

28th June 2023**REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE****1. Purpose of Report**

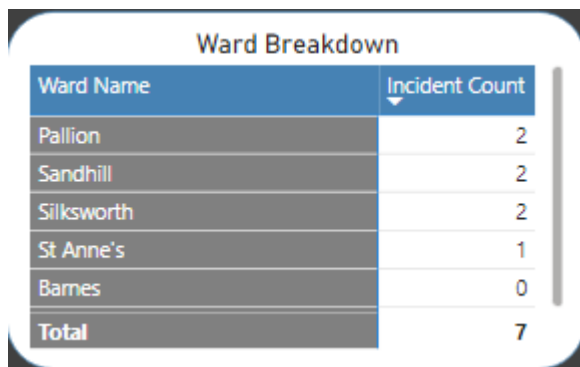
- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland West Committee area from 1st April 2023 to 04th June 2023.

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

Ward Name	Incident Count
Pallion	2
Sandhill	2
Silksworth	2
St Anne's	1
Barnes	0
Total	7

There were 7 deliberate property fires, compared to 4 in the same period as last year (75% increase). The continued partnership working with Northumbria Police, Gentoo, Sunderland city council and departments within will continue to work collaboratively to reduce these incidents. Both ops crews and TWFRS Prevention and Education department have carried out hot strikes in the immediate areas surrounding the incident sites.

There has been a decrease in incidents at the former Farringdon police station, but this will continue to be monitored in conjunction with partners until the site is permanently regenerated. The site is still a concern as the measures put in place may only deter for so long. To assist in reducing the number of deliberate property fires, crews continue to patrol and report unsecure premises in conjunction with ASB reporting, the crews also utilise the Report-It tool.

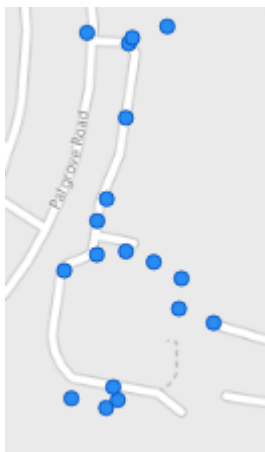
3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

Ward Breakdown	
Ward Name	Incident Count
Sandhill	7
Pallion	2
Silksworth	2
Barnes	1
St Anne's	0
Total	12

There were 12 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there were 7. An increase of **71%**. Sandhill. 2 of these incidents in the Sandhill Ward, occurred within the same street. TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns and trends.

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

There have been 69 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 200 over the same period last year. This is large decrease of **71%** over the same reporting period with all 5 Wards seeing a large improvement. St Anne's Ward had the highest number of incidents – 31, down from 46 last year, a **33%** improvement.



St Anne's Ward hot spot – King George playing fields still problematic. Predominantly grass, loose refuse and wheelie bin fires.

Partner working with local authority, Gentoo, environmental services and Northumbria police will continue to proactively target any patterns identified. Increased patrols, Joint social media targeting and messaging will also support the reduction of ASB fires. Community engagement work with youths has been carried out by crews both following incidents and during 'Rubbish Uplift' patrols. TWFRS will continue to support partners providing opportunities during the school holidays. Education and fire safety messaging has been given on all opportunities during community and youth engagements.

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

There were a total of 88 deliberate fires in this reporting period. A decrease of 71% on last Year. The weather this year has been a factor in the reduced number of incidents, last year experienced a longer dry spell with higher temperatures during the same reporting period. Grass fires and loose refuse/rubbish incidents are still particularly problematic across all Wards.

Vehicle fire incidents year to date have seen a 71% increase. This will continue to be monitored by ourselves and partner agencies. TWFRS are working with Sunderland city council environmental department and Gentoo to tackle loose refuse fires across all areas. Fire crews continue to monitor and report uplifts in the "hot spot areas" the Report-It tool is assisting with ensuring an efficient, timely way of removing fire loading materials for ASB fires. Partnership work (Northumbria police) carrying out targeted patrols and estate visits continues alongside engagement work. Community members must continue to be encouraged to report deliberate fire setting via the anonymous fire stoppers number.

3.6 Community Involvement

Regular multiagency meetings which help ensure a joint approach will continue to be key to any further success. Crews will continue to attend several events put on by local community groups and partner agencies across the area. Several schools visits are scheduled at schools across the East and at Farringdon station where pupils will engage with firefighters and learn valuable fire safety messages and the impact of deliberate fire setting and ASB. The events held or attended by crews are an opportunity to build good local community relations and a rapport with some of the youths in the area.

The TWFRS Diversionary Activities Manager, John Anderson is looking at collaborating with youth provision groups, Youth almighty and together for children. Further information on this will follow in due course. Operational crews will attend and support these activities providing the resources are available at the time of the engagement.

Our Safe and Well visit delivery. Targeting our most vulnerable members of our community. Operational crews from Farringdon continue to provide this service and will aim to deliver 1200 Safe and Wells visits across all wards before April 2024.

The Princes Trust based at Farringdon Community Fire Station is now running with a cohort of 5 young people. The programme runs 3 times a year.

3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's continues to reduce incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Scott Wilson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews. My watches continue to work close within their respective Ward areas to create community links (similar to the Police). The watches continue to deliver ASB initiatives – uplifts, premises security, and educational interaction.

The educational and engagement activities are key to reduce ASB and prevent attacks on emergency services. Over this reporting period there were 5 attacks on crews in the West area, 4 in the Silksworth Ward and 1 in the Barnes Ward. Predominantly these incidents were projectiles thrown towards firefighters and or appliances.

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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