

15 November 2017

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 May 2017 to 30 Oct 2017 compared with the same period in 2016.

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

There was 1 death from fire this is currently part of Police investigation

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

11 incidents in this reporting period this compares to 10 incidents in the previous year for this period. There is no pattern to the incidents but 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

Although there has been a small decrease in this area from 22- 20 there has been a 55 % decrease in the number of car fires from 20 to 9 which is pleasing to see but van fires 6 motorcycles 3 and caravans 3 have counteracted this. On all occasions the fire service work with the police to identify trends to these incidents and assist where possible in identifying unregistered cars whilst carrying out ASB tours.

LI 16 Number of Deliberate secondary fires

167 incidents this is an increase from 108 incidents from the same period last year. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB fires have occurred

Houghton Ward has seen a 117% increase in number of Secondary Fires from 29 to 63, the main area of concern is the former TKT Cosyfoam site on Lambton lane with 25 incidents (39%) affecting the site. I have worked with the fire safety team and the former owner to make the site as secure as possible but the area is a magnet for Flytipping both commercial and domestic and unknown people are entering the building to set fires and also they have been removing manhole covers on and around the site which now makes it extremely dangerous to firefighters and other partners attending the site.

Hetton Ward has seen an increase from 47 to 54 (15%) the main area is to the rear of the High Street which has seen an increase in fires involving flytipping, during this period I worked with Place management to remove a number of items and in the later part of the reporting period the number of incidents have reduced.

Shiney Row Ward has seen a 135 % increase in the number of Secondary Fires 14 to 33 there were two areas of concern, which was the former Starks site rear of Hunter street which was as with the other wards a target of fly tipping, most of the incidents recorded here were early on in the reporting period 9 incidents and once development commenced we have only attended 1 incident.

The other area was Railway Terrace North where a large number of tyres were being stored in the rear of a garden and were deliberately being set a light we worked with partners to remove the tyres and since then no further incidents have occurred.

Following the incident where firefighters were attacked in April the offender has appeared in court and was found guilty of common assault and has been given a suspended sentence for his actions.

Darker Nights Campaign

Crews are currently engaged with Darker nights campaign and targeting the identified areas stated above with ASB tours and council and Gentoo uplifts aswell as attending schools to educate children of all ages the dangers of Fireworks and ASB fires and hopefully ensure the safety of everyone over the bonfire period.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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