WEST AREA COMMITTEE 16 June 2021

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 Sunderland West Committee area from 1 April 2021 to 31st May 2021.

2 Background

2.1 At its November 2011 meeting 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 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

There were 2 deliberate property fires an increase of 1 from last year. TWFRS, Northumbria Police, Environmental Health and other Local Authority partners have been working in partnership to reduce these incidents. An example of this is the partnership approach regarding Farringdon Police Station.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There was 1 incident reported during this period compared to last year when there were 8. TWFRS are continue to work with Police regarding this matter.

3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

There have been 67 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 35 over the same period last year. This is an increase of 68% over the same reporting period. Hot spot areas are Pallion and Silksworth (map attached Annex 1). TWFRS, Northumbria Police, Sunderland City Council and Ward Councillors have worked over this period to identify those responsible and educate on the dangers.

3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

There were a total of 107 deliberate fires in this reporting period. This is an increase of 68% on last Year. Pallion and Silksworth are the highest wards This is due to an increase in loose refuse and grassland. TWFRS are working with Northumbria Police and partners to educating children/residents regarding grassland and refuse fires.

3.6 Community Involvement

The Fire Service continues to support the local community where possible by attending events and visitors to the Fire Station, unfortunately due to Covid restrictions this was

suspended. A new cohort have started The Princes Trust based at Farringdon, although due to restrictions this is delivered via teams where possible.

3.7 On-going Issues

Lighter evenings are now upon us, it is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Kevin Burns, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, 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.

Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.



Annex 1

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

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