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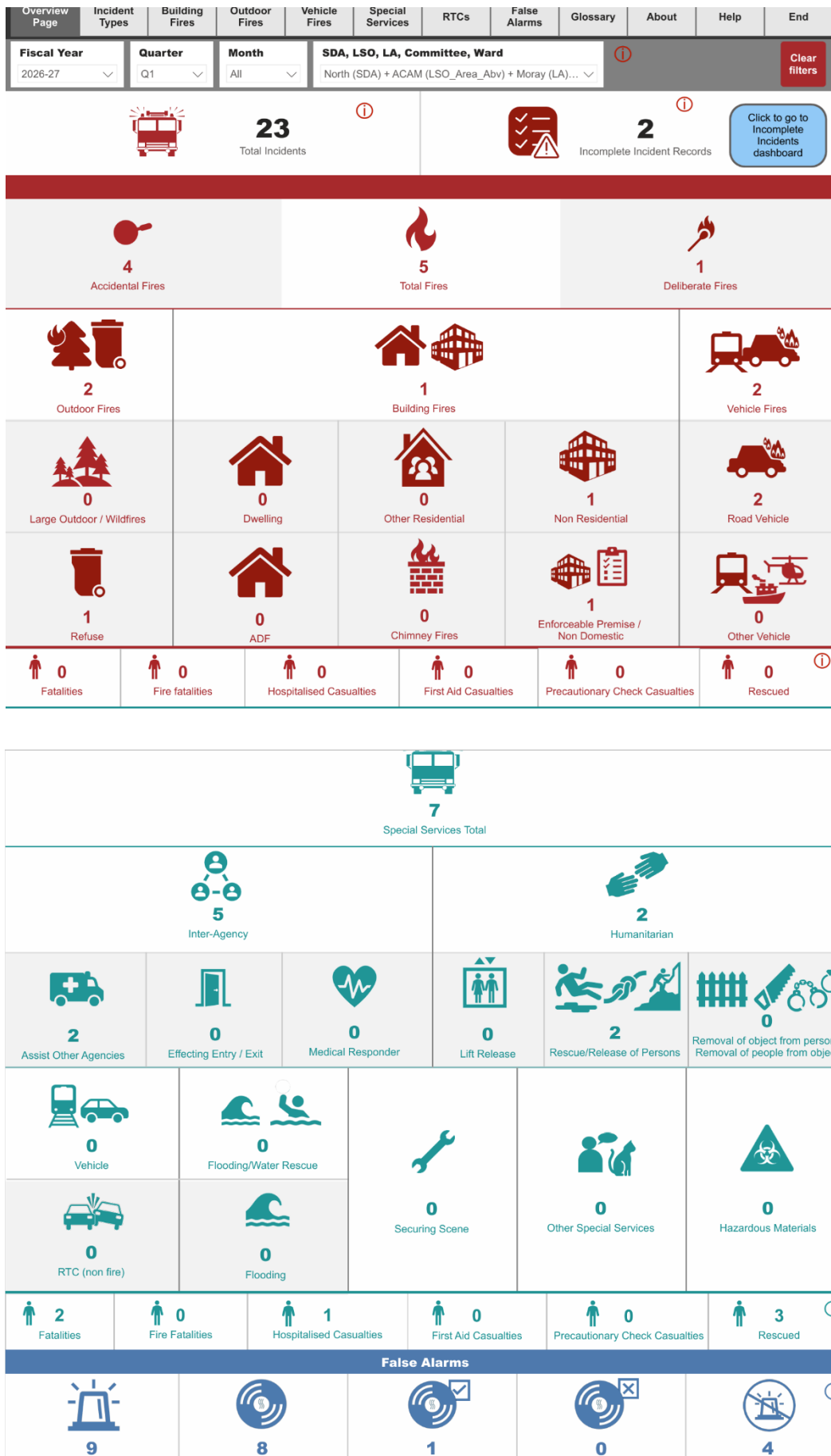
FORRES AREA FORUM **Reports Agenda - Wednesday 2nd September 2026** **Lesser Hall, Town Hall at 7pm**

1.	Welcome and Apologies	
2.	Minute of meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2026 Proposed – Seconded -	
3.	Matters arising	
4.	Treasurer's report Coffee Morning income and expenditure	
5.	Correspondence • Spirit of Community – Review Sheets • STP – x 2 newsletters • STP Funding Finder July 2026 • FAF Coffee Morning Reminder • FABA – invitation • STP – Local Awards • Quarriers Unpaid Carer Report • New Build Forres Academy Schedule	
6.	FACT update	

7.	Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme The last meeting provided an opportunity for Icecream Architects to deliver a presentation on the work completed for the developments that will be taking place on the High Street. A professionally produced (LDN) ring binded book was given to those in attendance, this is also available electronically. Opportunity to provide additional feedback was also given.	
8.	Spirit of Community 2022/3 & Local Place Plan Please see attached review. This will continue to be updated meeting the review process first agreed when completing the Spirit of Community Consultation. We do recognise that there are gaps which we need to fill by approaching those who are driving these projects/initiatives forward. There is also a need to include an additional section that includes New Projects that have been identified and work is progressing e.g. Bank Lane residential development, Ashers Garden area development.	AR SM TC
9.	Moray Forum – Date of Next Meeting – unknown.	
10.	Transport Forum – no updates received despite emailing Secretary of the TF Group	
11.	Forres Leisure User Group Meeting No update from last meeting – next meeting of this group is planned for Monday, 26 th October 2026 – 6.00pm – 7.00pm FHCC Green Room Agenda items include • Report back on previous group activities. • Facility Action List Update • Sport and Leisure Service Update	AR Attending
12.	Active Moray Strategy and Plan) (AR) – Good progress is being made, working closely with sportScotland and other major stakeholders. It has been recognised by sportScotland that Moray seems to be Leading/driving this forward across Scotland. SportScotland recognises that a huge amount of funding is required to just maintain facilities across Scotland circa £15.6 billion, not for improvement or further development. We have requested a breakdown of this for Moray and even for ASG's. LPP's and other consultations may well be able to support some of this work to build up the data base to support SportScotland.	

	There will be another opportunity for sports clubs to apply for Summer of Sport Funding to use the remaining balance. Other streams of funding will also be coming into Moray for specific delivery and groups will be approached/invited to engage. The Lead person for this has still be selected for the position.	
13.	Moray Healthy Weights Systems Network – No further update, lead for this is moving onto a new job but will still be engaging in the discussion through this new position. The next meeting planned for Thursday, 1st October 10.00am – 11.30am. It will be an online meeting, focussing on the launch of the refreshed <i>Worrying about Money?</i> Leaflet and associated training. This flows into the Challenge Poverty Week which take place the following week.	AR attending
14.	Forres Events – Friends of Grant Park	
15.	Forres Area Forum – Support Sessions to the over 60's AR has arranged for FAF to deliver a session for the Over 60's on Wednesday, 14th October 2026. 1.00pm – 4.00pm – Venue to be confirmed by the OAP Group as they are considering moving due to increase in charges. FAF will pay for the hire of the LET regardless of venue. We will also provide the refreshments for the group. These expenses will come out of the Auchernack Grant that we were awarded. It was best to 'piggy back' onto the OAP groups usual meeting time as this was the target focus group. We would also promote it to others in the Community of this age. Hopefully this will also encourage others to attend the OAP group and increase numbers to help create sustainability. David Parker the Chair of the OAP group was in agreement with this. The afternoon session fits into the usual working day of the delivers and also better suited for this age group. The focus of the afternoon will be : • Benefits – information giving, help and advice along with support given • Possible savings on heating, council tax etc.. support and guidance given. • Quarriers – (Waiting for confirmation but keen) – Explanation of what a carer is, what may be accessed to support the role. Leaflets, support and guidance given.	AR

16. Fire Safety Report



17.	Round the Table	
18.	Councillors	
19.	AOB St Laurence Trust – They will be open for Doors Open Day, 10.00am – 4.00pm. Musical interludes with Shaun Brown on the Organ and representatives from Forres Pipe Band playing. Teas/Coffees and homebakes available. Free entry but donations welcomed.	
20.	Date of next meeting 7 th October 2026 at 7pm, venue North Room, Forres Town Hall	

Meeting dates in 2026: 4th November and 2nd December

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