

Report of West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Report to Outer North West Area Committee

Date: 4th November 2013

Subject: West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Leeds West Area, 6 Monthly Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel and Wharfedale Horsforth Guiseley and Rawdon Otley and Yeadon		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. Update on Leeds West Performance Report 1st April 2013 – 30th September 2013.
2. Progress on Integrated Risk Management Projects (IRMP).

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Outer North West Area Committee note this report.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide information on the activity levels in the Outer North West Area.
- 1.2 To provide an update for members on the progress of the Integrated Risk Management Plan that have an effect on the Outer North West Area.

2 Background information

- 2.1 West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service strive to achieve its ambition of 'Making West Yorkshire Safer' this is underpinned by its aim to 'Provide an excellent Fire and Rescue Service working in partnership to reduce death, injury and economic loss and contribute to community well-being.
- 2.2 Performance Data – Incident data is provided for the first six months of the financial year 2013-2014 data is broken down into the following categories:
 - Arson – fires that are started deliberately, both primary and secondary fires;
 - False Alarms - any incident to which the fire service is called but is not required. These can include; Automatic fire Alarms, Malicious Actuation of fire alarm or hoax call, and genuine calls of concern from members of the public;
 - Dwelling Fires – a fire involving a place of residence;
 - Road Traffic Collisions – self explanatory;
 - Other – this involves all other incidents not falling into other sections these include secondary fires, fires in industrial premises, rescues ie lifts, persons locked in or out, etc;
 - Total Activity – self explanatory;
 - Home Fire Safety Check Points – note that this is not the number of HFSC's carried out but points attracted as a result of these visits. The interventions put in place by the crews visiting persons in their homes attract a score depending on the risk and vulnerability of the occupants.

Incident data is also provided for the past four years this is compared against the activity levels for the first six months of the financial year 2013/14.

Adel and Wharfedale	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Total
Arson	1	3	2	4	1	1	12
False Alarms	7	3	4	7	5	8	34
Dwelling Fires	0	1	0	1	0	3	5
RTC's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2	2	0	1	1	3	9
Total Activity	10	9	6	13	7	15	60
HFSC Points	159	112	248	63	130	223	935

Guiseley and Rawdon							
Arson	2	7	4	7	5	4	29
False Alarms	8	7	8	8	6	4	41
Dwelling Fires	1	3	0	0	1	0	5
RTC's	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other	4	1	1	1	2	0	9
Total Activity	15	19	13	16	14	8	85
HFSC Points	350	325	200	113	218	163	1369

Horsforth							
Arson	1	2	4	0	0	1	8
False Alarms	6	3	6	6	4	3	28
Dwelling Fires	1	0	3	0	1	0	5
RTC's	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Other	2	1	1	1	1	2	8
Total Activity	10	6	14	7	7	7	51
HFSC Points	199	92	322	208	160	126	1107

Otley and Yeadon							
Arson	2	3	2	3	0	0	10
False Alarms	9	8	8	17	12	8	62
Dwelling Fires	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
RTC's	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Other	1	3	5	3	5	3	20
Total Activity	13	14	15	24	18	12	96
HFSC Points	145	176	334	355	244	99	1353

Totals for Area Committee	
Arson	59
False Alarms	165
Dwelling Fires	17
RTC's	5
Other	46
Total Activity	292
HFSC Points	4764

Adel and Wharfedale	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Arson	22	22	15	2	12
False Alarms	72	83	77	78	34
Dwelling Fires	13	10	13	9	5
RTC's	9	11	8	6	0
Other	21	15	23	22	9
Total Activity	137	141	136	117	60
HFSC Points					935

Guiseley and Rawdon					
Arson	26	27	36	22	29
False Alarms	75	84	73	74	41
Dwelling Fires	9	12	11	8	5
RTC's	6	9	4	1	1
Other	22	28	26	28	9
Total Activity	138	160	150	133	85
HFSC Points					1369

Horsforth					
Arson	18	22	26	18	8
False Alarms	68	93	71	90	28
Dwelling Fires	9	8	11	7	5
RTC's	9	6	3	4	2
Other	24	20	21	16	8
Total Activity	128	149	132	135	51
HFSC Points					1107

Otley and Yeadon					
Arson	32	22	20	15	10
False Alarms	178	178	159	107	62
Dwelling Fires	8	11	4	14	2
RTC's	11	12	9	6	2
Other	32	34	41	37	20
Total Activity	261	257	233	179	96
HFSC Points					1353

Totals for Area Committee	
Arson	380
False Alarms	524
Dwelling Fires	60
RTC's	12
Other	108
Total Activity	1084
HFSC Points	17732

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Over the past ten years West Yorkshire Fire Service have surpassed all expectations by exceeding targets for the reduction of number of incidents attended along with the number of deaths and injuries as a result of fires. Further works on these reductions are proving more difficult therefore new, smarter ways of working are being investigated and developed. These ways of working includes partnerships with the local Rotarians who have received training and equipment and are carrying out Home Fire Safety Check's (HFSC's) on our behalf, for members of their families and friends. A similar partnership has been formed with Aireborough Voluntary Services to the Elderly with Disabilities (AVSED) and Older People's Action in the Locality (OPAL) although these have not progressed as far currently, training is on-going and we are looking at providing these services for members of the two groups by the end of the year.
- 3.2 Historically the fire service has set performance targets for HFSC's on a numbers completed based approach with the Leeds West area having a target last year of approx. 1500 completed HFSC's. It has been decided that a more targeted risk based approach should be utilised. Crews are now working to a points based approach with points awarded for risks to an individual of the likelihood of a fire occurring. This ensures that the most vulnerable individuals are targeted by the crews.
- 3.3 Stanningley Fire Station has recently been modified to enable the provision of a Young Firefighters training area. It is hoped that schools from the local and surrounding areas will identify individuals to undergo a training course that culminates in successful students attaining an NVQ.
- 3.4 Funding by the area committee has enabled the installation of the Firefly system into the residences of vulnerable persons. To date since the 1st April approximately 41 homes in the Outer North West area are benefitting from the system being installed.
- 3.5 We continue in partnership with other blue light responders to deliver a Road Safety event to the Year 12 pupils in the Outer North West area, those students that are about to embark on their driving careers or are passengers in cars with other young drivers. These being in the group that has their main cause of death of being involved in an RTC.
- 3.6 West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority have approved the the merger of Rawdon and Otley fire stations with a plan to relocate in the Menston area as identified by a risk based planning assumptions. It is hoped to have a fire station constructed in the area by 2017. The merger of Moortown and Cookridge Fire stations is in its early planning stages with a suitable piece of land somewhere in the Weetwood roundabout area still being investigated.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 WYFRS consult regularly on proposals for improving fire cover. Extensive consultation was undertaken in 2011 which resulted in the approval of the merger of Rawdon and Otley fire stations and Cookridge and Moortown.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 WYFRS perform at an excellent level of the fire and rescue services Equality Framework, and were the first fire and rescue service to achieve this level.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 WYFRS are members of the Safer Leeds Partnership.

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 There are no resource implications

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 A Community Risk Management Strategy is contained in the WYFRS 2011 -2015 Service Plan

5 Conclusions

5.1 WYFRS works closely with partners and the community it serves to improve its understanding of local needs and prioritise resources where they are most needed, WYFRS continues to deliver its services in the most cost effective way.

6 Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee note the contents of this report.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 WYFRS Service Plan – WYFRS internet site

7.2 Leeds District Risk Reduction Plan

7.3 Leeds West Area Risk Reduction Plan

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.