

CHESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

MEETING OF: PERFORMANCE & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE: 27 FEBRUARY 2020
REPORT OF: HEAD OF PREVENTION
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SUBJECT: BONFIRE PERIOD REPORT 2020

Purpose of Report

1. The annual Bonfire Report 2020 summarises the preventative and operational activities of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service (the Service) and partners during the bonfire period dated 24th October 2020 to 7th November 2020 inclusive (the Bonfire Period).

Recommended: That

- [1] the report be approved/considered/noted;
- [2] the recommendations are supported

Background

2. 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 Period has a significant effect on our Service Secondary Deliberate Fire figures and can have a significant financial impact on the local community and cause significant damage to the environment and amenities.

Information

3. The Prevention team will ensure that the recommendations within the report are communicated to Service Delivery Managers and good practice is shared when planning initiatives for the 2021 bonfire period.

Financial Implications

4. The recommendations of the report identify areas with financial implications for future years, such as the use of additional appliances, and details cost-effective, efficient deployment of staff and resources that will be considered for 2021.

Legal Implications

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

Equality and Diversity Implications

6. The bonfire initiatives are seen as a core function of the Service and there are no known Equality and Diversity implications in carrying out this work.

Environmental Implications

7. It should be recognised that the activities conducted during the Bonfire Period provide a positive contribution to reducing pollution and reducing carbon emissions from deliberate fires. The preventative work also supports a reduction of the number of movements of fire engines which also reduces carbon emissions our vehicles.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: BONFIRE REPORT 2019