

MEETING: 16 JULY 2012

SUBJECT: MEMBER LINKS WITH COMMUNITY FIRE STATIONS

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report sets out for the consideration of Members, a revised list of affiliative links between Members and the Community Fire Stations and departments within Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As Members will recall, at the Authority meeting held on 17 September 2007, a community fire station link scheme was approved, the aim of which was to enhance the liaison and communication between Members of the Fire Authority, and staff on Community Fire Stations and in departments (Minute No. 58/2007 refers), this scheme was also updated by Members on 19th September 2011 (Minute 28/2011 refers).
- 2.2 There are many benefits to be realised from Authority Members having direct contact with employees through visiting Community Fire Stations and departments on a regular basis to meet local staff, discuss current issues and to be appraised on progress with regard to the delivery of the Strategic Community Safety Plan.
- 2.3 In addition, the direct link this approach establishes also enhances the communication process by providing for the exchange of local information relevant to the appropriate ward areas and promoting networking between Members, Officers and Local Ward Councillors.
- 2.4 Furthermore, developing the links between Members and specific functional departmental heads in Headquarters and the Technical Services Centre will help to ensure that Members are comprehensively informed of specific work in progress as well as improving communication with staff.

3 NOMINATION OF LINK MEMBERS/OFFICERS

- 3.1 Taking the above information into account a revised list has been compiled (see appendix A) which sets out for consideration the proposed links between fire stations and service departments and Members.
- 3.2 If the list meets with Members approval the officers responsible for each specific location will establish contact and arrange a programme of visits to the link stations/departments.

- 3.3 A typical agenda for such visits would include discussion between officers and the link Member on current issues affecting the locality, scrutinising of the station/departmental plans and their associated targets and issues of concern to staff.
- 3.4 Members may also wish to discuss these matters with colleague Ward Councillors and, when relevant, invite them to attend meetings with Community Fire Station staff as appropriate.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this specific report.

5 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality and fairness implications in respect of this report.

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) Consider the report and the proposed link arrangements set out in Appendix A, and;
 - b) endorse, subject to any changes they may wish to make, the links between Members and stations/departments

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

- FA Report 'Members Affiliation with Community Fire Stations' 17 September 2007

APPENDIX A

COMMUNITY FIRE STATION	STATION DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT	ELECTED MEMBER
Swalwell Community Fire Station (Gateshead North 11)	District Officer Stokoe SM Peter Mudie Contact – 0191 444 1448 peter.mudie@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Gary Haley
Low Fell Community Fire Station (Gateshead East 12)	District Officer Stokoe SM Jeff Wilkinson Contact – 0191 444 1418 jeff.wilkinson@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Peter Mole
Birtley Community Fire Station (Gateshead South 13)	District Officer Stokoe SM Jon Gray Contact – 0191 444 1896 jon.gray@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Christopher Ord
Chopwell Community Fire Station (Gateshead West 14)	District Officer Stokoe SM Peter Mudie Contact – 0191 444 1448 peter.mudie@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Gary Haley
Gosforth Community Fire Station (Newcastle North 21)	District Officer Markwell SM Paul Tait Contact – 0191 444 1088 paul.tait@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Robert Renton
Byker Community Fire Station (Newcastle East 22)	District Officer Markwell SM Stephen Taylor Contact – 0191 444 1158 Stephen.taylor@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Nick Forbes
Rye Hill Community Fire Station (Newcastle South 23)	District Officer Markwell SM Ian Warbrick Contact – 0191 444 1118 ian.warbrick@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Dipu Ahad
West Denton Community Fire Station (Newcastle West 24)	District Officer Markwell SM Geoff Hagon Contact – 0191 444 1030 geoff.hagon@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Hazel Stephenson
Tynemouth Community Fire Station (North Tyneside East 32)	District Office Iveson SM Scott Carruthers Contact – 0191 444 1770 Scott.carruthers@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Shirly Mortimer Cllr Carole Gambling
Wallsend Community Fire Station (North Tyneside South 33)	District Officer Iveson SM Graeme Hurst Contact – 0191 444 1214 Graeme.hurst@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Tommy Mulvenna
South Shields Community Fire Station (South Tyneside East 42)	District Officer Robertson SM Nev Charlton Contact – 0191 444 1823 neville.charlton@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Ms Joanne Bell

PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

Hebburn Community Fire Station (South Tyneside West 44)	District Officer Robertson SM – Mark Witherspoon Contact – 0191 444 1320 mark.witherspoon@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Eddie McAtominey
Farringdon Community Fire Station (Sunderland Central 50)	District Officer Hall SM William Forster Contact – 0191 444 1188 bill.forster@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Debra Waller
Fulwell Community Fire Station (Sunderland North 51)	District Officer Hall SM Gary Yates Contact – 0191 444 1306 gary.yates@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Ms Joanne Bell Cllr Tom Wright
Millfield Community Fire Station (Sunderland East 52)	District Officer Hall SM Ian Warne Contact – 0191 444 1228 ian.warne@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Mrs Margaret Forbes
Rainton Bridge Community Fire Station (Sunderland South 53)	District Officer Hall SM Joe Cummings Contact – 0191 444 1808 joe.cummings@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Neville Padgett Cllr Tom Wright
Washington Community Fire Station (Sunderland West 54)	District Officer Hall SM Andy Lillford Contact – 0191 444 1868 andy.lillford@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Neville Padgett
Service Headquarters	AM Alan Robson Contact – 0191 444 1619 alan.robson@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Nick Forbes Cllr Tom Wright
Mobilising and Control	GM Sue Cameron Contact – 0191 444 1041 sue.cameron@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Nick Forbes