

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No 4

MEETING: 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

SUBJECT: MERITORIOUS CONDUCT AWARD

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Meritorious Conduct Award Scheme provides the opportunity for Members of the Authority to recognise individuals who perform commendable acts of bravery, gallantry or community actions.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is for the Authority to recognise the meritorious and brave actions taken by Master Robert Lee on 19 June 2014.

2 AWARD NOTIFICATION

- 2.1 At the commencement of today's meeting, the Chairman of the Fire Authority, Councillor Tom Wright, will present a Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority Award for Brave and Meritorious Conduct to Master Robert Lee in recognition of his actions in alerting and aiding the Fire Service on 19 June 2014.

3 INCIDENT DETAILS

- 3.1 On the morning of 19 June 2014 whilst walking to school on his 10th birthday; Robert Lee was walking along Sandown Gardens and heard a smoke alarm sounding. Robert approached the window of Number 5 and could see the occupant lying on the floor in the smoke filled living room.
- 3.2 Robert remembered the fire safety talk he had received two months earlier at school and called out to a passer-by that he needed help as there was a fire instructed them to dial 999. Passers-by then forced entry to the premises and rescued the occupant and removed the smouldering sofa from the property.
- 3.3 Robert's actions saved the life of the occupant who had been lying undiscovered and unconscious in a smoke filled bungalow for several hours. He acted calmly in a dangerous situation to summon assistance that ultimately saved the life of a member of the public.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Authority is recommended to:
 - a) Endorse the Meritorious Conduct Award for Master Robert Lee

- b) Congratulate and thank Robert for his actions.
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The under mentioned Background Papers refer to the subject matter of the above report:

- Meritorious Conduct Policy