

**TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD****REPORT BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER****11 MAY 2009**

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**SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT FOR PERTH AND KINROSS****Abstract**

This Report advises Members of the role of Tayside Fire and Rescue in the production of the Single Outcome Agreement for Perth and Kinross.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- (i) Note the Single Outcome Agreement for Perth and Kinross.  
<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/A9274E02-ADC6-44AE-A235-D7C4FCA24D76/0/090506Item4.pdf>
- (ii) Approve Tayside Fire and Rescue's contribution to the Single Outcome Agreement for Perth and Kinross.
- (iii) Note that the Community Planning Partnership, which includes representation from Tayside Fire and Rescue, will be holding discussions with Scottish Government with a view to developing Single Outcome Agreements between the Partnership and the Scottish Government.

**2 BACKGROUND**

In November 2007, a Concordant was jointly developed and agreed by the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities. This Concordant set out a new working relationship between central and local government in Scotland. COSLA and local authorities were given more responsibility for the allocation of local authority finances. In return, the local authorities produced Single Outcome Agreements with the Scottish Government agreeing on the outcomes to be achieved with the funding.

The role of fire and rescue authorities in the achievement of the National Outcomes is incorporated within each of the constituent Council's Single Outcome Agreements. It is obviously not possible to include comprehensive detail of the full range of fire and rescue services activities and the impact they have in the achievement of the National Outcomes at a local level. However discussions are currently taking place to identify how the full role of the fire and rescue service can be acknowledged with the Single Outcome Agreements.

Tayside Fire and Rescue Board is required to approve Tayside Fire and Rescue's contribution to Single Outcome Agreements of which they are a part.

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As the future level of funding of Tayside Fire and Rescue is likely to become more dependent on the contribution made by the service to the achievement of constituent Councils outcomes it is important that the full role of the service is recognised.

### **4 CONSULTATION**

The Clerk and Treasurer have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

### **5 CONCLUSIONS**

The Concordant has provided local government with more responsibility for the delivery of their services. In return the Scottish Government requires information from local authorities on the outcomes they have achieved from the finances they have been provided with and the services they have delivered.

The role of the fire and rescue service in the achievement of the National Outcomes is incorporated with the constituent Councils Single Outcome Agreements. It is important that the full role of the fire and rescue services is acknowledged within the Agreements.

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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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