

# CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

**MEETING OF:** PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018  
**REPORT OF:** HEAD OF PREVENTION  
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**SUBJECT:** ANNUAL BONFIRE PERIOD REPORT 2017

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## Purpose of Report

1. To present the Annual Bonfire Period Report for 2017.

### Recommended that:

- [1] the report be noted; and
- [2] the recommendations detailed in Section 12 of Appendix 1 to the report be agreed.

## Background

2. The Annual Bonfire Period Report (2017) summarises the preventative and operational activities of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service (the Service) and partners during the bonfire period dated 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 inclusive.
3. This report analyses and evaluates the effectiveness of the joint efforts of the Service and its partners so that resources and staff can be deployed more effectively in future years.
4. The Service, local authorities, Cheshire Police 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.

## Information

5. Prevention, Protection and Organisational Performance will ensure that the recommendations within the report are communicated to Service Delivery Managers and good practice is shared when planning Bonfire Period Initiatives in 2018.

## Financial Implications

6. The recommendations of the report identify areas with financial implications for future years such as the use of Targeted Response

Vehicles where more cost effective and efficient deployment of staff and resources will be considered for 2018.

### **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.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: None**