeking inclusion of future items on the workplan by prioritising those which have the biggest impact and those which seek to deal with the highest level of risk.

Impact Assessment

None required for this paper.

Consultation

The purpose of the paper is to support the Committee's discussion and therefore no consultation is necessary.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Each Area Committee operates a workplan which contains items which fall under three broad headings: items for decision, supporting the Local Community Plan and Scrutiny/Monitoring. These items will often lead to reactive rather than proactive scrutiny. Discussion on the workplan agenda item will afford members the opportunity to shape, as a committee, the agenda with future items of business it wishes to review in more detail.

2.0 Conclusions

- 2.1 The current workplan is included as Appendix one and should be reviewed by the committee to help inform scrutiny activity.

List of Appendices

1. Workplan

Background Papers

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None

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Appendix

North East Fife Area Committee

Forward Work Programme as of 14/06/2023 1/3

North East Fife Area Committee of 16 August 2023			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Area Roads Programme 2022/2023 - Final Update	Assets, Transportation and Environment	Vicki Connor	
Minute	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
Complaints Update 22/23	Communities	David Thomson	
East Neuk Skatepark	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Donald Grant	

North East Fife Area Committee of 25 October 2023			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Parking Congestion Measures in North East Fife	Assets, Transportation and Environment	Susan Keenlyside, Andy Paterson	
Common Good Funds Annual Report	Finance and Corporate Services	Eleanor Hodgson	Last reported 15/2/23.
Minute	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
Non Settlement Trusts annual Update and Review of Trust Funds	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Eleanor Hodgson, Donald Grant	Last report 2/11/22.
Health & Social Care Locality Planning Update - North East Fife	Health and Social Care	Jacque Stringer	Last report 26/4/23.

North East Fife Area Committee of 6 December 2023			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Minute	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
Grounds Maintenance Service, Domestic Waste & Street Cleansing Service - Annual Review 2023	Environment & Building Operations (AT&E)	Alexander Anderson	Last report 2/11/22.

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North East Fife Area Committee of 28 February 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Update Report on Service Provision for North East Fife Holiday Villages and St Andrews	Business and Employability	Gordon Mole	
Minute	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
Local Economic Profiles	Business and Employability	Peter Corbett	Last report 15/2/23.
Area Roads Programme 2024/25	Roads & Transportation	Neil Watson	

North East Fife Area Committee of 24 April 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
North East Fife Local Community Plan 2023-2026 Progress Report	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Donald Grant	Last report 15/2/23.
Minute	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
Tay Cities Deal Annual Report	Business and Employability	Morag Millar	Last report 26/4/23.
Justice Social Work Service - Community Payback: Unpaid Work Scheme - Annual Update	Education and Children's Services	Joan Gallo	Last report 26 /4/23.
Report on Educational Outcomes - 2021/22	Education and Children's Services	Shelagh McLean	Last report 26/4/23.
Tay Cities Deal Annual Report	Business and Employability	Morag Millar	Last report 26/4/23.

North East Fife Area Committee of 19 June 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Minute	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	
North East Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme	Democratic Services	Elizabeth Mair	

North East Fife Area Committee of 19 June 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Safer Communities Annual Report	Communities	Sara Gray	Last report 21/6/23.
Police Scotland Annual Report	Police Scotland	Murray Gibson	Last report 21/6/23.
Fire Service Annual Report	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	Niall Miller	Last report 21/6/23.

Unallocated			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Pupilwise and Parentwise Surveys	Education and Children's Services	Deborah Davidson	3-yearly report - last reported 12/9/18. Due to pandemic no comparative data collected, will be carried out next session.
Review of Position following implementation of 50 mph speed limit at Strathkinnes Crossroads	Assets, Transportation and Environment	John Mitchell	To be reviewed one year after implementation of speed limit.
Pupil Equity Fund	Education and Children's Services	Sarah Else, Zoe Thomson	Last report 26/1/22.