



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD

Minute of Meeting held in Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Stornoway on Wednesday, 11
June 2025 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Dr Frances Murray (Chair)	Mr Norman Macdonald
Mr Kenny M Macleod (Vice-Chair)	Mr Donald Macsween
Mr Kenneth J Maclean	Mr Calum Maclean
Mr Mustapha Hocine	Mr Malcolm K Macdonald
Mr Robert Mackenzie	Mr Gordon Murray
Mr Ranald Fraser	

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Iain A MacNeil	Mr Paul Steele
Mr Iain M Macleod	

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Colm Fraser	Mrs Katie Macaskill
Ms Christine Morrison	Mr Derek Mackay
Ms Elaine Mackenzie	Mrs Fiona Maciver

On behalf of the Board the Chair welcomed Ms Christine Morrison, newly appointed Consumer and Environmental Services Manager, to her first meeting of the Board in her new post.

The Chair also welcomed Chief Inspector Ross McCartney from Police Scotland and Group Commander Chris Smith from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to their first Board meeting.

MINUTES

Minute of Meeting of 23 April 2025	1	The Minute of Meeting of 23 April 2025 was approved .
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Declaration of Interest	of 2	There were no declarations of interest.
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GOVERNANCE

Appointment of Vice-Chair	of 3	The Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.
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Mr Ranald Fraser, seconded by Mr Malcolm K Macdonald, moved the appointment of Mr Kenny M Macleod.

There being no further nominations it was agreed to appoint Mr Kenny M Macleod as Vice-Chair of the Community Safety Board.

POLICE AND FIRE

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Local Police Area – Performance Against the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Local Policing Plan

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With reference to item 4 of the Minute of Meeting of 20 November 2024, Area Commander Chief Inspector Ross McCartney submitted a Report summarising current performance against the 2023-2026 Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Local Policing Plan objectives covering the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025. Chief Inspector McCartney provided an overview of the performance report. Members were afforded the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chief Inspector encouraged communities, members and individuals to complete the Your Police 2025-2026 online survey which was available on the Police Scotland website.

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note

- (1) the progress made against the objectives set within the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Local Policing Plan 2023-2026; and**
- (2) that Chief Inspector Ross McCartney would email elected members a breakdown of alcohol and drug related deaths over the reporting period.**

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Performance Against the Fire and Rescue Plan for the Western Isles

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With reference to item 3 of the Minute of Meeting of 20 November 2024, Group Commander Chris Smith, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) submitted a Report providing details of the performance of the Fire and Rescue Service for Quarters 3 and 4 2024/25, reflecting the performance outcomes outlined within the Fire and Rescue Plan for the Western Isles. Group Commander Smith presented the Performance Report to the Board. Members were afforded the opportunity to ask questions.

It was intimated that the new SFRS strategy which sets the national direction and shapes the approach on planning and delivering the services was expected to be announced in August 2025 and was an important step in progressing the long-term vision. A twelve-week public consultation on the strategy was due to go live shortly and Members were encouraged to give their views via a link to the consultation that would be circulated by SFRS.

Group Commander Smith paid tribute to the member of the public and two firefighters who were courageously carrying out their firefighting and rescue duties and who had lost their lives in the Bicester incident on 15 May 2025.

Group Commander paid tribute to previous LSO Scott Gibson who had recently retired from service. Robert Lennox had been appointed as the new Local Senior Officer for the Western Isles.

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the SFRS Performance Report.

CONSUMER PROTECTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Consumer and Environmental Services Service Plan 2025/26

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With reference to item 6 of the Minute of Meeting of 12 June 2024 the Chief Officer, Assets and Infrastructure submitted a Report seeking approval for the Consumer and Environmental Services Service Plan 2025/26. The Report stated that the Comhairle was required to develop certain Service Plans to satisfy external agreements such as the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement, the National Performance Framework for Trading Standards Services and the framework agreement in place that relates to Animal Health and Welfare. The Framework Agreements required that these plans be submitted to the relevant member forum for approval to ensure local transparency and accountability; including any reviews.

The Report further stated that a combined Consumer and Environmental Services Service Plan for 2025/2026, incorporating all Services had been prepared and included the Services not covered by external agreements. The Plan was detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report.

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle agrees to approve the Consumer and Environmental Services Service Plan 2025/26.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The Chair ruled the following item as urgent to allow the matter to be considered prior to the next meeting of the Board.

Outcome Delivery 7
Report

With reference to item 5 of the Minute of Meeting of 20 November 2024 the Chief Officer, Assets and Infrastructure submitted a Report to present the final annual outcomes of the 2024/25 Departmental Strategic Priorities together with the outcomes of the 2023/24 Local Government Benchmarking Framework performance indicators for the Assets and Infrastructure Business Unit.

The Report stated that there was one key area of strategic risk identified with a high rating, and three risk rated Medium. One risk remained High after risk actions had been implemented and this was in relation to Climate Change Adaptation. The Report further stated that the Business Plan was aligned to all four strategic priorities and progress on the outcome delivery plans were detailed in the body of the Report.

The Report concluded that the Assets and Infrastructure Business Unit had maintained good controls on business planning, governance, and budget management over the year. In addition to its core functions and responsibilities, the Business Unit’s key tasks are working to review, update and implement the Comhairle’s Corporate Strategies and political priorities while delivering efficient front-line services on behalf of the community across a broad service portfolio and seeking to take best advantage of new and emerging opportunities.

It was agreed to recommend, insofar as the Board’s interests were concerned, that the Comhairle note the Report.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Reports 8
Outstanding

The Chief Executive submitted a Report detailing the reports outstanding arising from the decisions of the Board.

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.