

26 June 2019

## 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 Coalfield Area Committee area from 01 March 2019 to 31 May 2019 compared with the same period in 2018.

### 2 Background

- 2.1 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

#### L.I 2 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

#### L.I 14 Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

6 incidents in this reporting period this compares to 7 incidents in the previous year for this period. There is no pattern to these incidents but were all domestic properties and all are investigated by either Fire service or police and passed onto partners to address where it is required.

#### LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fire

There has been an decrease in the number of Vehicle fires from 10 to 7. All incidents were reported and investigated by both Police and Fire Investigators to establish any links. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police to identify trends and perpetrators.

#### LI 33 Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

126 incidents, this is an increase from 76 incidents (65%) from the same period last year, (grassland 2-19, refuse 9-18, scrubland 2-11). The increase is due to the increase in loose refuse incidents and grass related incidents. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB/deliberate fires have occurred.

**Copt Hill Ward** Has seen a decrease from 22 incidents to 16, a decrease of 27% during this period.

**Houghton Ward** Has seen an increase from 16 to 29, an 81% increase in the number of fires. The areas of Lambton Lane and Avenue Vivian and Brinkburn Crescent problematic for loose refuse fires.

**Hetton Ward** has seen a 70% increase in incidents 30-51. The main area of concern is Moorsley Road grass fires and High Street due to loose refuse.

**Shiney Row Ward** has seen an increase in incidents (8-30) over the reporting period. Chester Road around Herrington Country Park is the area of concern and problematic for loose refuse and grass fires.

## **4 Lighter /Darker Nights**

Lighter evenings are now upon us, it is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Kevin Burns, Station Manager), 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.

## **Summary**

There are significant rises within all wards but Copthill. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority to investigate and identify any trends. Refuse also remains problematic, Station Manager Burns will be working closely with partners to reduce these incidents.

## **5. Recommendations**

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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