

MEETING: 17 JULY 2017

SUBJECT: BRAVERY AND MERITORIOUS CONDUCT AWARD

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE (THE CLERK TO THE
AUTHORITY)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Bravery and Meritorious Conduct Awards Scheme provides for Members of the Authority to recognise individuals who perform commendable acts of bravery, gallantry or community actions.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is for the Authority to recognise the meritorious and brave actions taken by Mr Paul Jarvis at an incident at a residential property fire at 24 Hillheads Road, Whitley Bay on 16th June 2017.

3 AWARD NOTIFICATION

- 3.1 At the commencement of today's meeting, the Chairman of the Authority, Councillor Tom Wright, will present a Fire Authority Award for brave and meritorious conduct to Mr Jarvis in recognition of his actions in rescuing the elderly occupant from the property at Hillheads Road.

4 INCIDENT DETIALS

- 4.1 On 16th June 2017 Mr Jarvis was driving home from work to home when he witnessed fire and dense gasses coming from the first floor window of 24 Hillheads Road. Mr Jarvis pulled his vehicle to safety before entering the property with no regard for his own safety to lead the elderly occupant from the property to safety.
- 4.2 Mr Jarvis discovered the occupant in a confused and disoriented state from the effects of heavy smoke inhalation. Mr Jarvis without doubt placed himself at extreme risk throughout this rescue, having carried out his actions prior to the emergency services attendance, and undoubtedly saved the persons life.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Authority is recommended to:

- a) Endorse the Fire Authority Award of Meritorious Action; and
- b) Congratulate and thank Mr Paul Jarvis for his actions.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

- Bravery and Meritorious Conduct Policy