

14 March 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 Coalfield Area Committee area from 01 November 2017 to 31 January 2018 compared with the same period in 2016 to 2017.

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

0 deaths from fires

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

1 incidents in this reporting period this compares to 2 incidents in the previous year for this period. There is no pattern to the incidents but 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

Although there has been a small decrease in this area from 16 to 11 which is a 31%, there has been a 28 % decrease in the number of car fires from 14 to 10 the other incident was a bicycle that was deliberately set alight. On all occasions the fire service work with the police to identify trends to these incidents and assist where possible in identifying unregistered cars whilst carrying out ASB tours.

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

96 incidents, this is an increase from 88 incidents (9%) from the same period last year. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB fires have occurred

Copt Hill Ward has seen the largest increase from 7 the previous year to 20 this period a 185% increase in number of incidents, with Loose Refuse and Rubbish Tipping (14) accounting for 70% of incidents. We also dealt with the unoccupied Adey care home which was targeted due to being insecure and working with partners ensured it was secured to adequate standard. During this whole period the service only dealt with 1 Wheelie Bin fire in this Ward.

Houghton Ward has seen a 100% increase in incidents from 12-24 during this period. 45 % of these (11) were caused by Loose Refuse/ Rubbish Tipping these were focused around TKT Cosy Foam Lambton Lane as were the number of incidents regarding warehouse/industrial processing, this property continues to prove problematic with Flytipping and danger to fire

fighters and public when manhole covers have been removed due to people unknown entering the premise. This premise is currently being earmarked for redevelopment.

Hetton Ward has seen a 39 % drop in incidents 38-23 with 56 % of these Loose Refuse/ Rubbish Tipping (13). 4 wheelie Bin fires is same number as last year. The service dealt with 2 incidents involving pigeon crees and stables in same location on different days(No animals were harmed).

Shiney Row Ward has seen a 6 % decrease in incidents (31-29) over the reporting period with Loose refuse and Rubbish tipping accounting for 44% (13). Wheelie Bins account 20% of incidents (6) although no pattern identified.

Summary

Small increase in the number of incidents over this reporting period and during the Bonfire period 01/11- 06/11 there was 21 incidents which is comparable to last year. However the increase in number of Loose refuse and Rubbish Tipping (Flytipping) is now becoming more concerning and Fire service is working with partners with the aim of reducing this further report on this to follow

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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