

29TH September 2021

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 Coalfields Committee area from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021 compared to the same period last year.

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

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 a decrease of 6 from last year. TWFRS, Northumbria Police, Environmental Health and other Local Authority partners have been working in partnership to reduce these incidents with estate visits and reporting of any empty/void property which may be accessible.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 12 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there were 13. TWFRS are working with Police regarding this matter. 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 71 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 80 over the same period last year. With an increase of 16 incidents compared to last year in loose refuse fire. Partner work underway to investigate.

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

There were a total of 87 deliberate fires in this reporting period. This is a decrease of 12 incidents on last Year. This is due to a decline in all wards except Houghton. TWFRS are working with Northumbria Police and partners carrying out estate and site visits to reduce the number of loose refuse incidents.

Copt Hill Ward Has seen a decrease from 22 incidents to 17, during this period. Incidents over this period are predominately loose refuse. 5 of the 9 car fires were within this ward, TWFRS are working with Northumbria police to monitor and identify any trends/patterns/underlying issues.

Houghton Ward Has seen an increase from 18 to 24 incidents over this reporting period. Loose refuse remains problematic.

Hetton Ward Has seen a decrease in incidents from 32 to 29. For all a decrease the main area of concern is loose refuse and vehicle fires. Hetton ward remains an area of concern, partnership initiatives will be carried out in this area when required.

Shiney Row Ward Has seen a significant decrease in incidents from 27 to 17 over the reporting period. Loose refuse is the main cause of incidents over this period.

3.6 Community Involvement

Where crews are available to support and attend community events they shall continue to do so depending on restrictions. Over the next few months an increased number of visitors is expected to the Fire Stations, as restriction improve allowing small community group to re-engage with the service as well as the service hosting open days.

The services op's crews as of the 1st September 2021 are recommencing Safe and well visits targeting the most vulnerable members of our communities ensuring they have working smoke alarms and if necessary referring to partner agencies for further support

3.7 On-going Issues

Service darker nights campaign will be launching soon but work has started at Rainton community fire station to reduce incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Kevin Burns, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, 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.

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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