



Report of the West North West Area Manager

North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 7 February 2011

Subject: West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service (WYFRS) - Collaborative Working Within the Area Committees

Electoral Wards Affected:

Adel & Wharfedale
Horsforth
Guiseley & Rawdon
Otley & Yeadon
Ward members consulted
(referred to in this report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

To assist the delivery of an efficient and cost effective service to the public, we should adopt innovative risk based methodologies in accordance with national guidance. When assessing risk in an area we must take into account levels of deprivation, likelihood of fire occurring, historical incident information, number of people living and working in an area and other associated factors such as age and lifestyle. We can then build up a detailed picture of risk across the county and prioritise resources where they are most needed and deliver services in the most cost effective ways.

Purpose of this report

1. To bring to the attention of the Area Committee members what West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) can do to assist our partners in helping to reduce the risk in our communities.
2. To highlight ways that the Area Committee and its partners can help WYFRS achieve its ambition to make West Yorkshire safer.

Background Information

3. WYFRS has produced a Service Plan 2011-15 that includes a Community Risk Management Strategy to help achieve the ambition of making West Yorkshire safer. The document can be found on the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service website – see below. The aim is to provide an excellent fire and rescue service **working in partnership** to reduce death, injury, economic loss and contribute to community well being.
4. Working together with our partner agencies, WYFRS will interact more with local communities which will vastly improve our understanding of local needs. This can be achieved by representatives of WYFRS attending Area Committee Meetings and working with our partners to help deliver a reduction in fires, road traffic incidents and anti-social fire related behaviour. It will allow WYFRS to establish better protocols for identifying vulnerable people, poor standards of fire safety and sites of constant fly tipping or anti-social behaviour.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

5. There are no implications to Council Policy and Governance.

Legal and Resource Implications

6. There are no legal or resource implications for the Council.

Recommendations

7. It is recommended that the Area Committee note the report.

Background documents used in this report are:

WYFRS Service Plan (westyorksfire.gov.uk then follow the link for the Service Plan)