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## FORRES AREA FORUM

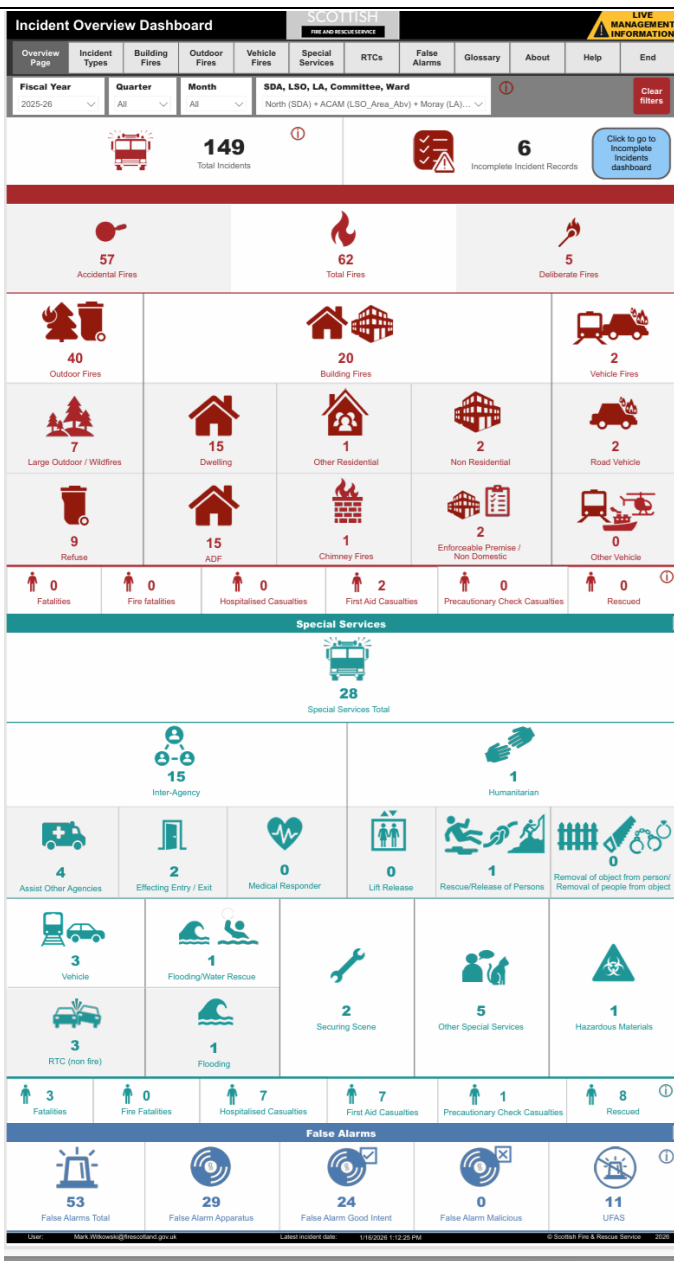
### Reports Agenda - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### North Room, Town Hall at 7pm

1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> Apologies: Lindsey Standing	
2.	<b>Fraud and Scam Presentation – Richard Russell – 7.00pm – 8.00pm</b> Number in attendance Comment board Hospitality	
3.	<b>Minute of meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b> Approved Seconded	
4.	<b>Matters arising</b> Our grant application to the Auchernack Trust was successful receiving the full amount requested - £750.00. This money will be ringfenced to meet the objectives of the grant application. AR will submit a report to the Trust on completion of spend in accordance with grant award criteria. LO will support this by creating a balance sheet to accompany this report. Statistics will be required for events held and feedback from those attending. AR has completed the necessary admin work to receive the grant funding which will be transferred shortly. A programme of events will be created for this particular age group over the course of the year. It is hoped to work in partnership with key services and groups to support the over 60's to meet their needs. AR has already made	

	contact with some services and groups. Now that we have funding in place further progress and plans can be developed.	
5.	Treasurer's report	
6.	<b>Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nick Molnar's Memorial</li> <li>Quarriers Unpaid Carer Update</li> <li>STP Newsletter</li> <li>STP Funding Finder January 2026</li> <li>Moray Healthy Weight Survey link - The survey is now live online on the Moray Engage platform. Learn more about the project and take part at: <a href="https://engage.moray.gov.uk/improving-healthy-weight-in-moray">https://engage.moray.gov.uk/improving-healthy-weight-in-moray</a></li> <li>Environmental Health Moray Council - Short survey on Moray Engage to gather insight and inform the final <b>Food Sampling Strategy for 2026</b> <a href="#">Food Survey   Moray Engage</a></li> </ul>	
7.	<b>Mount Dora Twinning Association</b> – AR has spoken briefly with AH. The representative who was to attend the last meeting could not find the North Room – signage probably required. AR will be following this up.	
8.	<b>FACT update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	
9.	<b>Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme</b> – update since previous meeting – no recent communication/update.	
10.	<b>Forres Connected Culture and Heritage</b> – update since previous FAF meeting (FAF Representative Lindsey Standing)	
11.	<b>Spirit of Community 2022/3 &amp; Local Place Plan</b> AR and TC met to move forward with this. The following dates have been provisionally booked for the meetings. FCC (SF) has been kept in the loop and supports what has been decided. <b>Monday – 09.03.26 – North Room in the Town Hall – 6.30pm – 8.30pm.</b> FCC will be covering cost of room hire, their contribution for the LPP, they will have representatives attending and engaging KS and TB. Themes to be covered on this date will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Environment</li> <li>Transport, Traffic and Access</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leisure, Tourism and Heritage</li> </ul> <p>Invites to go out to groups and individuals identified when working through the SoC and LPP.</p> <p><b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 – North Room in the Town Hall – 6.30pm – 8.30pm</b></p> <p>FCC will be covering cost of room hire, their contribution for the LPP, they will have representatives attending and engaging KS and TB.</p> <p>Themes to be covered on this date will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilities and Services</li> <li>Cost of Living</li> <li>Young People</li> </ul>	
12.	<b>Moray Forum</b> – Date of Next Meeting – unknown.	
13.	<b>Transport Forum</b> – Date of Next Meeting and any update from previous FAF meeting	
14.	<b>Forres User Group Meeting</b> – AR received no notification of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting which AR found out took place on Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2026. AR has since emailed to express her disappointment at not being included especially when she had been informed she would be. AR has been promised that she will receive the minutes, agendas and be included in the emails to confirm meetings.	
15.	<p><b>System Based Approach to Physical Activity and Health (to be re-named Active Moray Strategy and Plan) (AR)</b> – Change of launch date, now to be in March but still to be confirmed. Work is going on behind the scenes with partners of this plan working on their areas. To date reports have been met with support from those who have been present at the Community Planning Officers Group (CPOG). A link to the video, survey and strategy can be found here - <a href="#">Active Moray   Moray Engage</a></p> <p>This survey will be open for 4 weeks (until 23<sup>rd</sup> February)</p>	
16.	<b>Forres ASG Fire Report</b> – Grateful thanks to Mark Witkowski, Station Commander Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire & Moray LSO Area. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for submitting this report.	



17. **Round the Table**

18. **Councillors**

19. **AOB**

- Facebook page

Continued to advertise the Frauds & Scams Event on the FAF Facebook Page and in local groups. We now have 72 Followers now. LS will continue to add regular posts in between sharing information for other local community events and groups, so it's not the same thing repeated.

Also shared the Forres Gazette post about Rays Opportunities and the refurbishment of the Toilet Block this morning.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We were approached by the Forres Gazette to provide a statement in response to the Moray Council agreeing to the Plan for the new Forres Academy Planning. AR prepared a statement which was incorporated in the article.</li> </ul>	
20.	Date of next meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm, venue North Room, Forres Town Hall	

Meeting dates in 2026: 6<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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