

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE: 10th NOVEMBER 2014

SUBJECT: PROPERTY TENURE AND ACCIDENTAL DWELLING FIRES

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This purpose of this report is to provide the Policy and Performance Committee Members with data analysis regarding accidental dwelling fires (LI 08) and property tenure.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Policy and Performance Committee members, requested a piece of work to explore the relationship between accidental dwelling fires and property tenure. In addition, this report also considers the property type and source of ignition for such incidents.
- 2.2 Information regarding property tenure is obtained via the Incident Recording System (IRS) and was initially collected as part of the incident report in December 2011, therefore this report is based on performance information regarding accidental dwelling fires from 1 December 2011 – 30 November 2012 (Year One) and 1 December 2012 – 30 November 2013 (Year Two).
- 2.3 Due to the small dataset used, a further report is recommended at the end of 2014/15 to enable more statistically robust analysis. At present, comparators, for example, housing stock, are unavailable therefore complete, holistic analysis is not possible. However, it is possible to identify trends with regard to property tenure.
- 2.4 The main finding of this report is that, over the two year period, social rented properties account for 36% (414) of all accidental dwelling fires and therefore is the property type experiencing the highest number of such incidents during the reporting period.
- 2.5 In Year One, social rented properties experienced the highest number of accidental dwelling fires (39%, 222), in Year Two the number of incidents in social rented properties decreased by 14% (30) to 33% (192). Therefore, in Year Two, the property type experiencing the highest number of accidental dwelling fires was owner occupied properties (34%, 200).

3 LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no legislative implications in respect of this report.

4 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no learning and development implications in respect of this report.

5 ICT IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no ICT implications in respect of this report.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications in respect of this report.

7 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no risk management implications in respect of this report.

8 STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN LINK

8.1 The Property Tenure and Accidental Dwelling Fire Report links to Goal 1: To prevent loss of life and injury from fires and other emergencies and promote community wellbeing.

9 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

9.1 No specific Equality and Fairness implications are envisaged.

9.2 The Property Tenure and Accidental Dwelling Fire Report is available in alternative formats and languages upon request.

10 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no health and safety implications in respect of this report.

11 RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 The Committee is requested to:

- a) Note and endorse the contents of this report
- b) Receive further reports as appropriate.