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# Report of West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

# **Report to Inner East Area Committee**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**Subject: West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Annual report** 

Are specific electoral Wards affected?  If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	⊠ Yes	☐ No
Gipton and Harehills Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Killingbeck and Seacroft		
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 performance 1/4/12 31/3/13
- 2. Update on revised approach to targeting risk reduction in the East Leeds Area
- 3. Progress on Firefly project

# Recommendations

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

### 1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 Purpose of this report is
- To provide information on the emergency response activity in the Inner East Area  $\frac{1}{4}$ 12  $\frac{31}{3}$ 13
- To update the Inner East Area Committee members with the changes to the Local Area Risk Reduction Team (LARRT) within the East Leeds area.
- To provide an update on the proposed merger of Gipton and Stanks fire stations into a new build station in the Killingbeck area.

## 5 Background information

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.

#### 5.2 **Performance**

- 5.3 Incident data showing activity from 1/4/12 31/4/13 in Ward areas. Data broken down into four groups;
  - 1. **Primary fires**. Any incident where fire has involved something of value i.e. Property, Vehicles etc.
  - 2. **Secondary fires.** Any incident where fire has involved something of little or no value. I.e. refuse, derelict property, grass etc.
  - 3. Special service calls. Any incident not involving fire. These include: Road traffic collisions (RTC), Lift recues, Persons trapped etc.
  - 4. False Alarms. Any incidents where the services of WYFRS are not required. These include: Automatic fire alarms (faulty apparatus etc.), genuine cause for concern from member of public, malicious actuation of fire alarm or hoax calls.

The above categories have been further broken down into accidental and deliberate.

# 5.4 Incident data showing activity in Ward areas

%age change	Total	Killingbeck Seacroft	Gipton Harehills	Burmantofts Richmond Hill	Ward		Reduction	Total	Killingbeck Seacroft	Gipton Harehills	Burmantofts Richmond Hill	Ward		2012/13		Total	Killingbeck Seacroft	Gipton Harehills	Burmantofts Richmond Hill	Ward		2011/12
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-23.93%	-212	-57	-121	-34	Total			674	185	289	200	Total				886	242	410	234	Total		
-32.12%	-584	-218	-261	-105	Incidents	Total		1234	356	452	426	Incidents	Total			1818	574	713	531	Incidents	Total	

#### 6 Main issues

- Continue to identify the most vulnerable members of the community within the Inner East Area, and target our resources in those areas where the risk is greatest. The Inner East area has now amalgamated with the Inner North East, outer East and the outer North East to create the East Leeds local risk reduction team.
- 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.
- 6.7 The East Leeds Local Area Risk Reduction Team will focus resources and further develop partnership working. An example of this is the collaboration with East North East Homes (ENEH) which has now been extended into its second year where a member of their staff is seconded to work within WYFRS Fire Prevention department.
- 6.8 Historically WYFRS have carried out 21,000 Home fire safety checks across the Leeds district. It has been decided that a more targeted approach to identify the most vulnerable residents of West Yorkshire was required. A new system has been developed which looks at the severity of risk to an individual along with the likelihood of a fire occurring. This ensures that resources are being targeted at the most vulnerable groups.
- 6.9 We will continue to deliver the highly successful Schools education package to all year 5 students, which include fire and road safety. Gipton Fire station will again host the highly successful Schools week in July 2013.
- 6.10 We have been installing the Firefly system in the most vulnerable residences in the Inner East area since August 2012. To date, approximately 120 dwellings now benefit from this system of identifying those less able to escape in a fire situation.
- 6.11 West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority have approved the merger of Gipton and Stanks fire stations following a Public consultation period in 2011/2012. The proposal is to build a new two pump station in the Killingbeck area. The Fire Authority is currently at the planning stage in the process to purchase the site of the old petrol station, off the A64 at Killingbeck. WYFRS are hopeful that planning will be approved, the land purchased from LCC, and that the new station will be built by August 2015.

# 7 Corporate Considerations

# 7.1 Consultation and Engagement

**7.1.1** 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.

# 7.1.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

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

## 7.2 Council policies and City Priorities

7.2.1 WYFRS are a member of the safer Leeds Partnership.

## 7.3 Resources and value for money

7.3.1 There are no resource implications.

# 7.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

7.4.1 There are no legal implications.

## 7.5 Risk Management

7.5.1 A Community risk management strategy is contained within the WYFRS 2011-2015 Service Plan.

#### 8 Conclusions

8.1 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.

#### 9 Recommendations

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

#### **10 Background documents** — located at WYFRS website:

WYFRS Service Plan 2011-2015

Leeds district risk reduction plan 2013 / 2014

#### 10.1 Appendix A

Maps showing Home Fires safety Checks carried out in 12 month period 1/4/12 – 31/3/13





