

Irvine Area Committee
19 March 2015

IRVINE, 19 March 2015 - At a Meeting of the Irvine Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Joan Sturgeon, Matthew Brown, John Easdale, Ruth Maguire and Irene Oldfather.

In Attendance

D. Tate, Senior Manager (Property Management and Investment) (Place); and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector J. Conway (Police Scotland); and Station Manager S. Logan (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Chair

Provost Sturgeon in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Marie Burns and Ian Clarkson.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 February 2015 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Community Planning Partnership Partners

3.1 Police Scotland

Inspector Conway provided information on crimes reported and detected in the Committee's area for the period 1 January to 28 February 2015 and gave updates in relation to:-

- crimes of note, including sexual assault, robbery and serious assault;
- directed patrol plans which will focus on youth disorder and anti-social behaviour; and
- future events, including an Orange Walk, a Royal Black Perceptory Walk and Marymass.

Noted.

3.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on activity within the Committee's area in the period 26 January to 2 March 2015.

Information was provided on the following:-

- the ongoing work to reduce casualties and the number of house fires;
- special services;
- the continuation of Home Fire Safety Visits across North Ayrshire;
- the method for dealing with alarm calls from sheltered housing units where vulnerable people are involved; and
- the increase in fire detection rates resulting in more calls to the fire service.

Station Manager Logan indicated that he would be happy to provide a split of the statistics for Ward 1 and Ward 2 to future meetings and Members were of the view that this would be beneficial.

Members asked questions and received further information in relation to:-

- the causes of rubbish fires in certain locations and whether fly tipping is an issue; and
- the increase in the number of malicious fire calls at the weekend and the follow up action in that regard.

Noted.

4. Fullarton High Flats: Water Ingress Update

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) providing an update in relation to the work being undertaken to resolve the water ingress issues at the Fullarton high flats, Irvine.

Since 2012, the Council has taken advice from a range of construction specialists in relation to the water penetration issues at the Fullarton high flats which are intermittent and require wind driven rain blowing from west to east. Lugton Court has experienced the highest level of water ingress and consequently has had the highest level of remedial works undertaken, resulting in mixed success levels.

The application of silkaflex water proofing membrane to the south elevation and subsequently to the other 3 elevations of the building has significantly reduced the issues being experienced within a number of properties in Lugton Court. The effectiveness of the silkaflex system will now continue to be monitored.

Members asked questions and received further information in relation to:-

- timescales for determining whether silkaflex application has been effective;
- methods for communicating with tenants to keep them updated on progress with the works;
- whether the water ingress was coming from between the render and brickwork and travelling to different parts of the building; and
- replastering and remedial works which will be undertaken following completion of all works.

The Committee (a) noted the progress made to date to resolve the water ingress issues at the Fullarton high flats, Irvine; and (b) agreed to receive an update report to the meeting on 27 August 2015.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Irvine Area Committee will be held on 4 June 2015.

The meeting ended at 2.30 p.m.