



# HM Fire Service Inspectorate

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| <b>Report to:</b> | <b>SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE AUDIT AND RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE</b> |
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| <b>Report By:</b> | <b>HM FIRE SERVICE INSPECTORATE</b>  |

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| <b>Subject:</b> | <b>ROUTINE REPORT ON HMFSI BUSINESS</b> |
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## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee with a general progress report on HMFSI inspection and reporting activity.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the update from HMFSI.

## 3. ACTIVITY AND PROGRESS

### 3.1 HMFSI Personnel Changes

- 3.1.1 The Chief Inspector is pleased to inform the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee that Simon Routh-Jones QFSM has been appointed as the new Assistant Inspector within HMFSI. Simon took up the role on 6 September 2016.
- 3.1.2 Simon has 37 years' experience of the Fire and Rescue Service having been the Chief Fire Officer of Wiltshire until its combination with Dorset on 1 April 2016.

### 3.2 National Framework 2016 and Future Inspection Work

- 3.2.1 The new National Framework 2016 comes into effect from 4 October 2016.
- 3.2.2 As indicated at the last meeting it is the intention of HMFSI to keep its local area inspection program focused on and linked to the new national framework. This will help in giving assurance to Ministers and the public that the direction set out in the framework is being delivered at the local level. The first inspection to adopt this new format will be Moray.

### **3.3 Local Area Inspections: Work Update**

- 3.3.1 The report for South Ayrshire has been completed, consultation upon the report is under way and it will be published on our website when this has concluded.
- 3.3.2 The field work in Scottish Borders is now complete and we have started to compile the report. When this is completed we will consult with the Local Senior Officer prior to issue. The Inspectorate seeks to be a learning organisation and as a result of an internal debrief on past area based inspections, the Inspectorate sought feedback on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's work with Community Councils and the public during this inspection. Whilst the response rate was not large it did add value to the inspection process and the Chief Inspector has decided that this format will be continued in the future.
- 3.3.3 Planning has started for the Moray inspection with the bulk of field work planned for three weeks commencing 14th November 2016.

### **3.4 Thematic Inspection work**

- 3.4.1 The first thematic inspection of the current year identified in the business plan is Legislative Fire Safety Enforcement. We have consulted on the outline for this inspection. The data request has been made and field work has recently commenced.
- 3.4.2 The second thematic inspection for this year is on 'The Shared Use of Assets and Services'. This will be a joint Inspection with HMIC, Audit Scotland and Healthcare Improvement Scotland. Commitment to undertaking this work has now been obtained and so the work of putting together an Inspection outline will commence shortly.

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