

**12<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

## **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 March 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

### **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 5 deliberate property fires a decrease of 1 from last year. TWFRS, Northumbria Police and Environmental Health 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 were 5 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there was 13. Hotspot area for vehicle fires is St Annes ward with 3. During this time, intelligence indicates there is no link to any of the incidents. But all incidents were reported and investigated by both Police and Fire Investigators.

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

There have been 85 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 56 over the same period last year. This is an increase of 51% over the same reporting period. Main increases are loose refuse fires up from 21 to 31 and small refuse up from 0 to 6. Hot spot area is St Anne's wards (map attached Annex 1). TWFRS and Northumbria Police over the lighter night's campaign have targeted St Annes Ward, in particular King George Playing field and surrounding businesses/residents to educate the importance of safe storage of combustible material and wheelie bins.

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

There were a total of 95 deliberate fires in this reporting period. This is an increase of 26% on last Year. This is due to an increase in Loose Refuse fires and small refuse fires. Work will continue with crews in early identification to facilitate items being removed to prevent being set on fire. Also issues have been raised via

LMAPS/partnership working with the Council, to reduce these incidents and potentially identify offenders.

### **3.6 Community Involvement**

The Fire Service continues to support the local community where possible by attending events and with visitors to the Fire Station. A new cohort have just started The Princes Trust based at Farringdon, and we are also attending local community events.

The Fire Service is pleased to be taking an active part in the West Area Committee's 'Cleaner and Greener' Event, which is taking place in Barnes Park later this year.

### **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), 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.

## **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 Note the content of this report.

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