

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No 6

MEETING: 20TH JULY 2015

SUBJECT: MEMBER LINKS WITH COMMUNITY FIRE STATIONS

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report sets out for the consideration of Members, a revised list of links between Members and the Community Fire Stations and departments within Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Fire Authority meeting held on 17 September 2007, a community fire station link scheme was approved, the aim of which was to enhance the liaison and communication between Members of the Fire Authority, and staff on Community Fire Stations and in departments (Minute No. 58/2007 refers), this scheme was also updated by Members on 21th July 2014. (Minute No. 14/2014 refers)
- 2.2 There are many benefits to be realised from Authority Members having direct contact with employees through visiting Community Fire Stations and departments on a regular basis to meet local staff, discuss current issues and to be appraised on progress with regard to the delivery of the Strategic Community Safety Plan.
- 2.3 In addition, the direct link established by this approach also enhances the communication process by providing for the exchange of local information relevant to the appropriate ward areas and promoting networking between Members, Officers and Local Ward Councillors.
- 2.4 Furthermore, developing the links between Members and specific functional departmental heads in Headquarters and the Technical Services Centre will help to ensure that Members are comprehensively informed of specific work in progress as well as improving communication with staff.

3 NOMINATION OF LINK MEMBERS/OFFICERS

- 3.1 A revised table of Members Links has been compiled (appendix A), which sets out for consideration the proposed links between each fire station and service departments and Fire Authority Members.

- 3.2 If the list meets with Members approval the officers responsible for each specific location will establish contact and arrange a programme of visits to the link stations/departments.
- 3.3 A typical agenda for such visits would include discussion between officers and the link Member on current issues affecting the locality, scrutinising of the station/departmental plans and their associated targets and issues of concern to staff.
- 3.4 Members may also wish to discuss these matters with colleague Ward Councillors and, when relevant, invite them to attend meetings with Community Fire Station staff as appropriate.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this specific report.

5 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality and fairness implications in respect of this report.

6 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no health and safety implications in respect of this report.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Authority is recommended to:
 - a) Consider the report and the proposed link arrangements set out in Appendix A, and;
 - b) endorse, subject to any changes they may wish to make, the links between Members and stations/departments

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The under mentioned Background Papers refer to the subject matter of the above report:

- FA Report 'Members Affiliation with Community Fire Stations' 17 September 2007

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COMMUNITY FIRE STATION	STATION / DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT	ELECTED MEMBER
West Denton Community Fire Station Station Alpha (Stn A)	District Officer Iveson SM Dave Linsley Contact – 0191 444 1030 david.linsley@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Hazel Stephenson
Newcastle Central Community Fire Station Station Charlie (Stn C)	District Officer Iveson SM David Leach Contact – 0191 444 1118 david.leach@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Nick Forbes
Gosforth Community Fire Station Station Echo (Stn E)	District Officer Iveson SM Dave Linsley Contact – 0191 444 1088 david.linsley@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Robert Renton
Byker Community Fire Station Station Foxtrot (Stn F)	District Officer Iveson SM David Leach Contact – 0191 444 1158 david.leach@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr David Stockdale
Wallsend Community Fire Station Station Golf (Stn G)	District Officer Hurst SM Andy Lillford Contact – 0191 444 1770 andy.lillford@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr JohnHarrison
Tynemouth Community Fire Station Station Juliet (Stn J)	District Officer Hurst SM Andy Lillford Contact – 0191 444 1770 andy.lillford@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Carole Burdis Cllr Bruce Pickard
South Shields Community Fire Station Station Kilo (Stn K)	District Officer Forster SM Steve Malley Contact – 0191 444 1823 steven.malley@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Joanne Bell
Hebburn Community Fire Station Station Tango (Stn T)	District Officer Forster SM Steve Malley Contact – 0191 444 1823 steven.malley @twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Jim Perry
Fulwell Community Fire Station Station Mike (Stn M)	District Officer Cuskin SM Steve Graham Contact – 0191 444 1868 Steve.graham@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Tom Wright Cllr Bob Price

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Washington Community Fire Station Station Sierra (Stn S)	District Officer Cuskin SM Steve Graham Contact – 0191 444 1868 steve.graham@twfire.gov.uk	Cllr Len Lauchlan
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