

14th November 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 May 2018 to 31 October 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 10 deliberate property fires during this period an increase on previous year when there was 7. These involved 6 domestic properties.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 23 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there were 22. Deliberate car fires during this period have shown a decrease from 19 to 15. 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.

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

There have been 153 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 139 over the same period last year. This is an increase of 10% over the same reporting period. The Map in the attached Annex 1 report shows Hotspot areas. Loose refuse accounts for 38% of incidents, TWFRS crews supported by Northumbria Police continue to carryout deliberate fire tours and report any items for uplift.

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

There were a total of 186 deliberate fires (153 secondary fires, 23 vehicle fires and 10 property fires) in this reporting period. This is a small increase of 11% on last Year partly due to the increase in Loose Refuse/Rubbish Tipping Fires. The Fire Service is working with Police and partners to identify and address any issues affecting the area. There is no specific ward that is affected by these incidents.

3.6 Community Involvement

The Fire Service continues to support the local community where possible by attending events such as Barnes Park 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. Station Manager Kevin Burns attended the West VCS Area network meeting in October to present the preventative work carried out by the Service and to encourage further partnership working with the VCS.

3.7 Lighter /Darker Nights

With the onset of the darker nights it is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Kevin Burns, Station Manager), so I can action with my crews. We continue trialling with partners the recording of Fire risks and are looking to enhance this with mapping capabilities. Each of my watches continue to work within their allocated ward areas, each watch has also been allocated a Police officer as a single point of contact. 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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