Justice Committee

Fire and rescue service reform

Written submission from Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Safe Glasgow Group

The Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Safe Glasgow Group were advised of the Scottish Parliament Consultation on the new national fire and rescue service, which took on its full functions on 1 April 2013.

The following points were highlighted as areas the Justice Sub-Committee were interested in receiving views on:

- What impact there has been at a local level of the single fire service;
- The consultation process for local fire plans;
- The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service’s strategic plan;
- The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service’s proposals on its estate, including the proposals that there be three control rooms in Scotland and one fire college; and
- Any other issues arising from fire reform.

The main role of the Safe Glasgow Group is as the designated body to scrutinise and review local Police and Fire and Rescue plans for the city which are required to encompass priority setting, community engagement and performance related measures.

The local Fire and Rescue plans 2014-2017 for Glasgow were submitted and were widely circulated to all interested parties i.e. members of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP), all elected members, Community Councils etc. The plans are also to be part of the agenda for the CPP Executive Group, CPP Strategic Board, CPP Sector Partnerships and the Safe Glasgow Group which is having a special meeting purely for the consideration of the Police and Fire plans.

The Safe Glasgow Group is still relatively new and are still developing the approach to monitor Police and Fire and Rescue performance, however the group have been generally satisfied with the feedback they’ve received to date on the above noted areas.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Safe Glasgow Group
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