

17th December 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 the Washington Area Committee from 1st April 2020 to 24th November 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**3.1 L.I 2 Number of Deaths from all fires**

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

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

9 incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 11 incidents in the previous year for the same period. TWFRS with support from Northumbria Police investigate all primary fires with the intent to identify trends.

3.3 LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fire

6 incidents has been reported within this period, this compares to 10 incidents in the previous year. TWFRS, with support from Northumbria Police, investigate all primary fires with the intent to identify trends.

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

182 deliberate fire incidents were attended within this period, this compares to 267 incidents in the previous year. The majority of incidents involved;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	64
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	24
Wheelie Bin	13
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	12
Refuse/rubbish tip	10
Scrub land	9
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	7

- 3.4.1 **Washington West Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 18 to 11, a 39% decrease from the same period last year. Incidents have occurred in the following identified areas;

Springwell	2
Donwell	2
Albany	2
Armstrong Industrial Estate	2
Armstrong	1
Washington	1
Blackfell	1

- 3.4.2 **Washington North Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 72 to 51, a 29% decrease from the same period last year. Incidents have occurred in the following identified areas;

Concord	15
Washington	9
Sulgrave	8
Usworth	7
Glover	6
Hertburn	3
West Boldon	1
Albany	1
Stephenson	1

- 3.4.3 **Washington East Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 32 to 8, a 75% decrease from the same period last year. Incidents have occurred in the following identified areas;

Barmston	3
Washington	1
Penshaw	1
Fatfield	1
Mount Pleasant	1
Pattinson North	1

- 3.4.4 **Washington Central Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 26 to 13 a 50% reduction from the same period last year. Incidents have occurred in the following identified wards;

Washington	6
Washington Town Centre	3
Lambton	2
Biddick	1
Washington Village	1

- 3.4.5 **Washington South Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 27 to 18 a 50% reduction from the same period last year. Incidents have occurred in the following identified wards;

Oxclose	10
Lambton	3
Crowther	2
Emerson	1
Washington	1
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4 **Lighter /Darker Nights**

- 4.1 Dark nights are now upon us and it is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Watches at Washington Community Fire Station have been given ward areas to establish and enhance community links. TWFRS would like to have an impact on all deliberate fires, including ASB incidents, by ensuring that inadequate stacking and storage of items outside of premises do not have a detrimental impact on life risk incidents or property.

Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

5 **Summary**

- 5.1 There has been a significant decrease in incidents in all wards. This can be attributed to Government COVID-19 Guidelines, which have enforced social distancing and restricted the gathering of groups. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority to investigate and identify any trends. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity so resources may be utilised efficiently.

6 **Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Washington Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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