

SUBJECT: DISTRICT PLANS 2008/09

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY AND THE FINANCE OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline, for the information and consideration of Members, the contents of the new Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service District Plans. To assist with this a copy of the Sunderland District Plan is attached to this report as an illustrative example of the structure of the documents.
- 1.2 The plans for Newcastle, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Gateshead follow exactly the same format and can be accessed on the Authority's website at www.twfire.gov.uk

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will be aware that in 2007 the Service was restructured to reflect the five Local Authority boundaries of Tyne and Wear. This structural change was undertaken in order to support a more proactive and effective approach to developing working relationships with partners and, through such relationships, addressing the needs of our communities in a more effective manner.
- 2.2 In support of this, and to help firmly embed the restructure process, Fire and Rescue Service District Plans have been produced. These plans cover the 2008/2009 year and have been developed following consultation with staff and taking into account the data requirements stated in the Crime and Disorder Regulation 2007. To this end the following key fire related information is included:
- Number of property fire started deliberately
 - Number of vehicle fires started deliberately
 - Number of fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately
 - Number of malicious false alarm calls attended
 - Number of fires attended in dwellings where no smoke alarm was fitted
- 2.3 Furthermore, the plans also include fire data at ward level for the first time. Providing this information will help to ensure that initiatives are effectively targeted to those areas where they can have most impact and to assist the service in highlighting the nature and distribution of fires, and other incidents, for the benefit of partner agencies.

- 2.4 The District Plans also provide a comparison of performance for each district against that of the other four districts in Tyne and Wear.
- 2.5 Ongoing performance monitoring of the targets will be achieved through the District Management Teams, Functional Management Teams and through the reporting of performance on a quarterly basis.

3. DISTRIBUTION

- 3.1 Hardcopies of the District Plans have been provided to each District Manager which can be distributed to Ward Councillors and other interested parties.
- 3.2 The District Plans are available to external partners via our website and to internal staff via the intranet.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Committee is requested to:
- a. Consider the contents of this report.
 - b. Endorse the production of the District Plans

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers refer to the subject matter of the above:

- Sunderland District Plan
- Crime and Disorder Regulation 2007