

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: PERFORMANCE & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE: 1ST MARCH 2017
REPORT OF: HEAD OF PROTECTION
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL BONFIRE PERIOD REPORT 2016

Purpose of Report

1. To present the Annual Bonfire Period Report for Members' consideration (Appendix 1).

Recommended That

- [1] the report be noted; and
- [2] the recommendations be supported.

Background

2. The Annual Bonfire Period Report (2016) summarises the preventative and operational activities of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) and partners during the bonfire period dated 24th October 2016 to 7th November 2016 inclusive.
3. This report analyses and evaluates the effectiveness of the joint efforts of CFRS and partners so that resources and staff can be deployed more effectively in future years.
4. CFRS, local authorities, Cheshire Constabulary and other partners are committed to reducing incidents of anti social behaviour (ASB) which affect the communities we serve. The deliberate fire setting which constitutes a large part of the ASB during the Bonfire Season has a significant effect on our Service target (BV206iii) Secondary Deliberate Fires.
5. The Protection department will ensure that the recommendations within the report are communicated to Unitary Performance Managers and good practice is shared when planning Bonfire Period Initiatives in 2017.

Financial Implications

6. The recommendations of the report identify areas with financial implications for future years, such as the use of midi appliances where more cost effective and efficient deployment of staff and resources will be considered for 2017.

Legal Implications

7. The bonfire initiatives are seen as a core function of the Service and there are no legal implications in carrying out this work.

Equality & Diversity Implications

8. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

9. It should be recognised that the activities conducted during the bonfire period provide a positive contribution to reducing pollution and reducing carbon emissions from small deliberate fires.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE