

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st December 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021, compared with the same period in 2019/20.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

**3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update****3.1 L.I 02 - 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**

Zero incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 1 reported incident occurring in the same period during the previous year.

**3.3 LI 15 - Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fire**

5 incidents have been attended within the reporting period; this compares to 2 incidents in the previous year.

<b>Ward</b>	<b>2019/20</b>				<b>2020/2021</b>			
	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Washington Central ward</i>	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
<i>Washington East ward</i>	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	3
<i>Washington North ward</i>	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
<i>Washington South Ward</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Washington West Ward</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), along with the support from Northumbria Police, investigate all primary fires with the intent to identify trends and prosecute offenders.

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

23 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period, this compares to 36 incidents in the previous year. Types of incident include;

<i>Car</i>	2
<i>Grassland, woodland and crops</i>	3
<i>Loose refuse (incl in garden)</i>	7
<i>Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)</i>	1
<i>Refuse/rubbish tip</i>	3
<i>Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)</i>	1
<i>Wheelie Bin</i>	3
<i>Towing caravan elsewhere (not on tow)</i>	2
<i>Van</i>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

3.4.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 8 to 1. Incidents have occurred in the following area;

<i>Oxclose</i>	1
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3.4.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen 5 deliberate fire related incidents within the reporting period. This number is the same per the previous year. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Barmston</i>	1
<i>Washington</i>	1
<i>Wear Industrial Estate</i>	1
<i>Hebden Court</i>	1
<i>Wettonmill Close</i>	1

3.4.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen a slight decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 11 to 10. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Concord</i>	1
<i>Sulgrave</i>	4
<i>Usworth Cottages</i>	4
<i>Well Bank Road</i>	1

3.4.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 7 to 4. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Oxclose</i>	1
<i>Washington</i>	1
<i>Sedling Road</i>	1
<i>Mitford Close</i>	1

3.4.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 5 to 3. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Albany</i>	1
<i>Fairhaven</i>	1
<i>Well Bank Road</i>	1

#### 4 **Lighter / Darker Nights**

- 4.1 Dark nights are still upon us and it is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.
- Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

#### 5 **Summary**

- 5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively. All supervisory officers are now equipped with Body Worn Video Cameras. These cameras have been purchased to positively impact people's behaviour towards firefighters and reduce the likelihood of physical and verbal attacks from occurring. It is unfortunate to report that this type of anti-social behaviour still exists within the communities of Tyne and Wear.

#### 6 **Recommendations**

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

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