

29 September 2020

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 June 2020 to 31 August 2020 compared with the same period in 2019.

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

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

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

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

There has been an increase in the number of Vehicle fires from 4 to 5. All incidents were reported and investigated by both Police and Fire Investigators to establish any links. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police to identify trends and perpetrators.

LI 33 Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

66 incidents, this is a decrease from 82 incidents (19%) from the same period last year. The decrease is due to the reduction in loose refuse incidents and rubbish related incidents. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB/deliberate fires have occurred.

Copt Hill Ward Has seen an increase from 9 incidents to 12, an increase of 33% during this period. Incidents over this period vary from loose refuse to garden equipment.

Houghton Ward Has seen an increase from 17 to 25 a 47% increase in the number of fires. Refuse and grassland predominately are the cause of the increase

Hetton Ward has seen a 63% decrease in incidents 49-18. For all a decrease the main area of concern is loose refuse.

Shiney Row Ward has seen an increase in incidents (7-11) over the reporting period. Incidents vary from loose refuse to playground equipment.

4 Lighter /Darker Nights

Darker 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.

Summary

Overall reductions in incidents in most areas, those which have increased due to the small number of incidents these seems more significant in percentage terms. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority to investigate and identify any trends. Refuse also remains problematic, Station Manager Burns will be working closely with partners to reduce these incidents.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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Annex 1 – data report