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Report of West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Report to Inner North East Area Committee

Date: 18th June 2012

Subject: West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Annual report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	⊠ Yes	☐ No
Chapel Allerton Moortown Roundhay		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	☐ Yes	⊠ No

Summary of main issues

- 1. Update on current performance.
- 2. Update on Prevention and Protection interventions carried out in the past year.
- 3. New Local Area Risk Reduction Teams(LARRT's) .Call for assistance from Inner North East Area committee members with identifying most vulnerable members of our community to ensure an improved, more targeted approach to reducing the risk from fire.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that the Area Committee note this report

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 Purpose of this report is:
 - To introduce Station Commander Nigel Kirk to the Area Committee
 - To provide information on the emergency response activity in the Inner North East Area .1/5/11 31/4/12
 - To provide information on the Prevention and Protection interventions carried out in the Inner North East Area i.e. Home Fire Safety Check initiative in Chapeltown/Beckhills area, and the proposed Firefly project.
 - To update the Inner North East Area Committee members on the Local Area Risk Reduction Team (LARRT) and its function.
 - To provide an update on the proposed merge of Gipton and Stanks fire stations into a new build station at Killingbeck

2 Background information

- 2.1 West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) continue to strive towards its ambition of 'Making West Yorkshire Safer,' coupled with its aim to 'provide an excellent fire and rescue service, working in partnership to reduce death, injury, economic loss and contribute to community wellbeing.
- 2.2 Incident data showing activity from 1/5/11 31/4/12 in Ward areas. Data broken down into four groups;
 - 1. **Deliberate Primary fires**. Any incident where fire has involved something of value i.e. Property, Vehicles etc.
 - 2. **Deliberate Secondary fires** Any incident where fire has involved something of little or no value. i.e. refuse, derelict property, grass etc.
 - 3. **Dwelling fires** Any incident where fire has involved a dwelling whether it is deliberate or accidental
 - 4. Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) Any incident where WYFRS have given assistance to rescue injured persons from their vehicle following a collision
- 2.3 Break down showing number of incidents in a 12 month period

All Data May 2011- April 2012				
Deliberate Primary Fires		Dwelling Fires		
Row Labels	Count of Inc No	Row Labels	Count of Inc No	
Gipton and Harehills Ward	34	Alwoodley Ward	14	
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward	25	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward	22	
Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward	17	Chapel Allerton Ward	21	
Chapel Allerton Ward	15	Gipton and Harehills Ward	32	
Roundhay Ward	12	Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward	Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward 13	
Temple Newsam Ward	9	Moortown Ward	Moortown Ward 11	
Moortown Ward	7	Temple Newsam Ward	12	
Alwoodley Ward	5	Roundhay Ward	9	
Headingley Ward	2	Grand Total	134	
Harewood Ward	2			
Grand Total	128			
Deliberate Secondary Fires		RTC		
Row Labels	Count of Inc No	Row Labels	Count of Inc No	
Gipton and Harehills Ward	135	Gipton and Harehills Ward	11	
Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward	125	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward	9	
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward	120	Alwoodley Ward	8	
Temple Newsam Ward	89	Roundhay Ward	7	
Chapel Allerton Ward	59	Chapel Allerton Ward	Chapel Allerton Ward 7	
Alwoodley Ward	35	Moortown Ward	Moortown Ward 6	
Roundhay Ward	33	Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward	Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward 4	
Moortown Ward	25	Temple Newsam Ward	2	
Weetwood Ward	5	Weetwood Ward	1	
City and Hunslet Ward	1	Garforth and Swillington Ward	Garforth and Swillington Ward 1	
Harewood Ward	1	Harewood Ward	Harewood Ward 1	
Grand Total	628	Grand Total	57	

Appendix A. Maps showing activity geographically for each Ward

Appendix B. Maps showing areas where Home Fire Safety Checks have been carried out in the 12 month period 1/5/11 – 31/4/12

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Continue to identify the most vulnerable members of the community within the Inner North East Area, and target our resources in those areas where the risk is greatest.
- 3.2 Over the last 10 years WYFRS have surpassed all expectations by exceeding targets for reducing malicious fires, arson and the number of deaths and injuries caused by fires in the home. Further reduction of risk is proving more challenging, and new, smarter ways of working are being developed. This new way of working relies on close partnership working with agencies that are assisting us by identifying and referring those most in need of assistance.
- 3.3 We will once again deliver Home fire safety education to more than 21,000 homes in the Leeds District in 2012/13. Local Area Risk Reduction Teams LARRT's will focus resources and further develop partnership working. An example of this is the collaboration with East North East Homes (ENEH) where a member of their staff is seconded to work within WYFRS Fire Prevention department. The member

of staff has received comprehensive Prevention training to the same standards of WYFRS staff and is now working in our uniform delivering Home Fire safety advice and fitting smoke alarms in tenancies of ENEH organisation.

- 3.4 We will continue to deliver the highly successful Schools education package to all year 5 students, which include fire and road safety, along with the one week Safety Rangers scheme at Moortown fire station.
- 3.5 Arson and Anti-social behaviour is a real concern to the community and the Leeds Arson Task Force Team have forged an excellent partnership with the ground breaking Leeds Anti-social Behaviour Team (LASBT). WYFRS staff now hot desk amongst the LASBT teams and provide crucial and timely information which supports LASBT case workers in their fight against ASB.
- 3.6 A recent successful application for a £500 grant will allow WYFRS to purchase 250 sets of the innovative Firefly Stickers. This scheme which is currently restricted to households deemed as being very high risk will now be available to more members of the Inner North East Community dependant on the following qualifying criteria;

Potentially vulnerable criteria;

- 1. Elderly
- 2. Children
- 3. Immobility
- 4. Disability compromising escape
- 3.7 The extension to the scheme will start 1st July 2012 and this committee will receive updates on progress.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 WYFRS consult regularly on proposals for improving fire cover. An extensive consultation was undertaken in 2011 which resulted in the approval of a merge of Gipton and Stanks fire stations into to a newly built Station in the Killingbeck area. Approval was also given to remove the 2nd fire appliance from Moortown and replace it with a smaller Fire Response Unit (FRU)

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

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

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 WYFRS are a member 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 within 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.

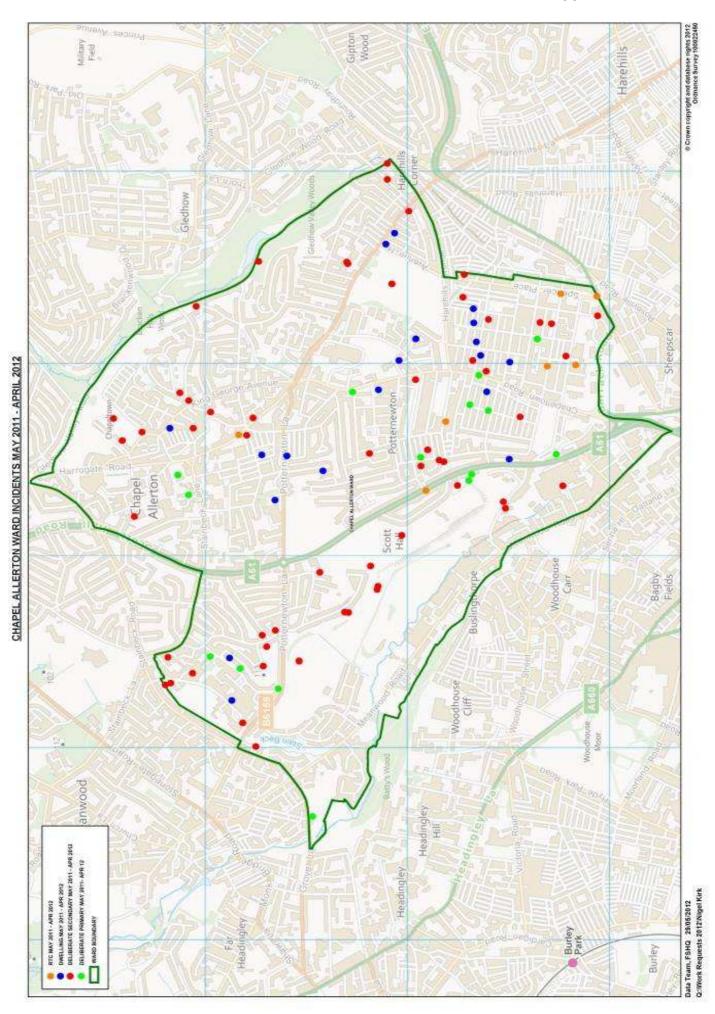
6 Recommendations

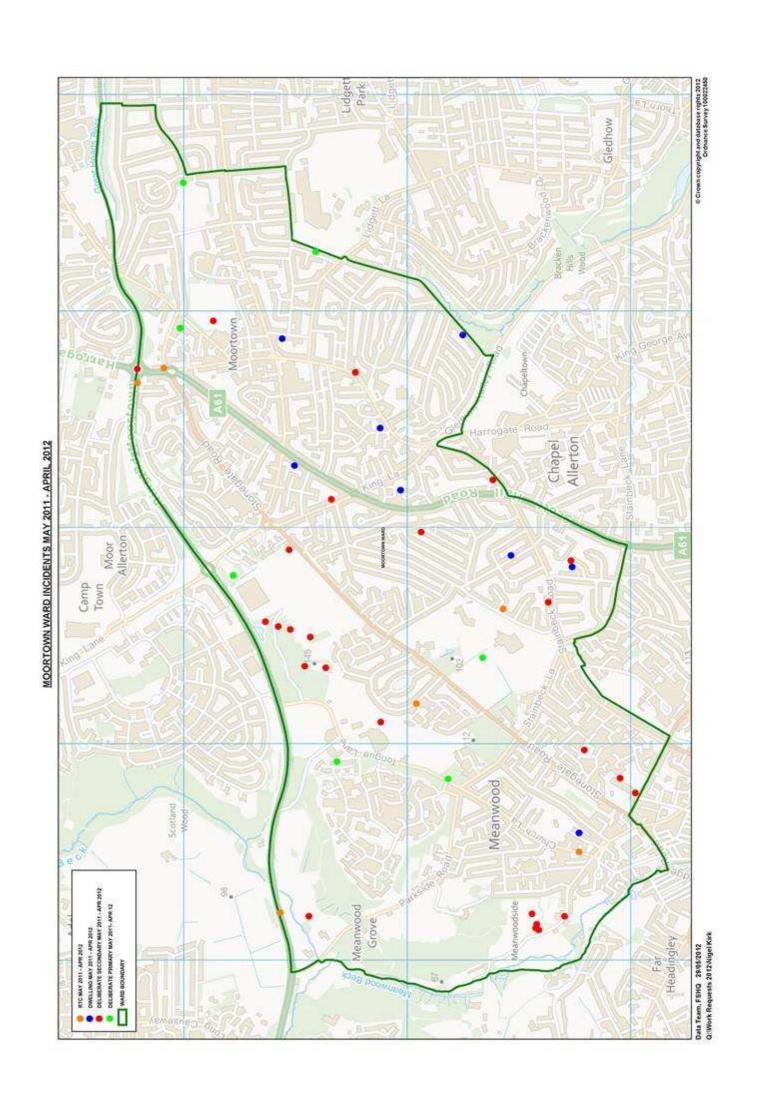
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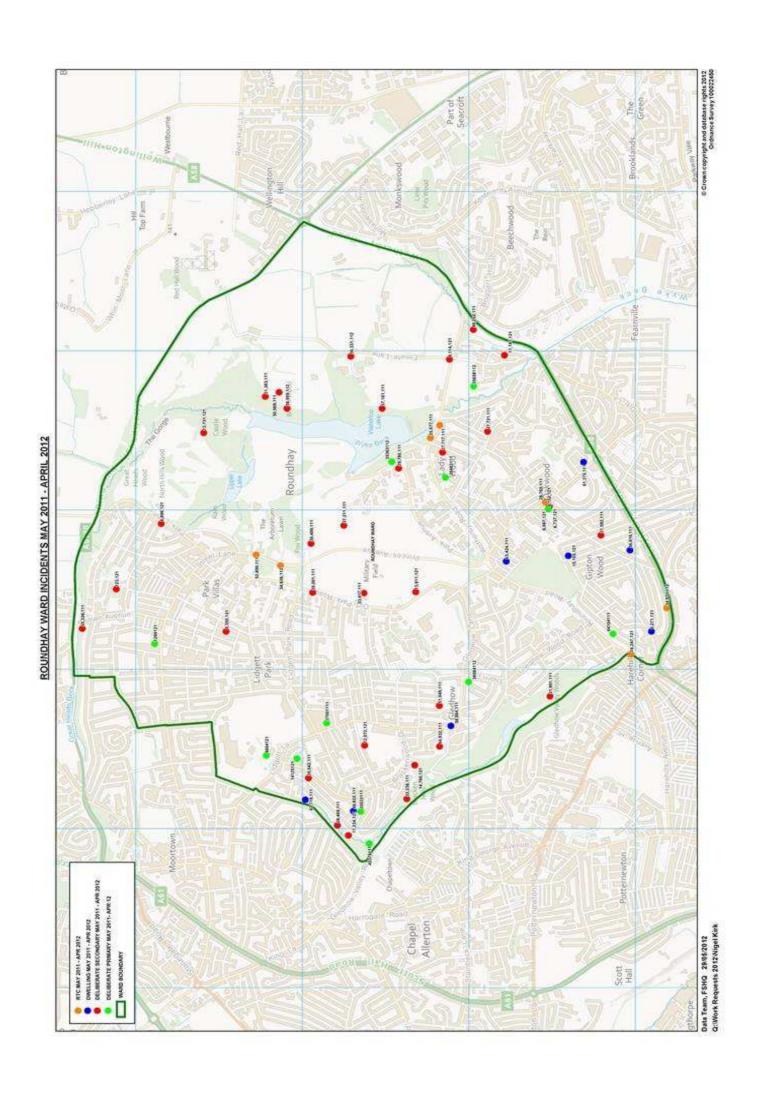
7 Background documents

7.1 WYFRS Service Plan 2011-2015 (westyorksfire.gov.uk then follow the link for the Service Plan)

Appendix A

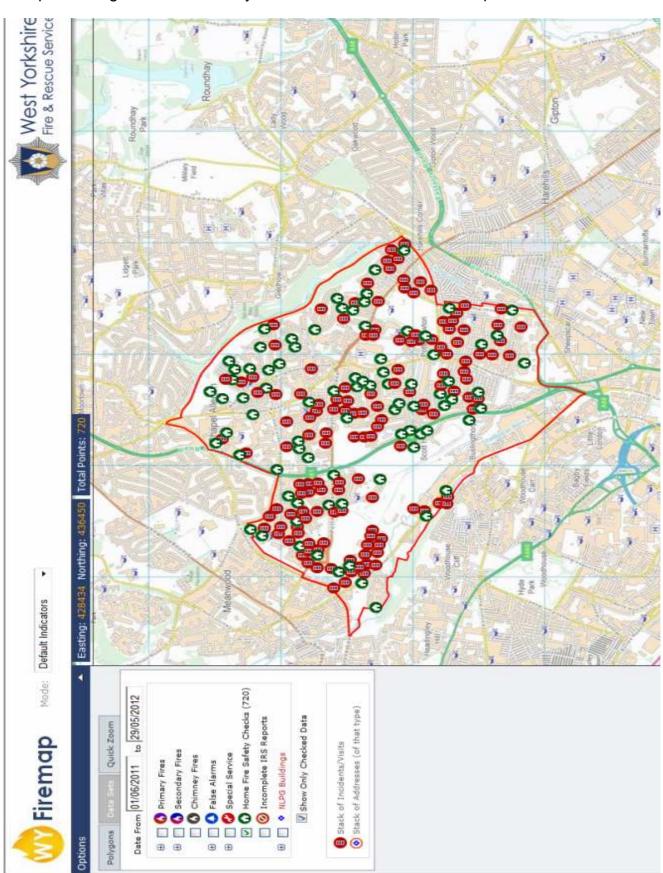






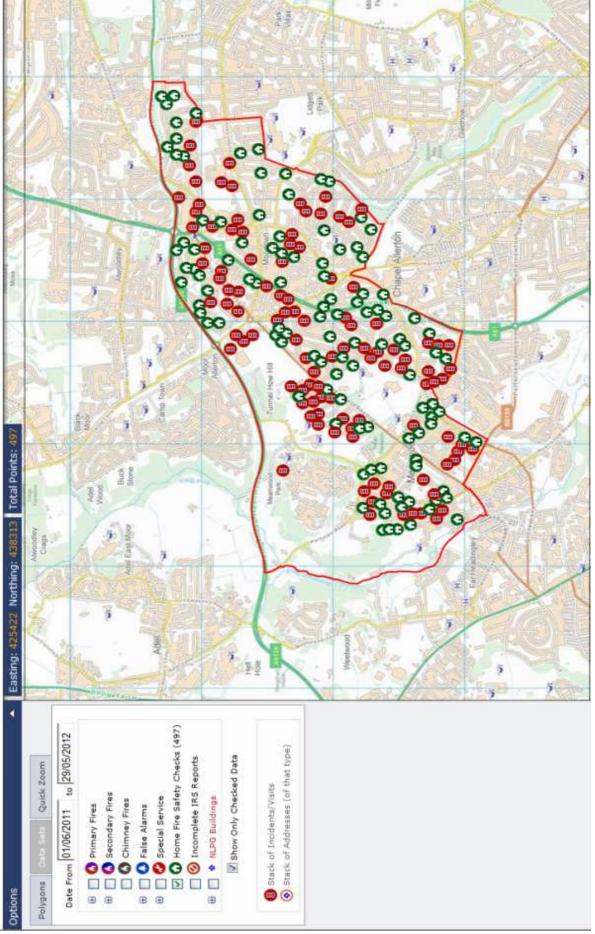
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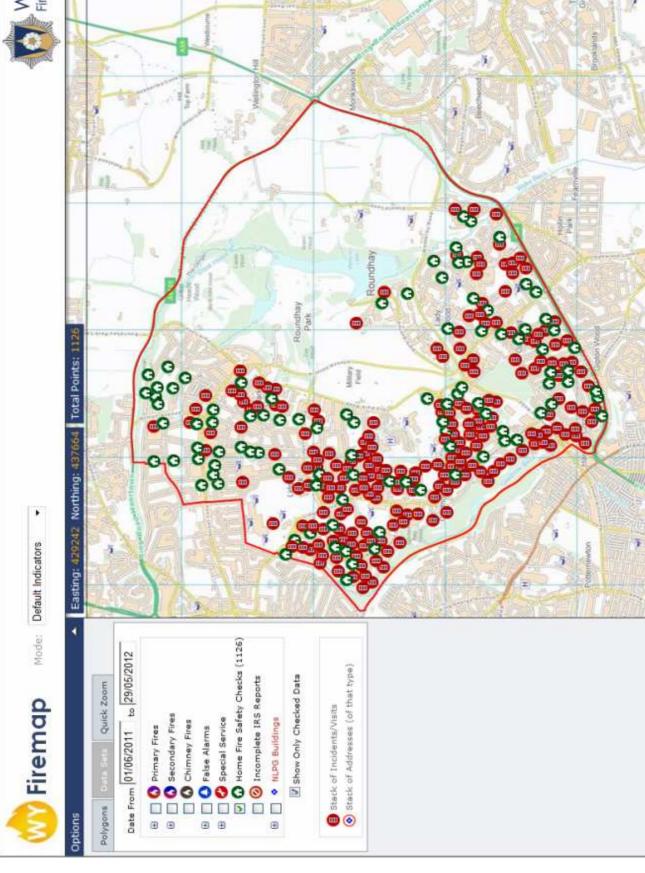
Maps showing Home Fires safety Checks carried out in 12 month period 1/5/11 - 31/4/12













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