

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

**Report to Inner East Area Committee**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

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

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

**Summary of main issues**

1. Update on current performance.
2. New Local Area Risk Reduction Teams (LARRT's) .Call for assistance from Inner 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.
3. Update on proposed Merge of Stanks and Gipton into a new build fire station in the Killingbeck area.

**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 provide information on the emergency response activity in the Inner East Area from 1/8/11–31/7/12 and compare it with 2010/2011 performance.
- To provide information on the Prevention and Protection interventions carried out in the Inner East Area i.e. Home Fire Safety Checks, and the proposed Firefly project.
- To provide an update on the proposed merge of Gipton and Stanks fire stations into a new build station in the Killingbeck area

## 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 Performance

2.3 Incident data showing activity in Ward areas. Data broken down into four main 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

Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) activity not included

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Break down showing number of incidents in the 12 month periods 1/8/10 -31/7/11 and 1/8/11 – 31/7/12.

01-08-2010 to 31-07-2011						
Ward	Deliberate primary fire	Deliberate secondary fire	Dwelling fire	RTC	Total Inc (Ward)	
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward	36	155	38	8	237	
Gipton and Harehills Ward	53	205	35	10	303	
Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward	38	248	22	8	316	
<b>Total Inc (Type)</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>856</b>	
01-08-2011 to 31-07-2012						
Ward	Deliberate primary fire	Deliberate secondary fire	Dwelling fire	RTC	Total Inc (Ward)	
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward	17	80	20	8	125	
Gipton and Harehills Ward	22	79	28	9	138	
Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward	22	112	26	5	165	
<b>Total Inc (Type)</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>428</b>	
Comparison						
Ward	Deliberate primary fire	Deliberate secondary fire	Dwelling fire	RTC	Total Inc (Ward)	
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward	-19	-75	-18	0	-112	
Gipton and Harehills Ward	-31	-126	-7	-1	-165	
Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward	-16	-136	4	-3	-151	
<b>Total Inc (Type)</b>	<b>-66</b>	<b>-337</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-428</b>	
<b>Percentage Change</b>	<b>-52</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-50</b>	

Figures indicate a continued downward trend in activity

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**Appendix A.** Maps showing activity geographically for each Ward comparing 2010/2011 with 2011/2012

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**Appendix B.** Maps showing areas where Home Fire Safety Checks have been carried out in the 12 month periods 1/8/10 – 31/7/11 and 1/8/11 – 31/7/12

### **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 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.
- 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 Gipton 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 East Community dependant on the following qualifying criteria;

## **Potentially vulnerable criteria;**

1. Elderly
2. Children
3. Immobility
4. Disability compromising escape

The extension of the scheme will start 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 and this committee will receive updates on progress.

- 3.7 West Yorkshire Fire And Rescue Authority has 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 considering all options to purchase and secure planning permission on a suitable piece of land in the Killingbeck area. It is the intention to have purchased and acquired planning permission for a suitable site by April 2013.

## **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.

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

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

### **4.2 Council policies and City Priorities**

- 4.2.1 WYFRS are a member of the safer Leeds Partnership.

### **4.3 Resources and value for money**

- 4.3.1 There are no resource implications.

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

- 4.4.1 There are no legal implications.

### **4.5 Risk Management**

- 4.5.1 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**

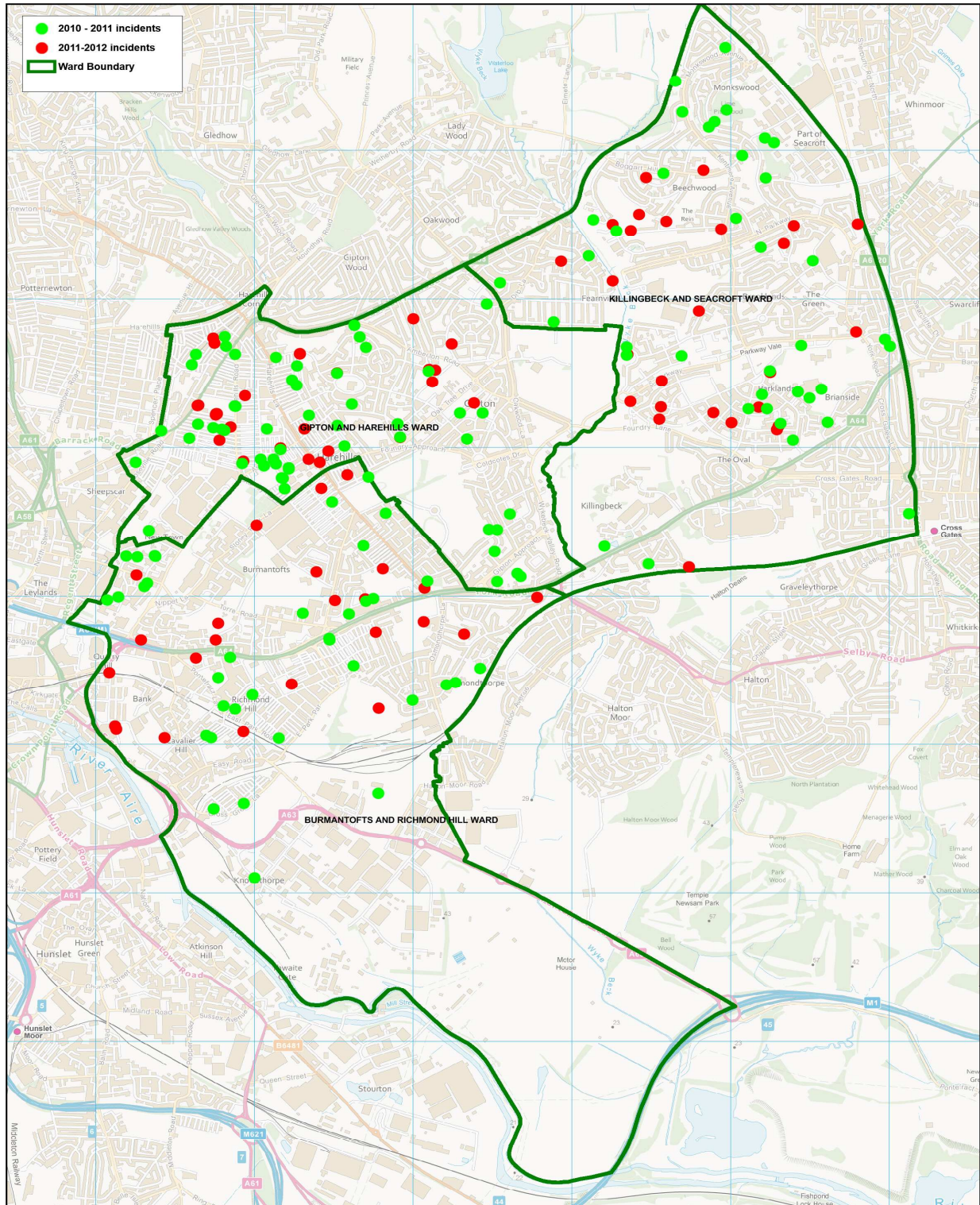
6.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee note this report.

## **7 Background documents**

WYFRS Service Plan 2011-2015 ([westyorkshirefire.gov.uk](http://westyorkshirefire.gov.uk) then follow the link for the Service Plan

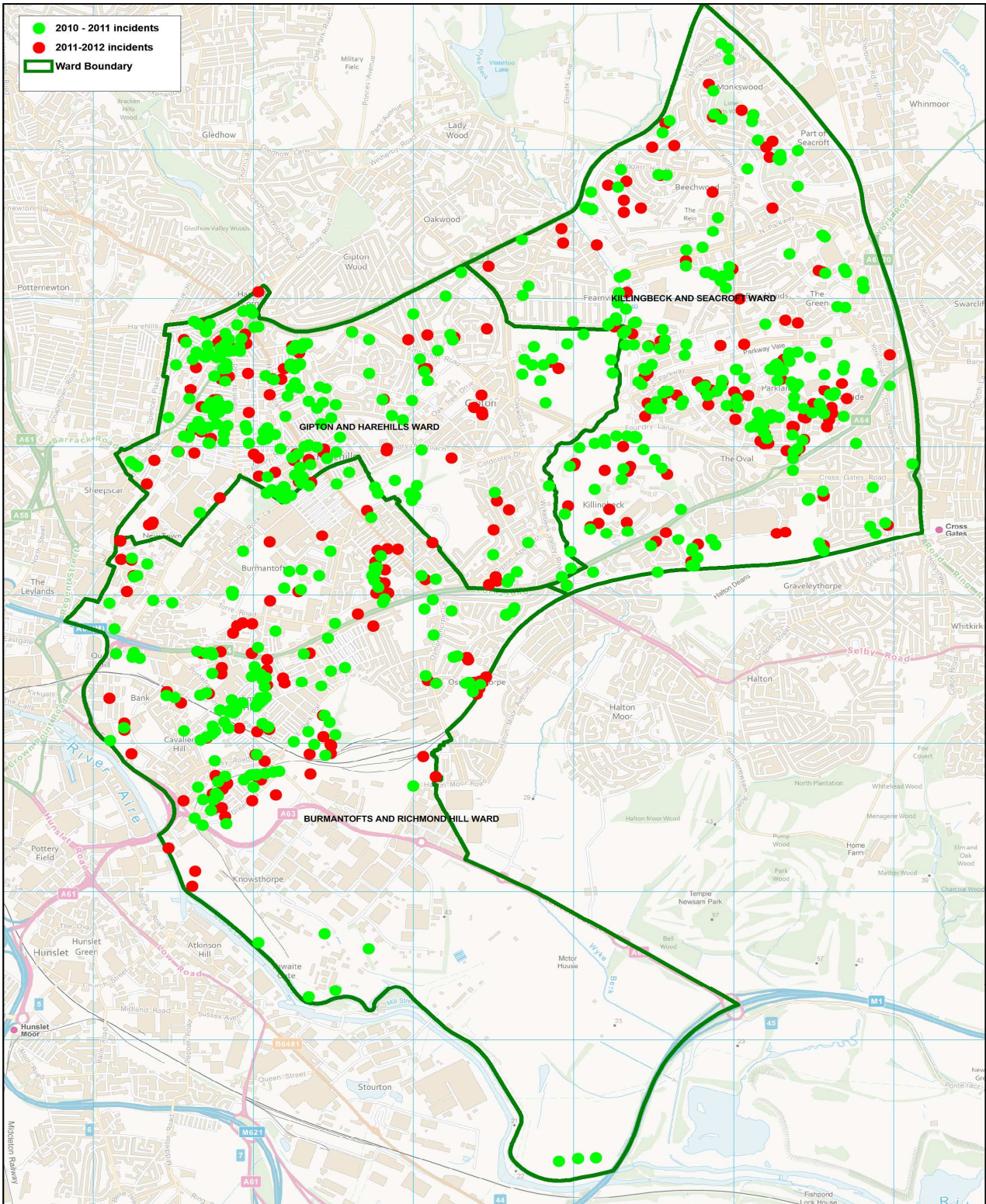
# Appendix A

## DELIBERATE PRIMARY FIRES



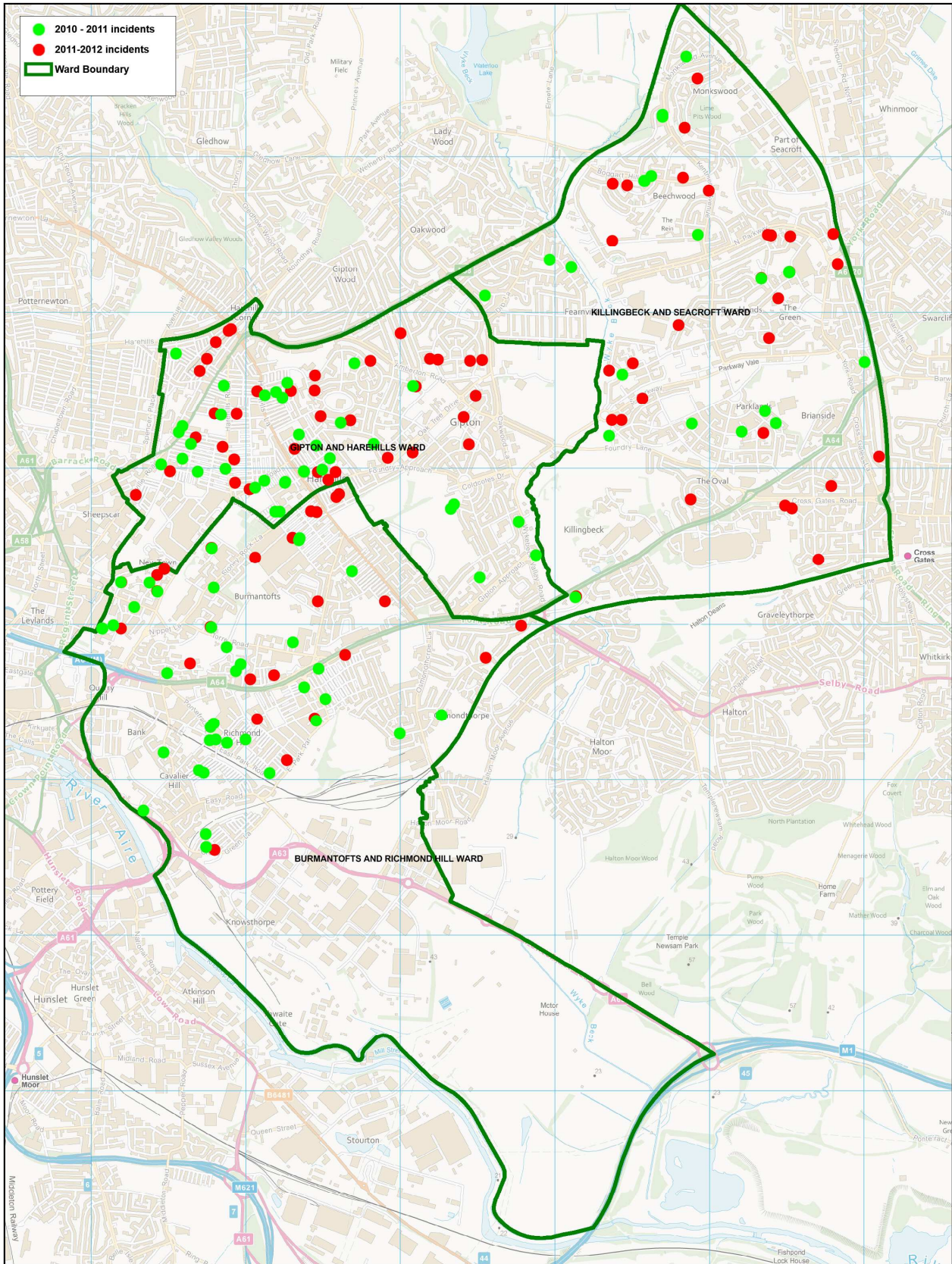


DELIBERATE SECONDARY FIRES



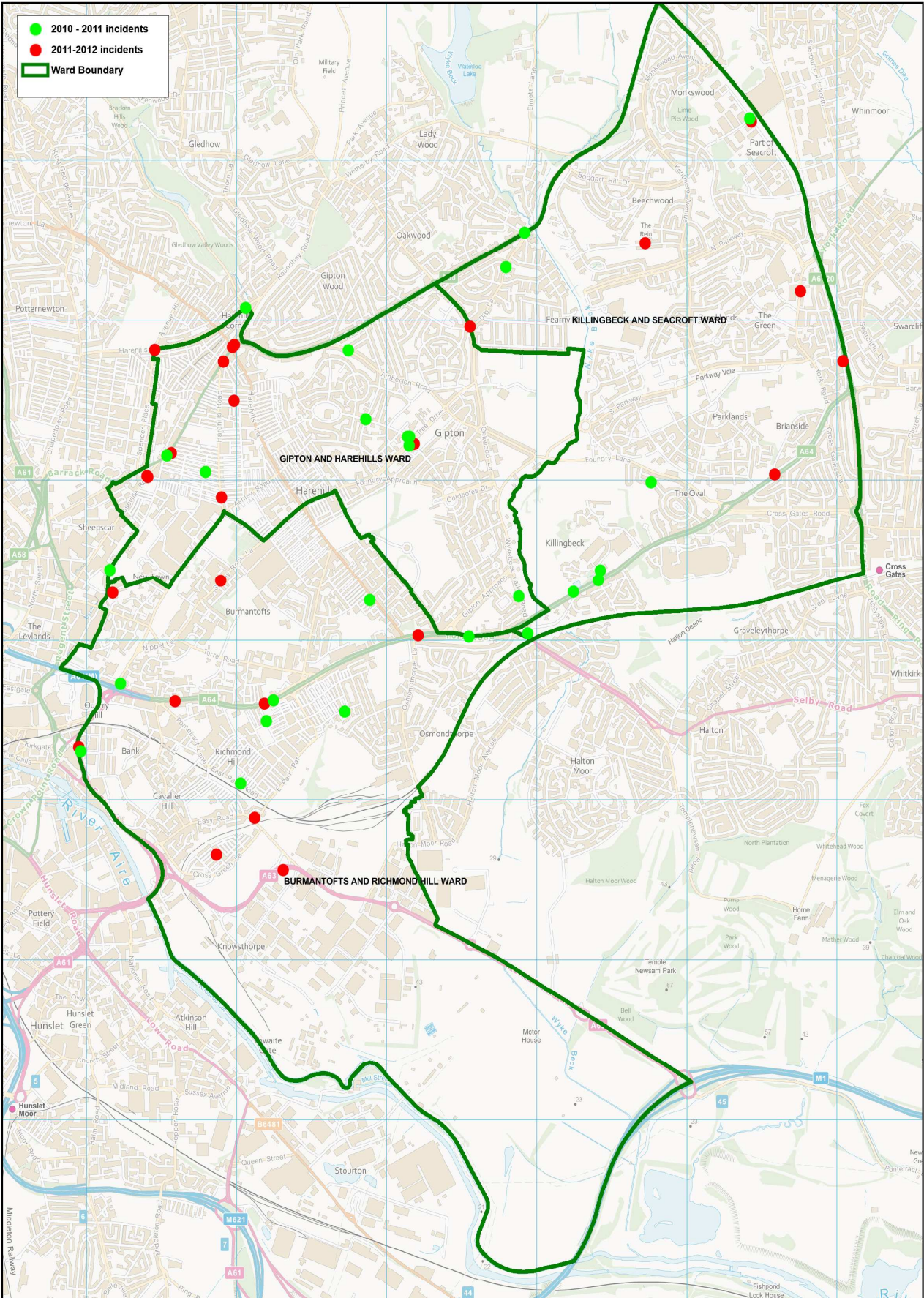


DWELLING FIRES





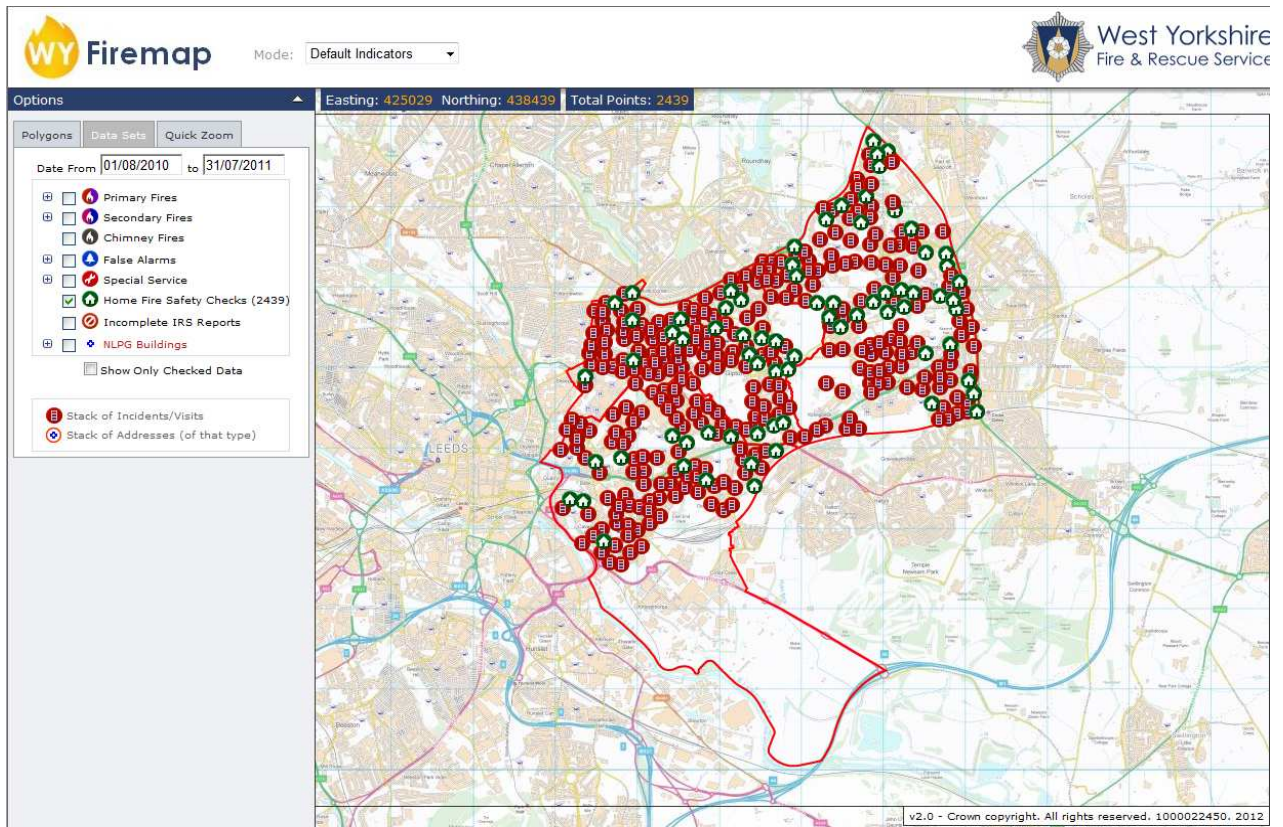
RTC'S





## Appendix B.

### 1/8/10- 31/7/11 - 2439 Home Fire safety Checks completed



### 1/8/11 – 31/7/12 - 3402 Home Fire Safety Checks completed

