

**Report of West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service**

**Report to Inner East Area Committee**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Subject: West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service (WYFRS) - Collaborative Working**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Killingbeck & Seacroft, Gipton & Harehills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

Deputy Station Commander Ian Thompson will be attending the area committee to present the key points of the 2011–15 West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Plan and the opportunities for the WYFRS to work in with partner organisations to serve the needs of local communities.

**Recommendations**

That the Area Committee note the report.

## **Purpose of this report**

1. The purpose of this report is:
  - To introduce Deputy Station Commander Ian Thompson to the Area Committee.
  - to bring to the attention of the Area Committee members what West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) can do to assist its partners in helping to reduce the risk in our communities.
  - to highlight ways that the Area Committee and its partners can help WYFRS achieve its ambition to make West Yorkshire safer.

## **Background information**

2. 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 referred to under background papers. The aim is to provide an excellent fire and rescue service working in partnership to reduce death, injury, economic loss and contribute to communities well being.

## **Main issues**

3. 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.

## **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

4. WYFRS consult regularly on proposals for improving fire cover. An extensive consultation was undertaken in 2010, and the results of this were used to inform the 2011 – 2015 Service Plan. Individual actions during this four year service plan will be consulted on annually.

### **Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

5. WYFRS perform at the excellent level of the Fire and Rescue Service Equality Framework and are the first fire and rescue service to achieve this level. They also have a continued presence in the Stonewall top 100 Workplace Equality Index.

### **Council Policies and City Priorities**

6. WYFRS are a member of the Safer Leeds Partnership.

### **Resources and Value for Money**

7. There are no resource implications.

### **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

8. There are no implications to Council Policy and Governance. This report does not require a major or key decision therefore is not eligible for call in.

### **Risk Management**

9. A Community Risk Management Strategy is contained within the 2011 – 2015 Service Plan.

### **Conclusions**

10. WYFRS works closely with the communities it serves to improve its understanding of local needs and prioritise resources where they are most needed and deliver services in the most cost effective ways.

### **Recommendations**

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

### **Background documents**

WYFRS Service Plan ([westyorkshire.gov.uk](http://westyorkshire.gov.uk) then follow the link for the Service Plan)