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Dear Sir/Madam

GLASGOW 2014-DELIVERING A LASTING LEGACY FOR SCOTLAND

Please find enclosed the consultation response from The Chief Fire Officers Association Scotland.

Yours faithfully

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CFOAS CONTRIBUTION TO GLASGOW 2014 – DELIVERING A LASTING LEGACY FOR SCOTLAND

The following response from CFOAS to the 2014 consultation is referenced to the relevant National Outcomes and associated 2014 objectives detailed in the consultation document.

NATIONAL OUTCOME:-

We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibilities for their own actions and how they affect others

2014 OBJECTIVE

Increase levels of confidence/reassurance in communities – reduce levels of ASB. Improve opportunities for offenders or those at risk of offending to acquire skills or diversions away from crime

1. Fire related antisocial behaviour disproportionately affects the most vulnerable groups and socially deprived areas where opportunistic fire setting and fire related ASB mainly carried out by children and young people, accounts for almost two thirds of all emergency fire responses.
2. In Scotland Fire and Rescue Services pro actively work with Community Safety Partnerships, Police, Antisocial Behaviour Officers and Community Wardens to reduce the effects of nuisance fire setting and fire vandalism; hoax calls; malicious actuation of fire detection and warning systems; attacks or hostility towards fire crews; misuse or damage to fire hydrants and unsafe driving.
3. Many projects are proactive preventative measures aimed at education and influencing young persons in order to reduce fire related crime and anti social behaviour or are reparation/intervention schemes for persons who have become routinely involved in anti social behaviour.
4. Specific examples in the Strathclyde area include the Renfrewshire Deliberate Fire Reduction Task Force which aims to reduce the number of deliberate secondary fires in the Paisley, Johnstone and Renfrew areas, targeting deprived communities with highest rates of fire setting. However the task force also provides community education and advice together with a post fire counselling and clean up service for householders whose homes have been damaged by fire.
5. Hydrant misuse and vandalism has been challenged through the intervention of community firefighters in the classroom highlighting the dangers of hydrant vandalism. This in addition to utilising CCTV footage to identify hydrant vandals bringing together Fire, Police and Housing representatives to action a range of options including home visits, application of anti social behaviour legislation and prosecution significantly reduced this form of vandalism in the area and has become a model for future activity to combat hydrant vandalism in NE Glasgow and an example of multi agency antisocial behaviour good practice.

6. Various initiatives to engage young people and shift their focus from engaging in ASB are evident across Scotland FRSs and they demonstrate the value of the contribution the FRS can make in
 - building self esteem in our young people
 - building respect for the emergency services
 - improving attitude, conduct and attendance of problem pupils
 - working with young people as part of diversion, rehabilitation or youth justice programmes

7. For the purposes of delivering a lasting legacy for Scotland from 2014, CFOAS would like to see transferable elements of these successful initiatives promoted across local government and partner agencies. In addition as FRSs are often engaged in operating and planning service delivery across local authority boundaries, long term multi agency funding support and joint enforcement action are crucial.

NATIONAL OUTCOME-

We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger

2014 OBJECTIVE

Our Fire Service gains more experience of preparing for major events

8. While undoubtedly the Service will gain more experience of preparing for major events as a result of Glasgow 2014 the main focus for us will be in deploying the skills that already exist within the service in planning for an event of this scale and in responding to any associated incidents. For example service planning arrangements that needed to be deployed across Scotland for the week of G8 demonstrated effective inter agency co-operation and the effective deployment and redeployment of resources. The desired outcome in such circumstances should therefore be the successful staging of an event delivered in line with a planning scenario which includes having effective contingency arrangements in place to respond to and resolve any associated emergencies.

9. It is vital therefore, not only in respect of Glasgow 2014, but for Scotland's future resilience needs that long term resource support is in place from national government to enable the Fire and Rescue Service to deliver an effective response to future planned and unplanned major events in Scotland.

2014 OBJECTIVE

Ensure design of facilities, especially the Athletes Village, assist with limiting opportunities for offending behaviour and reduces chances of victimisation

10. The Fire and Rescue Service must be involved at the design stage of facilities to ensure compliance with Fire Safety law including requirements for automatic life safety fire suppression systems and also to advise on construct and service options that will minimise the opportunities for wilful fire raising. The Service will have in mind that many of the facilities will be created with long term residential or leisure use envisaged.

CONCLUSION

11. As Government looks to ensure that an event of such national significance can make material improvements to peoples lives from the physical regeneration of designated areas to capturing the enthusiasm of young people, the Fire and Rescue Service seeks to play its part in planning and delivering both for Glasgow 2014 and in delivering the consequential benefits to Scotland's communities as a whole.