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**SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NATIONAL RESILIENCE STRATEGY  
“SCOTLAND’S RESILIENCE: THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE FIRE AND  
RESCUE SERVICE”****Abstract**

This Report advises Members of the publication of “Scotland’s Resilience: The Contribution of the Fire and Rescue Service”, part of the Scottish Government’s National Resilience Strategy. Due to the classification of the document it cannot be issued widely.

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Members note the publication of “Scotland’s Resilience: The Contribution of the Fire and Rescue Service” and support the work of the Fire and Rescue Board Conveners in the development of a single Scotland wide Delivery Plan.

**2 BACKGROUND**

“Scotland’s Resilience: The Contribution of the Fire and Rescue Service” sets out Scottish Ministers expectations of the role they expect Scotland’s fire and rescue services to play towards building our shared resilience at local and national levels. This strategy is informed by the UK National Risk Assessment and specifies a need for a collective response to the three national risks; major incidents involving Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Agents (CBRN), pandemic flu and severe weather, and seeks a single Scotland wide Delivery Plan from the eight fire and rescue services.

The Scottish Government has worked with COSLA and representatives from fire and rescue authorities to ensure that the strategy is deliverable, drawing on mutual aid, when required, from other parts of the UK. A single Scotland wide Delivery Plan, highlighting current levels of preparedness, gaps in preparedness, proposals to close any gaps identified and set out a process of assurance is currently being developed by the Scottish Fire Conveners Forum.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Any financial implications arising from the compilation of the single Scotland wide Delivery Plan will be required to be considered at Scottish Government, COSLA and fire and rescue authority level.

#### **4 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer have been consulted in the production of this Report.

#### **5 CONCLUSION**

The single Scotland wide Delivery Plan will identify the capabilities of Scotland's fire and rescue services to deliver against the Scottish Government's National Resilience Strategy. Tayside Fire and Rescue will fulfil its responsibilities in relation to the Delivery Plan.

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#### **Background Papers**

No background papers, as defined in section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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