

15 July 2020

## 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 April 2020 to 30 June 2020 compared with the same period in 2019.

### 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 11 incidents in the previous year for this period. 3 were domestic properties 2 private garages and 1 religious place of worship. 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 a decrease in the number of Vehicle fires from 11 to 6. 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)

98 incidents, this is a decrease from 131 incidents (25%) from the same period last year, (grassland 37-14, outdoor 41-31, and outdoor structures 35-31). The decrease is possibly due to Covid lockdown over this period, TWFRS and partners have continued to work over this period to reduce these type of incidents but at a reduced capacity. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB/deliberate fires have occurred.

**Copt Hill Ward** Has seen an increase from 14 incidents to 22, an increase of 57% during this period.

**Houghton Ward** Has seen a decrease from 26 to 18 a 30% decrease in the number of fires. The area of Avenue Vivian remain problematic for loose refuse fires.

**Hetton Ward** has seen a 49% decrease in incidents 61-31. The main area of concern remains High Street due to loose refuse and Whitehall Road, grass.

**Shiney Row Ward** has seen a decrease in incidents (30-27) over the reporting period. Offerton Village/Lane and Foxcover Road are areas 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**

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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