

13th June 2018

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 February 2018 to 30 April 2018.

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 4 deliberate property fires during this period an increase on previous year when there was 1. These involved a Public house, shop and 2 domestic properties.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 14 incidents reported during this period an increase of 100% compared to last year when there was 7. Deliberate car fires during this period have shown an increase from 4 to 13. Hotspot area for vehicle fire is Silksworth ward with 4. During this time, intelligence indicated there was 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 44 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 65 over the same period last year. This is a decrease of 32.3% over the same reporting period. The Map in the attached Annex 1 report shows Hotspot areas. Main decreases have come in grassland fires down from 23 to 11 and Loose Refuse down from 23 to 13.

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

There were a total of 62 deliberate fires (44 secondary fires, 14 vehicle fires and 4 property fires) in this reporting period. This is a small decrease of 15% on last Year. This is partly due to a decrease in Grassland and Loose Refuse fires but the Increase in car fires is a worrying trend. We will continue to work with the Police to identify the perpetrators and collaborate to identify trends.

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. The Princes Trust based at Farringdon is currently half way through their 12-week course with a full complement of students attending the course, and we are also attending local community events.

3.7 On-going Issues

With the onset of the lighter nights and the weather eventually picking up it is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Steve Burdis, Station Manager), so I can action with my crews. We are currently trialling a new way of working with partners in identifying and recording Fire risks. Each of my watches has been given ward areas to create community links with (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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