

Thursday 14th March 2024

REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 26th November 2023 to 21st Feb 2024, compared with the same period in 2022.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

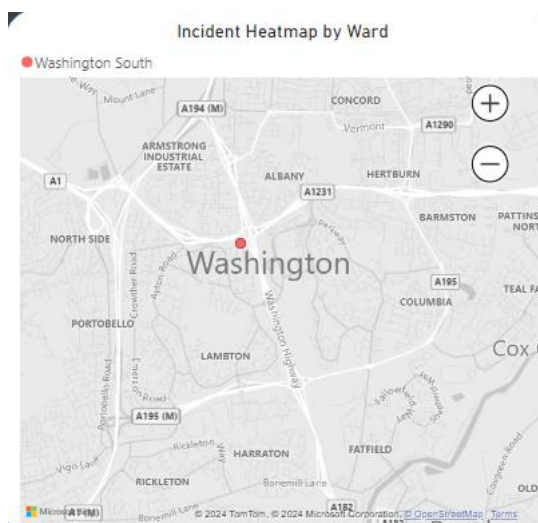
3.1 LI02 - Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

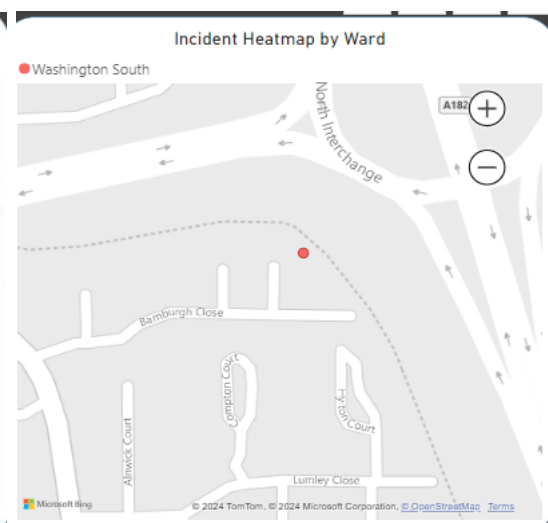
3.2 LI14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

1 incident occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 0 incidents occurring in the same period during the previous year.

Incident area in General



Incident area in detail

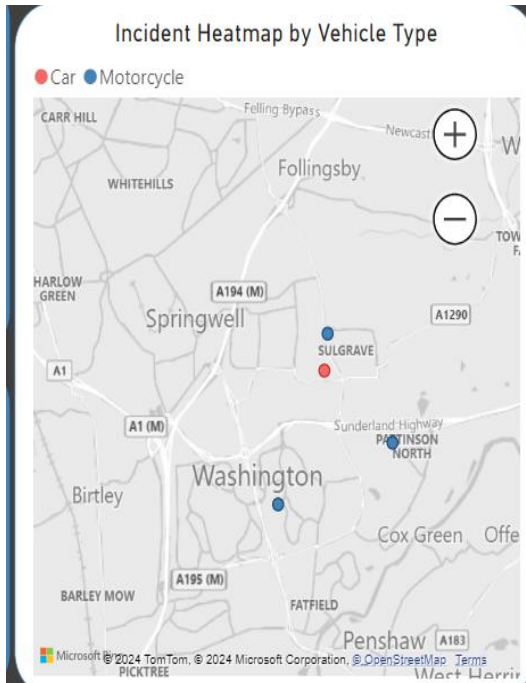


- This incident was a medium rise dwelling, Fire Investigation and SOCO attended due to multiple seats of fire.

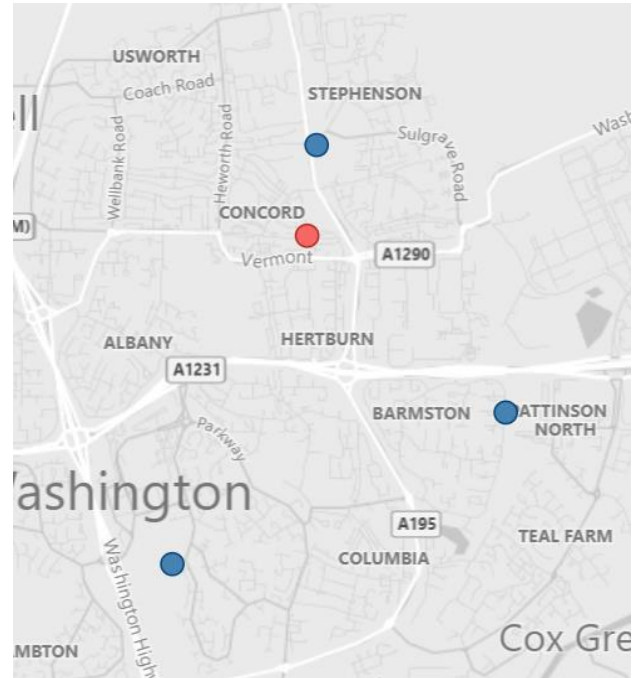
3.3 LI15 –Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires

There has been 4 deliberate primary road vehicle fires in this reporting period compared to 1 in the previous reporting period.

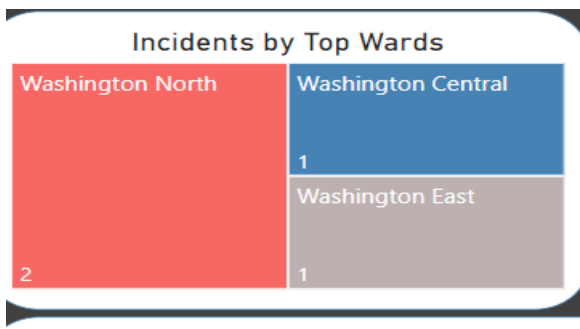
Area where incidents occurred



Area in detail



Frequency by ward

Type of road vehicle

Vehicle Type	Incident Count
Motorcycle	3
Car	1
Total	4

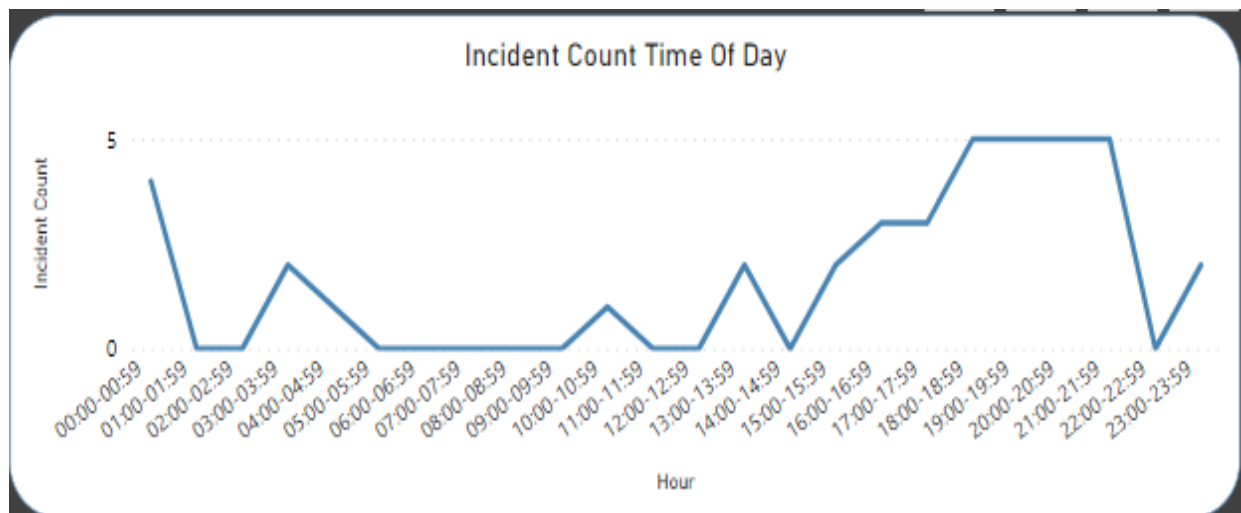
It has been noted that three of these road vehicles were motorcycles. Two deliberate primary road vehicle fires occurred on New Year's Day. TWFRS will continue to monitor this increase working with our partners and passing our Fire Stoppers Number through our corporate team.

3.4 LI33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

40 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period, this compares to 30 incidents in the previous year. This is an increase of 10 (33%)

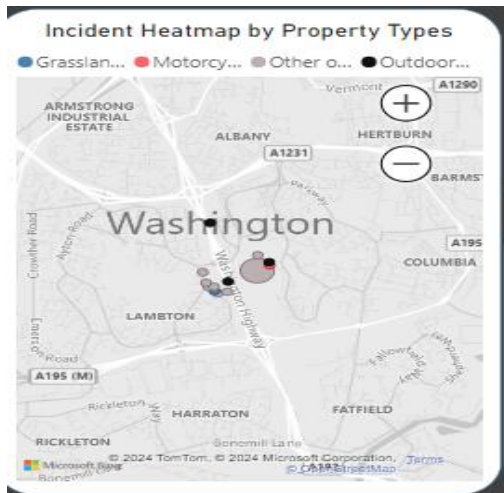
Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose Refuse (incl in garden)	16
Wheelie Bin	7
Refuse/ Rubbish Tip	4
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	2
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	2
Tree Scrub (inc single trees not in garden)	2
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	1
Other Outdoor items including roadside furniture	1
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette multiple occupancy	1

The graph below shows the trend of incidents over a 24 hour period

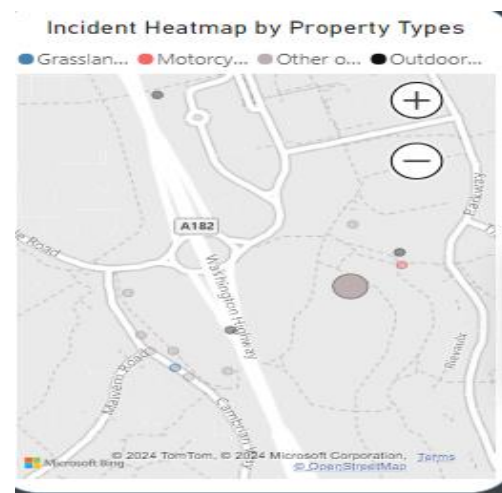


- 3.4.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 2 the previous year to 14 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following area;

Area in General

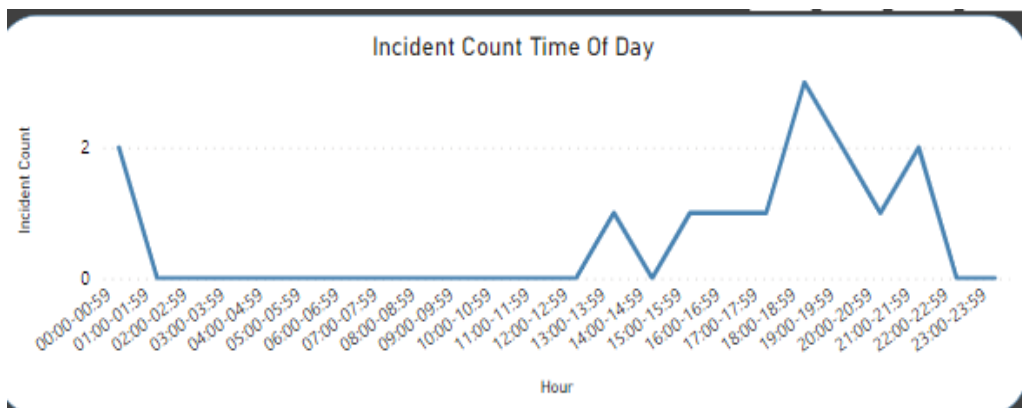


Area in Detail



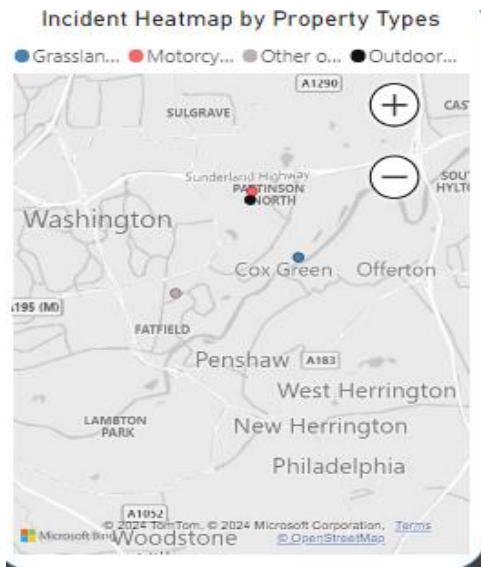
- The main areas where these incidents occur are Princess Park Skate Park and adjoining wooded area, Cambrian Way and Parkway.
- Crews have logged 2 incidents of objects being thrown at the appliance whilst leaving the area.
- The most common type of incident crews attend were reports of loose refuse on fire.
- TWFRS will continue to work with partner agencies in order to reduce the ASB.
- The graph below highlights the time these incidents occur which assists us in developing a strategy to reduce these fires over the next report period.

The Graph below highlights the trend within a 24 hour period that incidents are likely to occur for Washington Central Ward



- 3.4.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 8 the previous year to 4 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

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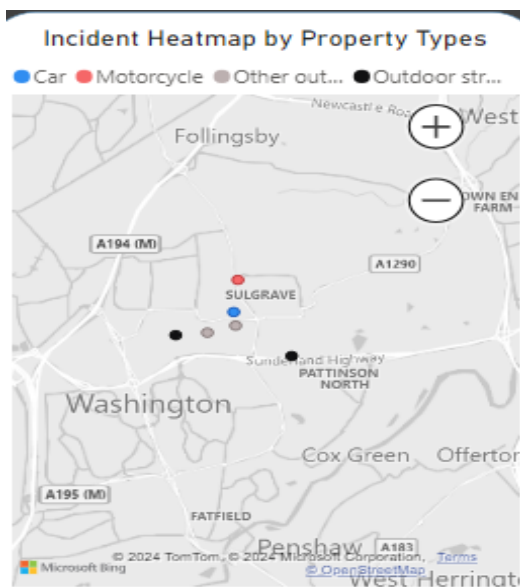


Area in Detail

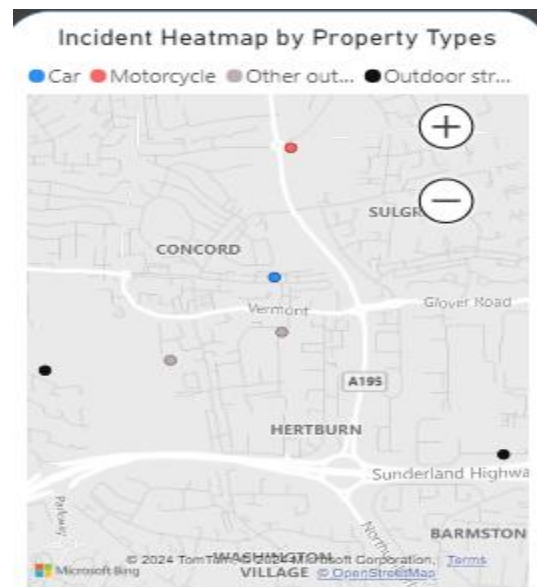


- 3.4.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen a slight increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 5 the previous year to 6 this year. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

Area in General



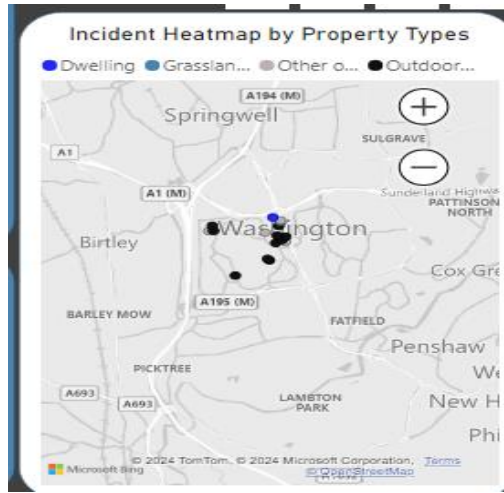
Area in Detail



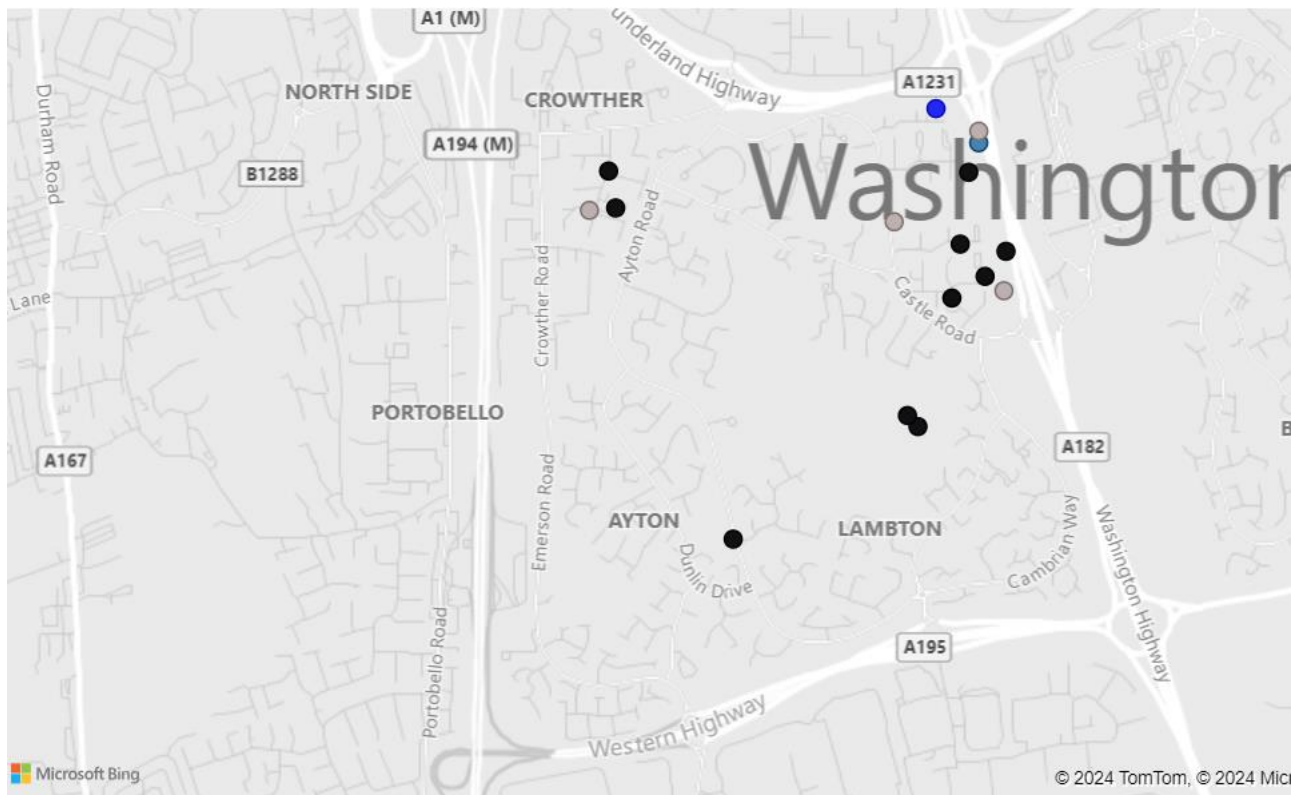
- The main area these incidents occurred were south of Concord, these are quite spread out therefore no trends have yet been identified.

- 3.4.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 15 the previous year to 16 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

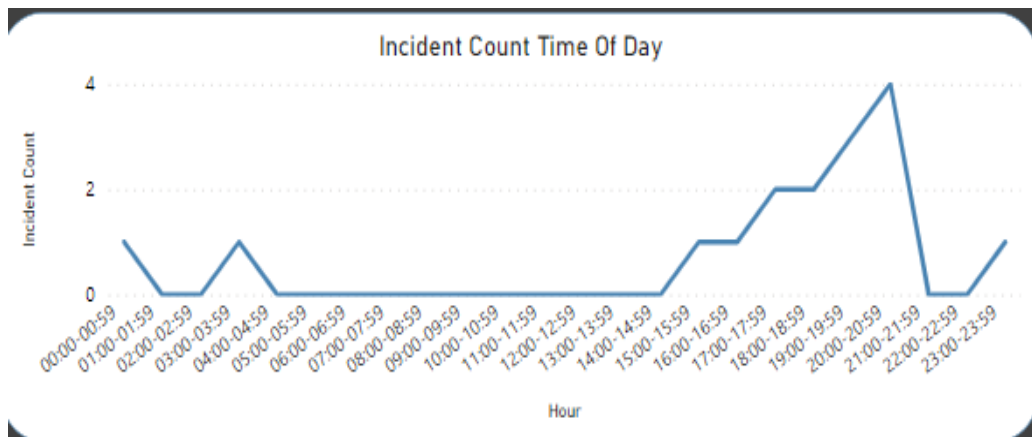
Area in General



Area in Detail



The Graph below highlights the trend within a 24 hour period that incidents are likely to occur for Washington South Ward



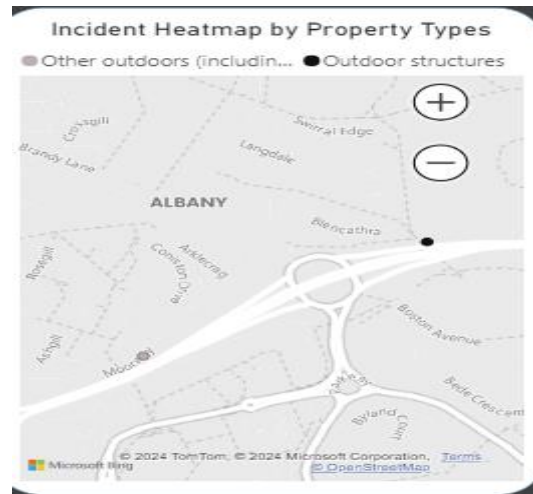
- The area of Oxclose has been identified, TWFRS will monitor this area and report any fly tipping via our web mapping to partner agencies.
- The graph above highlights the times most incidents occur therefore TWFRS will use this trend as part of our ASB strategy i.e. being more visible in that area at those times.

3.4.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 5 the previous year to 2 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

Area in General



Area in Detail



4 Community Strategy

4.1 TWFRS attended a number of community events this reporting period:

- 27th Nov 2023 Fullwell infants (school visit)
- 29th Nov 2023 Bexhill Academy (school visit)
- 7th Dec 2023 Joint Training activity with the Princess Trust at Washington Community Fire Station
- 8th Dec 2023 Princess Trust Presentation Day
- 6th Feb 2024 Town End Academy (school visit)
- 8th Feb 2024 Fatfield Academy (school visit)
- Princess Trust activities : working alongside the Little Onion Club at Usworth Park improving the community Garden, they have also work on a community garden at the secret garden charity in Sunderland and finally working with the Anne Marie Ward at the HMRC to improve the groups IT skills.

5. Fire Stoppers Hotline

5.1. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.

5.2. Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

6. Summary

6.1. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively.

7. Recommendations

7.1. The Washington Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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Information:

Some incident data may be subject to change, some incidents may not appear in this report at the time of production due to incidents that may have been closed down late or still remain open.