

9 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 Coalfield Area Committee area from 01 September 2020 to 25 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**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

5 incidents in this reporting period this compares to 3 incidents in the previous year for this period. There is no pattern to these incidents 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 24 to 16. 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)

85 incidents, this is a decrease from 138 incidents (38%) from the same period last year, (loose refuse 45-28 and rubbish 41-9). The decrease is due to the reduction in loose refuse incidents and rubbish related incidents. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB/deliberate fires have occurred.

Copt Hill Ward Has seen a decrease from 24 incidents to 17, a decrease of 29% during this period. Incidents over this period vary from loose refuse to wheelie bins.

Houghton Ward Has seen a decrease from 34 to 28 a 17% decrease in the number of fires. Refuse and rubbish are the reason for the decrease.

Hetton Ward has seen a 51% decrease in incidents 49-24. For all a decrease the main area of concern is loose refuse/rubbish.

Shiney Row Ward has seen a decrease in incidents (31-16) over the reporting period. Incidents mainly loose refuse.

4 Lighter /Darker Nights

Darker 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

This report is particularly pleasing as there are overall reductions in incidents in all areas. 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. TWFRS are actively promoting fire stoppers, members of the public can use this to give information regarding fires within their communities, and all calls are confidential



5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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