



**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**Item No: 5**

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE: 13 JULY 2015**

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**SUBJECT: ONE VOICE COMMUNITY AWARDS**

**JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER AND THE PERSONNEL ADVISOR**

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**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Fire Authority of the recent One Voice Community Awards, and the successful outcome for a member of the Community Engagement team in receiving an individual contribution award.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The "One Voice" Awards is a new annual event held in Sunderland that brings together individuals, organisations and agencies to recognise, share and celebrate work in improving the well-being of BME communities throughout the City of Sunderland. The awards were held on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**3 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

- 3.1 The individual contribution award is in recognition of the contribution of any person working in the City of Sunderland in the support and enhancement of the BME Community and Network. It also demonstrates how the individual's actions have encouraged Equality and Diversity within the City of Sunderland and contributed to the well-being and support of individuals within the BME community.
- 3.2 The Chief Fire Officer is pleased to announce that TWFRS Community Advocate, Laila Abdullah, received the individual contribution award for her services to the BME communities of Sunderland.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications in respect of this report.

**5 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This report demonstrates TWFRS continued commitment to Equality and Diversity outcomes in the community.

**6 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

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

**7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 The Authority is recommended to:

- a) Note the contents of this report.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

None