

AGENDA ITEM:

REPORT TO: Meeting of the	MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
DATE:	7TH MAY 2013
REPORT NO.	CFO/051/13
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SUBJECT:	OVERVIEW OF FATALITIES IN ACCIDENTAL DWELLING FIRES DURING 2012/13 AND RETROSPECTIVELY

APPENDIX	A	TITLE	Analysis of Fatalities in Accidental Dwelling Fires between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013
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APPENDIX	B	TITLE	Analysis of Fatalities in Accidental Dwelling Fires between 2004/05 and 2012/13
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Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members note the recommendations of this report relating to fatalities occurring in accidental dwelling fires during the financial year 2012/13. The report also provides a historical analysis of fatality data, providing information based on trends that can be used for future planning and resource allocation.

Recommendation

2. That Members;
 - a) Note the contents of the report

Introduction & Background

3. The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding fatalities in accidental dwelling fires for 2012/13 and also over a nine year period. The reports (appendices A and B) provide detail regarding the demographic properties of victims, the circumstances of the fatality as well as providing further background

information about factors such as deprivation and social conditions. Full details are contained in the two reports attached as appendices.

4. The reports will be used by the Prevention and Protection Function to develop actions for the future to target areas and individuals at higher risk and put arrangements in place to reduce that risk and protect vulnerable people. This includes sharing information about vulnerable people with partners and the attached reports can be used to explain to partners why that MFRA having access to that information is important.

Equality & Diversity Implications

5. The reports identify that younger people in more deprived areas and older people in more affluent areas are at more risk of dying in an accidental dwelling fire. The use of the Customer Insight Vulnerability Index that is being developed by MFRA and LJMU will assist in more effective targeting of these individuals.

Staff Implications

6. There are no staff implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

7. Understanding fatality data may assist the Authority with its statutory functions of providing Fire Safety and protecting life and property.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

8. There are no cost implications associated with this report. Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority wants to ensure that the services provided offer the best service possible within the constraints of current budget cuts and the ability to effectively identify and focus on people at greater risk is one aspect of that service.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

9. The report has no Risk Management, Health & Safety or Environmental Implications

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10. The purpose of this report is to provide information about the types of people who are at greatest risk of becoming an Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatality and the attached reports will be used by Prevention and Protection to plan interventions to reduce risk in the future.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

***Glossary of Terms**