

REPORT OF TYNE WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to deliberate fires across Washington.

2. Information

- 2.1 Annex 1 – 5 show the breakdown of fires for each ward showing from 01/03 until 30/05 (3 months of data which follows on from my last submitted report).
- 2.2 These areas continue to show a steady decrease over the previous months where we had a spike across all of Washington especially within the first quarter of last year. The timescales above are significantly less than last year showing a dramatic decrease of over 200% were the number of deliberate fires has dropped from 129 down to 36. Most incidents involve loose refuse, with fires within vegetation/ grassland declining this being the main cause/ location of fires last year.

The incidents have been generally sporadic in all ward areas however specific hot spot areas can be seen in each ward.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are requested to note the contents of the report

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