

**22nd SEPTEMBER 2021**

**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<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**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 were 2 deliberate property fires, a decrease of 1 from last year. TWFRS, Northumbria Police, Environmental Health and other Local Authority partners have been working in partnership to reduce these incidents with estate visits. 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 4 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there were 12. TWFRS are working with Police regarding this matter and shall continue to monitor.

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

There have been 93 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 48 over the same period last year. This is an increase of 48% over the same reporting period. Pandemic lock down during the same period last year played a part in these figures.

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

There were a total of 99 deliberate fires in this reporting period. An increase of 33% on last Year. This is due to an increase in loose refuse/rubbish incidents. Vehicle incidents have decreased. TWFRS are working with Sunderland city council environmental department to tackle loose refuse fires with work in the Silksworth area initially and are continuing with partnership work (Northumbria police) carrying out estate and site visits to reduce the number of loose refuse incidents.

**3.6 Community Involvement**

The Fire Service continues to support the local community where possible. TWFRS are involved with NHS and council partners with the continued support at the Nightingale hospital and the fire service will be supporting the vaccine targeting program in Millfield/Pallion/Sunderland city centre on several dates initially between 2<sup>nd</sup> September

and 28<sup>th</sup> October. The locations currently being considered by the CCG are the student areas and areas where vaccination take up hasn't been as high.

Where crews are available to support and attend community events they shall continue to do so depending on restrictions. Over the next few months an increased number of visitors is expected to the Fire Stations, as restriction improve allowing small community group to re-engage with the service as well as the service hosting open days.

The Princes Trust based at Farringdon is due to resume within the next quarter. Farringdon Community Fire Station have also been active in recruitment campaign branching out to underrepresented members of the community to enable further representation from underrepresented groups within the fire service .

### 3.7 On-going Issues

Service darker nights campaign will be launching soon but work has started at Farringdon to reduce incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Andrew Nelson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address 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. My watches shall also be actively identifying derelict premises which require securing and reporting/requesting assistance to ensure these buildings are inaccessible.

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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