

16 DECEMBER 2020**REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland West Committee area from 1 September 2019 to 25th November 2020.

2 Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update**3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires**

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

There was 3 deliberate property fires an increase of 2 from last year. TWFRS, Northumbria Police, Environmental Health and other Local Authority partners have been working in partnership to reduce these incidents. An example of this is the partnership approach regarding Farringdon Police Station.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 14 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there was 26. TWFRS work closely with Northumbria Police for all incidents to identify any trends. Each fire is investigated for malicious or accidental ignition.

3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

There have been 85 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 76 over the same period last year. This is an increase of 11% over the same reporting period. Incidents are spread across all ward areas, TWFRS and Northumbria Police over the darker night's campaign have targeted historical hotspot areas to educate the importance of safe storage of combustible material and wheelie bins.

3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

There were a total of 102 deliberate fires in this reporting period. This is a decrease of 1% on last Year. Greater reductions would be achieved but vehicles and refuse/rubbish incidents have increased . TWFRS are working with Northumbria Police concerning vehicle fires, fire crews are working to educating children/residents regarding rubbish/refuse fires.

3.6 Community Involvement

The Fire Service continues to support the local community where possible. At present this work is temporarily suspended due to Covid. Station Manager Burns held online practice job related interviews with Sunderland University.

3.7 On-going Issues

Darker evenings are now upon us, it is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Kevin Burns, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action with my crews. Each of my watches have been given ward areas to create community links (similar to the Police). This is not just about ASB fires but all deliberate fires, ensuring proper stacking/ storage of items outside a premise that may have an impact on property and life.

Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

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