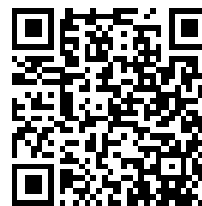


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To: All Members of the Community Safety and Protection Committee
(and any other Members who may wish to attend)



J. Henshaw
LLB (Hons)
Clerk to the Authority

Tel: 0151 296 4000
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Your ref:

Our ref HP/NP

Date: 11 December 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE** to be held at **1.00 pm** on **THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 2013** in the Wirral Suite at Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bridle Road, Bootle.

Please note: This meeting will be followed by a meeting of the Task and Finish Group to discuss HR Policies.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Henshaw'.

Clerk to the Authority

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MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

19 DECEMBER 2013

AGENDA

Members

Linda Maloney (Chair)
Vi Bebb
John Kelly
Jimmy Mahon
Barbara Murray
Tony Newman
Jean Stapleton
Lesley Rennie

1. Preliminary matters

Members are requested to consider the identification of:

- a) declarations of interest by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the Agenda
- b) any additional items of business which the Chair has determined should be considered as matters of urgency; and
- c) items of business which may require the exclusion of the press and public during consideration thereof because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 2)

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Community Safety & Protection Committee, held on 17th October 2013, are submitted for approval as a correct record and for signature by the Chair.

3. Mityana Community Foundation (Pages 3 - 6)

(CFO/144/13)

To consider Report CFO/144/13 of the Chief Fire Officer, concerning the involvement of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority (MFRA) staff with the Mityana Community Foundation.

There will also be a presentation in support of this report.

4. **Fire Safety Week 2013** (Pages 7 - 22)

(CFO/141/13)

To consider Report CFO/141/13 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, concerning the activity and outcomes of Fire Safety Week 2013.

5. **Bonfire Period 2013** (Pages 23 - 30)

(CFO/142/13)

To consider Report CFO/142/13 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, concerning the activity and outcomes relating to the Bonfire Period 2013.

If any Members have queries, comments or require additional information relating to any item on the agenda please contact Committee Services and we will endeavour to provide the information you require for the meeting. Of course this does not affect the right of any Member to raise questions in the meeting itself but it may assist Members in their consideration of an item if additional information is available.

Refreshments

Any Members attending on Authority business straight from work or for long periods of time, and require a sandwich, please contact Democratic Services, prior to your arrival, for arrangements to be made.

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE****17 OCTOBER 2013****MINUTES**

Present: Cllr Linda Maloney (Chair) Councillors Vi Bebb, Jimmy Mahon, Barbara Murray, Tony Newman, Lesley Rennie and Denise Roberts (alternate for Jean Stapleton)

Apologies of absence were received from: Cllr John Kelly and Cllr Jean Stapleton

1. Preliminary matters

The Authority considered the identification of any declarations of interest, matters of urgency or items that would require the exclusion of the press and public due to the disclosure of exempt information.

Resolved that:

- a) no declarations of interest were made by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the Agenda
- b) no additional items of business were determined by the Chair to be considered as matters of urgency; and
- c) no items of business required the exclusion of the press and public during consideration thereof because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the authority, held on 11th July 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. Primary Authority Scheme Pilot Update

(CFO/118/13)

Members considered Report CFO/118/13 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning the outcome of the Primary Authority Scheme (PAS) pilot and the subsequent decision made by Government to extend the PAS to include the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Resolved that:

The outcome of the Pilot, the decision made by Government and the implications for the Authority, be noted.

4. **Dry Riser Testing Update**

(CFO/119/13)

Members considered Report CFO/119/13 and associated Equality Impact Assessment of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning an update on the delivery of the Dry Riser testing service on a cost recovery basis.

Resolved that:

The contents of the report relating to the chargeable provision of Dry Riser testing by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority on a cost recovery basis, be noted.

5. **Bonfire Plan 2013**

(CFO/120/13)

Members considered Report CFO/120/13 and associated Equality Impact Assessment of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning planning for Bonfire period 2013.

Resolved that:

The plan for Bonfire period 2013 be noted and approved.

Close

Date of next meeting Thursday, 19 December 2013

Signed: _____

Date: _____

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE		
DATE:	19 DECEMBER 2013	REPORT NO:	CFO/144/13
PRESENTING OFFICER	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	MYLES PLATT	REPORT AUTHOR:	[AUTHOR NAME]
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	DCFO GARRIGAN, WM PHIL HUNT		
TITLE OF REPORT:	MITYANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION		

APPENDICES:	THERE ARE NO APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT – A PRESENTATION WILL ACCOMPANY THIS REPORT WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
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Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the involvement of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA) staff with the Mityana Community Foundation.

Recommendation

2. That Members;
 - a. Note the report and
 - b. Approve the continued involvement of MFRA with the charity.

Introduction and Background

Introduction

3. The following report details experiences of four staff who have represented MFRA in support of the Mityana Community Foundation.
4. In July 2013 four MFRA staff travelled to Uganda in Africa to deliver 3 weeks of intense interventions that covered the following topics:
 - Delivering fire safety to schools and hospitals.
 - Training the Mityana Police Force in fire fighting, first aid and also to develop their skills with regard to road traffic collisions.
 - The development of a new temporary fire station, kit room and appliance within the local community.

Background

5. The Mityana Community Foundation was formally registered as a UK Charity in 2007 [No 1118765] following long standing links with the community of Mityana, one of the central Districts of Uganda. The region of Mityana is situated 50km North West of Kampala. The Regional population is 300,000, the town population is 40,000 (more than 50% under the age of 15), and the main occupation is subsistence farming.
6. Since 2007 the Foundation Trustees have built a series of projects to enhance its safety education programme, primarily focusing on;
 - Fire Safety Education
 - Fire Fighting
 - Road Traffic Collisions(RTC)
 - First Aid

Delivery of fire safety interventions to schools and hospitals

7. The fire safety education programme takes into account that there is no National Fire Service, restricted hospital treatment for burns, high use of open fires and candles in the home and that within boarding schools the children are locked in dormitories for security with candles as their light source.
8. During the period between April-July 2008 there were 30 school fires and 20 child fatalities. As a result of the foundations intervention and awareness raising these figures has reduced to zero.
9. The four MFRA staff; WM Phil Hunt, FF Claire Crilly, Princes Trust Team Leader Lisa Smith and District Prevention Manager Sarah Bell delivered a variety of fire safety interventions to approximately 70 schools and 2 hospitals. These interventions consisted of a short informal and interactive discussion about the science of fire and the components that make up the fire triangle, fire safety advice within the home and school involving candles and evacuation procedures, and also first aid for burns.
10. The children and young people who participated in these sessions really enjoyed the informal nature and interaction. The feedback received from the staff of the school was very positive regarding engagement methods, delivery and evaluation.
11. The engagement of the hospital staff throughout these fire safety sessions was exceptional; they welcomed the information and asked a variety of questions appropriate to the session. Evacuation procedures were also covered and role play allowed the hospital staff to consider some hypothetical situations in relation to evacuating a building that could be on fire.

Training the Mityana Police Force in fire fighting, first aid and also to develop their skills in regards to road traffic collisions

12. The training and development of the Mityana Police Force is a rolling programme aimed at delivering fire fighting, first aid, and also developing the skills of the Police to enable them to deal with road traffic collisions in a safe, effective and professional manner.
13. The sessions with the Police were tailored for their requirements and included;
 - Fire Science
 - Donning fire kit provided by UK Fire and Rescue Services
 - Proceeding to and dealing with a fire call
 - Proceeding to and dealing with a road traffic collision
 - First aid responding
14. These sessions were delivered in a professional and assertive manner to ensure their importance was reinforced.

The provision of a new temporary fire station, kit room and appliance within the local community

15. The charity has been working on the fund raising, development and provision of a new temporary fire station. This project is 2 years ahead of schedule and was completed during the visit with MFRA staff contributing to the building programme. The official handing over ceremony was greatly welcomed by the community, Police and local government officials.

Conclusion

16. The MFRA staff engaged with more than 170 schools during the three week stay in Mityana delivering fire safety to more 25,000 children and teachers.
17. Smoke alarms were fitted to all of the wards and treatment rooms at two local hospitals.
18. Smoke alarms were also fitted in school dormitories whenever possible.
19. Schools and hospitals were given advice of smoke alarm maintenance, and also correct procedures to follow in the event of smoke alarm actuation.
20. 20 Police officers were given fire kit, fire fighting equipment and training to deal with fire situation, RTC (Road Traffic Collision) and First Person on Scene (First Aid).
21. Winners of a charity organised football competition were given points towards gaining entrance to local universities, furthering education in Mityana.
22. The charity has funded for and now provided a functioning kit room and temporary fire station housing a fire appliance and ambulance for the first time in Mityana's history.

23. The foundation has delivered the same messages to the Police [Fire Service] Training school in Kampala. The foundation have built and equipped the District's first ever Fire Station and Store.
24. The foundation have also provided first response/RTC training to taxi, boda boda (motorbike taxis) and truck drivers as they are, very often, the first on the scene.
25. The fire prevention work that is completed by the foundation has helped to save the lives of many children, young people and adults and is fundamental in cross cultural engagement and the development of the Mityana Community.

Equality and Diversity Implications

26. The project was delivered outside the country in response to a need in Uganda therefore an EIA was not completed.

Staff Implications

27. Staff involved are volunteers to the project.

Legal Implications

28. Legal Implications have been considered by the Charity.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

29. Staff engaged in the project in their own time however normal arrangements for leave and flexi were relaxed to allow staff to bank additional hours to cover the period of the project. Line managers need to ensure that these additional hours have been accrued whilst delivering meaningful work that provides best value.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

30. These matters are considered by the charity.

Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters*

31. The project was delivered outside of Merseyside however it provided staff with a unique development opportunity allowing staff to be the best they can be.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

PowerPoint presentation to be delivered.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

RTC Road Traffic Collision

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
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DATE:	19 DECEMBER 2013	REPORT NO:	CFO/141/13
PRESENTING OFFICER	DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER PHIL GARRIGAN		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	MYLES PLATT	REPORT AUTHOR:	MYLES PLATT
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	CAROLINE CHRITON. WENDY KENYON		
TITLE OF REPORT:	FIRE SAFETY WEEK 2013		

APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A:	FIRE SAFETY WEEK MEDIA COVERAGE
	APPENDIX B:	EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – FIRE SAFETY WEEK 30TH SEPT TO 4TH OCT

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Authority of the activity and outcomes of Fire Safety Week 2013

Recommendation

2. That the Authority;;
 - a) Note the findings of the report that cover Fire Safety Week and
 - b) Approve Inclusion of Fire Safety Week in next year's calendar of events / campaigns.

Introduction and Background

3. Fire Safety Week was delivered from 30th September to 4th October 2013. It was timed to encompass CFOA Home Safety Day and European Older Persons Day.
4. The week was launched on 30th September with the delivery of HFSC's throughout the day by staff from **all areas** of the organisation. Prior to commencement the week three briefing sessions were held for staff not normally involved in the delivery of a Home Fire safety Checks (HFSC) in order to familiarise them with the delivery of the HFSC and what the expectations were of them on the day.
5. The day was co-ordinated by the Central Prevention Team, covered each key station areas and totalled 11 separate campaigns. The Strategy and Performance team provided status reports giving due regard to our Customer

Insight data; the campaign areas were then selected by the district teams to ensure HFSC's were carried out in the areas of highest risk.

6. All district Prevention Teams, all operational crews and approximately 90 staff from SHQ, Training and Development Academy and Community Fire Protection assisted in HFSC delivery.
7. During the day **4619** properties were visited and **1398** HFSC's were completed in households across Merseyside.
8. On Tuesday 1st October District Prevention Managers from each district held events to support Older Peoples Day; utilising the CFOA Older People's Toolkit which provides direction and guidance for activity and campaigns associated with older people.
9. The Wirral District held an open day at Birkenhead Community Fire station; Over 150 older people attended the event and enjoyed poetry reading sessions, Bingo, light refreshments as well as receiving Home Fire Safety advice.
10. Liverpool district ran a stall at a marketplace event for older people that involved partners who deliver services that support independent living. Thirty five older people were provided with fire safety advice and guidance with HFSC referrals taken for 6 people.
11. Liverpool District Management Staff accompanied an older people's group on a visit to St Gregory's School, Netherley. They met with Year 5/6, approximately 70 children. They were asked questions by the school children on what it was like growing up in the area.
12. St Helens district delivered two sessions at older persons clubs using the memory box that has been loaned from Liverpool museum.
13. Knowsley brought together three Age UK clubs at one venue for an afternoon of activities including a buffet lunch, quizzes, games, Tai Chi and Home Fire Safety.
14. Sefton staff supported a local community club that brings older people together for an afternoon of celebration including a full lunch, photographic exhibition of the area, quizzes and Fire Safety advice.
15. The Diversity and Consultation Manager, supported by Prevention staff, arranged for several groups from Age UK to visit the MFRA heritage centre where our Historian gave a presentation followed by a performance by a local choir. A vintage afternoon tea was then served accompanied by a Home Fire Safety presentation and a speaker from charity Daisy UK.

16. To complement the day, operational crews performed audits in nursing homes and were encouraged to engage with residents. Protection teams delivered audits in premises that largely serve the older members of the community.
17. On Wednesday 2nd October operational crews and Prevention teams launched the delivery of safety advice in support of the Bonfire Plan in 22 schools across all districts. This focused launch assisted in the delivery of these sessions to schools prior to 5/11/13.
18. On October 3rd a new scheme in Wirral in Partnership with Regenda housing was launched. The partnership provides deep fat fryers to replace chip pans. The launch of the partnership in Fire Safety week assisted in reinforcing the safer cooking safety message and offered the opportunity for increased publicity across all districts as well as the distribution of Deep Fat fryers as necessary.
19. On October 3rd Liverpool District completed 39 high risk visits to consider safe heating provision. This resulted in 1 elderly male with mental health problems being issued with a radiator due to poor heating provision. Another elderly male with memory problems and reduced mobility was referred to Healthy Homes for a full house assessment.
20. Activity from prevention teams and crews included the delivery of safer cooking messages at venues including sheltered housing schemes and retirement villages in addition to student accommodation.
21. The Community Fire Prevention Manager worked closely with the Corporate Communication team prior to. This enabled the Corporate Communications Team to maximise the coverage of the week. A full list of the media coverage for the period is attached in Appendix A.
22. A survey was carried out with staff not normally engaged in HFSC delivery to determine their opinion of their participation on 30th September. 96% said their experience was either good or very good and 96% also said they understood their role on the day. There were 17 suggestions for improvement and these will be considered for 2014.

Conclusion

23. The week offered the opportunity to deliver a high number of interventions across several home fire safety areas. This will have contributed to increased community safety and has raised the profile of Prevention work delivered by MFRA with the community and our partners. In addition it has offered an opportunity to staff working in other areas of the organisation to gain an insight into Community Fire Prevention.
24. The content of the week reflected current and seasonal risk. Should a Fire Safety week be held at a different time of the year the events and messages delivered would be adjusted appropriately.

Equality and Diversity Implications

25. An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out prior to Fire Safety Week and is attached at Appendix B

Staff Implications

26. The HFSC campaign provided all staff with an opportunity to experience the delivery of Fire Prevention work. The opportunity was balanced with the essential duties that had to be delivered in other areas of the organisation.

27. Operational staff supported and worked together with teams operating in each District.

Legal Implications

28. The work completed contributes to meeting The Public Sector Equality Duty and Special Duties as specified in the Equalities Act 2010.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

29. All funding requirements were met from existing budgets.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

30. Each event was subject to Risk Assessment.
31. Engagement and activity was targeted in areas of known risk and vulnerable members of society.

Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters*

32. The High Profile delivery of Fire Safety initiatives has contributed to the management of community's risk from Fire and the provision of a safer environment for Firefighters.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MFRA Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

HFSC Home Fire Safety Check

CFOA Chief Fire Officers Association

Appendix A

FIRE SAFETY WEEK MEDIA COVERAGE

BBC Radio Merseyside 2pm news bulletin, September 23, mentions that a third of homes which had fires did not have smoke alarms and the figures were released ahead of our first Fire Safety Week to be held "next week".

Liverpool Echo photographer and photographer from Educate Magazine.

BBC Radio Merseyside on September 23 also sends out the below Tweet to 18,289 Twitter followers – [bbcmerseyside_@bbcmerseyside_23 Sep](#)

Pupils from [@PinehurstP](#) get fire safety advice from [@MerseyFire](#) ahead of [#FireSafetyWeek](#) on Drive with [@simonhoban](#)
pic.twitter.com/UmohrYmSN4

Liverpool Echo carries a short story on Fire Safety Week being held with a fairly large photo from the launch. It is carried on Page 12 (September 24).

Bay TV also carry the announcement of the week press release and a photo taken at the launch by Karl (September 24).

<http://www.baytvliverpool.co.uk/vod/?vid=PBV52415de7d75b9>

Group Manager Richie Davis' column in the Merseymart and Mersey Star (September 24) also mentions Fire Safety Week and some of the events across Liverpool for Older People's Day.

Group Manager Paul Murphy's column in the **Wirral News** (September 25) mentions Fire safety Week, an older people's event and the opening of Birkenhead Community Fire Station.

Wirral Globe (September 25) carries an article on the free event for older people due to be held at Birkenhead Community Fire Station for Older People's Day.

St Helens Star (September 26) carries a piece on Fire Safety Week starting with statistics we issued on house fires and injuries

St Helens Star website (September 29) carries a piece on Fire Safety Week starting with statistics we issued on house fires and injuries -

[http://www.sthelensstar.co.uk/news/10700773.Fire crews to head into communities as part of safety drive/?ref=eb](http://www.sthelensstar.co.uk/news/10700773.Fire%20crews%20to%20head%20into%20communities%20as%20part%20of%20safety%20drive/?ref=eb)

St Helens Star website carries an update story on the number of properties visited on Monday September 30, first day of our Fire Safety Week, on October 1 on their website -

[http://www.sthelensstar.co.uk/news/10709417.Fire safety drive heads in to communities/](http://www.sthelensstar.co.uk/news/10709417.Fire%20safety%20drive%20heads%20in%20to%20communities/)

LJMU student journalists also cover the Fire Safety Week (September 30) and record an interview with Caroline Crichton on (October 1) on the Fire Safety Week – highlighting messages including not leaving cooking unattended.

<http://jmu-journalism.org.uk/first-ever-fire-safety-week-to-be-held-in-merseyside/>

The Challenge (October 1) carries a large article and photo on Fire Safety Week and how many properties were visited along with safety messages and quotes after press release sent to the newspaper.

The Challenge newspaper that covers part of Knowsley (October 1) – very large article of work across Knowsley during the week along with safety messages and photo of smoke alarms being tested after press release sent to them. Also mentions the visit by our staff to Age UK club in Whiston.

St Helens Reporter (October 2) fairly large article on Fire Safety Week and statistics showing how many house fires we attended across St Helens that did not have a smoke alarm.

(September 30) www.otsnews.co.uk carries an article about a tumble dryer fire on the first day of our Fire Safety Week – mentions Fire Safety Week and safety messages.

Bootle Champion (October 2), carries the statistics for Liverpool for the number of house fires attended where there were no working smoke alarms. Articles included safety quotes from the DCFO which was issued. Also carried in **Crosby & Litherland Champion, Aintree & Walton Champion**

We also used incidents on our website almost every day to promote Fire Safety Week – **Anfield & Walton Champion** (October 2) carried an article on a chip pan fire with safety quotes after a fire on Sunday, September 29 which Karl uploaded on the website on the morning of Monday September 30.

Similarly a fire involving a tumble dryer was carried in the **Formby Champion** and the **Southport Champion** (October 2) which also mentioned the work being carried out as part of Fire Safety Week and safety messages after details and safety quotes put on our external website by Karl.

Liverpool Echo (October 3) carries a small article on Page two mentioning how many schools were visited and properties visited during Fire Safety Week after press release issued afternoon of October 2).

October 3 – chip pan and safer cooking and Fire Safety Week highlighted in an article on the **Wirral Globe website** (October 3) http://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/10715183.Chipping_in_for_safety___/

Also carried in the **Wirral Globe** on October 9.

Also featured on Regenda's own website (October 3) <http://www.regenda.org.uk/news-detail/247>

The **Liverpool Echo** blog, on the **Liverpool Echo** website also mentioned our Fire Safety Week on numerous occasions throughout the week. An example, on October 3, is included below –

New figures released today reveal there were 2,672 cooking-related fires across Merseyside.

The figures were released to mark a focus day on kitchen fires during the first ever Fire Safety Week to be held in Merseyside.

Free deep fat fryers have been handed out across Merseyside as part of a Fire Safety Week “chip pan amnesty.”

Group Manager Richie Davis’ column in the Merseymart and Mersey Star (October 8) also mentions Fire Safety Week and what was done during the week including Older People’s Day and how many properties were visited.

Group Manager Paul Murphy’s column in the Wirral News (October 9) also mentions Fire Safety Week and what was done during the week including Older People’s Day and how many properties were visited.

St Helens Star (October 10) carries an article on deep fat fryers being handed out as part of a chip pan amnesty during Fire Safety Week. Includes safety quotes issued and stats on kitchen fires across St Helens.

Also carried on their website on October 11 -

http://www.sthelensstar.co.uk/news/10731753.Ditch_those_chip_pans_Fire_crews_hand_out_deep_fat_fryers_to_residents/

The Liverpool Express website – news website run by Liverpool City Council carries the update on the success of the week (October 18)
<http://www.liverpoolexpress.co.uk/2013/10/18/fire-risks-reduced-during-safety-week/>

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service’s October edition of **Hot News** covers the Fire Safety Week on the front page and pages 10 and 11. An update article will also be in the November edition of Hot News.

Other websites also picked up information from the update on Fire Safety Week on our website -

(October 21)

[http://www.southport.gb.com/southport/news_list/Fire Safety Week's %26quot%3BImpact%26quot%3B-52645254.htm](http://www.southport.gb.com/southport/news_list/Fire_Safety_Week's_%26quot%3BImpact%26quot%3B-52645254.htm)

Appendix A

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service

Equality Impact Assessment Form

Title of policy/report/project:	Fire Safety week 30 th September to 4 th October
Department:	Prevention and Protection
Date:	7/8/13
<p>1: What is the aim or purpose of the policy/report/project</p> <p><i>This should identify “the legitimate aim” of the policy/report/project (there may be more than one)</i></p>	
<p>To request that Strategic Management Group (SMG) consider the proposals for the delivery of FireSafety Week incorporating support for Older People’s Day on 1st October 2013.</p>	
<p>2: Who will be affected by the policy/report/project?</p> <p><i>This should identify the persons/organisations who may need to be consulted about the policy /report/project and its outcomes (There may be more than one)</i></p>	
<p>Prevention and Protection staff, Crews and SHQ personnel.</p>	
<p>3. Monitoring</p> <p><i>Summarise the findings of any monitoring data you have considered regarding this policy/report/project. This could include data which shows whether the it is having the desired outcomes and also its impact on members of different equality groups.</i></p>	
What monitoring data have you considered?	What did it show?
Customer Insight	The 9 profiles show where different groups live within Merseyside and indicate which groups are more vulnerable to fire, these are to be used by district staff and the central prevention team to direct resources to areas of most need.

<p>Profiles for Districts</p>	<p>The data can be found here http://intranetportal/sites/syssupport/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=http%3a%2f%2fintranetportal%2fsites%2fsyssupport%2fShared%20Documents%2fCommunity%20Profiles%202012%5f13&FolderCTID=0x012000FDE3DC782EB5D94AA07211BBEE8385AD</p>
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<p>4: Research</p> <p><i>Summarise the findings of any research you have considered regarding this policy/report/project. This could include quantitative data and qualitative information; anything you have obtained from other sources e.g. CFOA/CLG guidance, other FRSs, etc</i></p>	
<p>What research have you considered?</p> <p>CFOA Information – toolkit for Older persons day and other Fire and rescue activities</p> <p>Profile of Merseyside – E and D data</p>	<p>What did it show?</p> <p>It provided a framework of best practice to help develop a Fire and safety week activity schedule linking to those vulnerable</p> <p>Note: the toolkit has no reference to equality and diversity implications.</p> <p>The Data in relation to disability taken from the 2001 Census shows –Liverpool has the highest level of people with a long term health condition (disability) at 44.3% and there could be an opportunity to focus key messages and activities in the Liverpool district where resources permit.</p>
<p>5. Consultation</p> <p><i>Summarise the opinions of any consultation. Who was consulted and how? (This should include reference to people and organisations identified in section 2 above) Outline any plans to inform consultees of the results of the consultation</i></p>	
<p>What Consultation have you undertaken?</p> <p>Consultation with key</p>	<p>What did it say?</p>

<p>stakeholders including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diversity and Consultation Manager• Prevention Teams• Protection Teams• Strategy and Performance• Daisy UK• FSN	<p>The Consultation confirmed that the activities contained in the attached SMG report are well balanced to take into account the need to focus our Fire Safety Week on those protected equality groups who are most vulnerable.</p>
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6. Conclusions

Taking into account the results of the monitoring, research and consultation, set out how the policy/report/project impacts or could impact on people from the following protected groups? (Include positive and/or negative impacts)

(a) Age

The Fire Safety Week for MFRA has a positive impact on those age groups that are more at risk and vulnerable to Fire and Rescue activity.

Particular attention is being made to Older people on the 1st of October which is the CFOA Older persons day.

(b) Disability including mental, physical and sensory conditions)

The Fire Safety week for MFRA will enable staff and SHQ teams to focus their support in a particular way for the disabled community in Liverpool district. Work with Daisy Uk will help to focus the activities to those with Visual Impairments and further consultation will take place leading up to the event with other key stakeholder and partners in the Disability arena.

(c) Race (include: nationality, national or ethnic origin and/or colour)

The Fire Safety week for MFRA will enable staff and SHQ teams to focus on the needs of different Ethnic Minority groups who are most vulnerable to risk of fire (Chinese community , Asian community)

(d) Religion or Belief

As above

(e) Sex (include gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership and pregnancy or maternity)

N/A

(f) Sexual Orientation

N/A

(g) Socio-economic disadvantage

The delivery of additional fire safety support concentrated in a weeks activity will

benefit many hard to reach community people who are socially and economically disadvantaged

7. Decisions

If the policy/report/project will have a negative impact on members of one or more of the protected groups, explain how it will change or why it is to continue in the same way.

If no changes are proposed, the policy/report/project needs to be objectively justified as being an appropriate and necessary means of achieving the legitimate aim set out in 1 above.

The SMG report supports the Equality Groups effectively.

8. Equality Improvement Plan

List any changes to our policies or procedures that need to be included in the Equality Action Plan/Service Plan.

N/A

9. Equality & Diversity Sign Off

The completed EIA form must be signed off by the Diversity Manager before it is submitted to Strategic Management Group or Authority.

Signed off by:

Wendy Kenyon

Date:

7th August 2013

Action Planned	Responsibility of	Completed by

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MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE		
DATE:	19 DECEMBER 2013	REPORT NO:	CFO/142/13
PRESENTING OFFICER	DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER PHIL GARRIGAN		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	MYLES PLATT	REPORT AUTHOR:	MYLES PLATT
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TITLE OF REPORT:	BONFIRE PERIOD 2013		

APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A: DISTRICT PERFORMANCE COMPARISON TABLES.
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Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Authority of the activity and outcomes relating to the Bonfire period 2013.

Recommendation

2. That the Authority note the contents of this report relating to the Bonfire period 2013.

Introduction and Background

3. The recording period for the Bonfire period is defined as 19th October to 07th November inclusive.
4. Traditionally the bonfire period has always been a busy period for the Fire and Rescue Service typified by a seasonal rise in anti-social behaviour related incidents. Through work undertaken by the Prevention and Protection teams in each District of Merseyside, together with partners, co-ordinated by the Prevention team at SHQ.
5. As a result of this work Merseyside has seen a further reduction in incidents during this period when compared to the same period last year.
6. Across Merseyside there has been an overall reduction of 214 deliberate secondary fires when compared to 2012. A total 213 incidents were attended this year which makes the 2013 period the quietest Bonfire period on record with a 50% drop from 2012.
7. Liverpool had the highest number of incidents with 113, followed by Wirral 33, Sefton 24, Knowsley 24 and St Helens 19.

8. All five districts saw significant reductions when compared to 2012 (Liverpool Districts split North and South figures can be seen in Appendix 1)

District	Total Secondary Fires Attended	Percentage Reduction compared to 2011
Knowsley	24	-43%
Liverpool	113	-47%
Sefton	24	-59%
St Helens	19	-60%
Wirral	33	-49%
Overall	213	-50%

9. A multi-agency debrief was held on 15th November 2013 at SHQ and was well attended. Many areas of good practice were noted and several recommendations were identified in order to improve on next year's plan. These will be considered following further meetings with individual departments in January 2014, they include development of environmental considerations, review of standards of Personal Protection Equipment in accordance with activity, more robust engagement with skip companies.
10. Each District was responsible for producing a local Bonfire Plan that complemented the Service Wide Plan which was shared with members prior to the period beginning. Local planning and service delivery specific to each District co-ordinated and supported from the centre has had a positive effect on reducing the number of incidents.
11. District Advocates and District Prevention Managers were given the responsibility over the period to make resources available outside of core hours to maximise availability at peak time of demand.
12. Numerous community engagement activities took place across Merseyside which included 'Horror events' on key stations/locations, Cage Soccer, climbing wall, community bonfires, local firework displays, community football events and a Liverpool based 'adopt a street' scheme. 'Adopt a street' involves an individual, either member of the public or MFRS staff member, taking ownership of a street to manage risk and assist their neighbours prevent incidents. For example returning wheelie bins to a safe position following collection for residents who are less able.
13. Waste reclamation and the removal of combustible materials took place in each District, including tipper truck patrols staffed by MFRS, Police Cadets, Local Authorities, Fire Support Network and the Probation Services Community Payback Scheme. Residential Social Landlords arranged and publicised local skip days, waste stations and community clearance schemes. Private waste management firms were also involved in removing bonfire debris.
14. There has been a reduction in wheelie bin fires of 39% when compared with 2012, showing a drop from 116 to 71 incidents. This has been particularly pleasing in light of the change in waste collections in each Local Authority.

15. Operational crews increased their involvement over the period patrolling station areas and carrying out environmental impact assessments. This allowed for fly-tipped debris to be reported centrally with the details passed to the relevant Authorities to initiate removal. Crews also had a visible presence at key community events and community engagement activities.
16. Vehicle fires decreased after a rise was noted the previous year. This was down to 42 vehicle fires when compared to 60 in 2012.
17. Building on the success of last year, a full service wide 'Bonfire Sweep' was operated on 6th November whereby operational appliances were mobilised within their respective station areas to extinguish smouldering fires in known troublesome areas. This resulted in 108 smouldering remains being doused which prevented them being rekindled that evening. This assisted in a drop from 104 fire calls attended on 6th November 2011, to 24 this year and a reduction of 17% when compared to 2012.
18. The Service attended 16 fireworks related incidents over the period which resulted in damage to property. All incidents involved fireworks which can be purchased by adults from retail premises. No incidents involved category 4 professional fireworks (display fireworks not intended for public use). The Incident Investigation Team attended 55 incidents over the period with the peak demand on Bonfire night. This was comparable to the 57 incidents attended in 2012.
19. In 2013 there were 5 enforcements pending prosecutions due to break of firework legislation compared to 10 in 2012. The number of fireworks seized totalled half a tonne, similar to 2012.
20. The Firework Incident Research Safety Team (FIRST) continued to drive down misuse and inappropriate sales from over 350 separate premises authorised to retail fireworks. In addition the unregistered premises were also targeted with domestic premises, petrol stations and business premises visited over the period.
21. Fire Service Direct (FSD) handled 84 referrals for either bonfire materials removal or target hardening requests. The majority of calls (61) were on 5th November when requests for bonfire removal were at their maximum. This represented a 34% drop in referrals when compared to 2012. Extended operating hours allowed the public to report non-emergency incidents such as bonfire debris. FSD have continued to handle non-emergency calls after the Bonfire period allowing MACC to deal with real emergencies.
22. The Trojan Fire Appliance was made available but not deployed over the Bonfire period. This was due to no violence at work incidents being reported against fire crews. Three VAW incidents did occur, two of which were against FSN staff operating cage soccer and one was towards prevention staff carrying out their duties. Again this was a significant reduction in the number of VAW incidents when compared to last year.

23. All ASB related small fires were dealt with by operational crews on fire appliances. An assessment was made prior to the Bonfire period and analysis of historical data showed no additional resources were needed. This is a significant change from previous years when multiple small fires units were deployed over the bonfire period.
24. An Operational Support Room was established at MACC to provide enhanced control and monitoring of prevention activities over the key nights of 30th, 31st Oct, 2nd and 5th Nov 2013. The provision complimented MACC staffing and allowed for a safe and effective supervision of staff operating in key locations across Merseyside.
25. MACC logged 2670 emergency calls over the bonfire period. This was a significant reduction in calls for service from 2012 when 3262 incident logs were created representing an 18% drop.
26. Merseyside Police continued to provide high levels of contact and involvement throughout the Bonfire Period. Commencing with the planning meetings in June 2012 to allow for suitable arrangements to be made to the Bonfire Plan and Operation Banger. Improved lines of communication between Merseyside Police and MFRA staff has contributed to more coherent and co-ordinated approach to incidents over the Bonfire period. It is anticipated that this will be further enhanced next year through the provision of the Joint Control Centre.
27. Police Silver Control was in operation on the key nights with a MFRA Station Manager located in the Police control room to act as liaison between the Police and the Operational Support Room at MACC. This proved extremely useful in the transfer of intelligence between both parties and was found to allow a fast response process to be initiated.

Equality and Diversity Implications

28. An Equality Impact Assessment was completed during the planning phase for the Bonfire period 2013. Report CFO/120/13 Bonfire Period Campaign 2013
29. Targeted interventions aimed at reassuring vulnerable members of the community were carried out across each District.

Staff Implications

30. The multi-agency debrief carried out on 15th November 2013 identified the positive contribution made by the flexible use of Community Fire Prevention staff over the period as detailed in the recently negotiated flexible working contracts signed by all prevention staff. This ensured that teams were out on the front line at key times of the day and night when the risk was at its greatest.

Legal Implications

31. All enforcement actions carried out as a result of the Bonfire period 2013 are considered by the Authorities legal team and will be included in a year-end report detailing all enforcements and prosecutions during 2013.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

32. All activity associated with the Bonfire Period 2013 were financed from existing budgets.
33. For indicative purposes this report demonstrates that the reduction of 214 secondary fires over the target period delivers a non-cashable saving to the community of £446,823.44. This is based on an estimate that each secondary fire attended having an average cost value of £2,087.96 as detailed in *Department of Communities and Local Government:- Cost of Fire Q2 2013 Estimate*.
34. Again, vehicles fires saw a reduction of 18 fires and at an average cost of £4,939.04 per vehicle represents a saving of £88,902.72 using the same data source.
35. The combined indicative savings to the community over the bonfire period totalling £535,726.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

36. An updated risk assessment relating to bonfire removal was published prior to the period commencing.
37. Training courses were run by the Driving School at the Training and Development Academy for Prevention staff to be familiarised with issues concerning the operation and use of tipper trucks.
38. Input from the Environmental Officer in the bonfire planning phase will be included for 2014 to ensure full consideration is given to the environmental benefits and factors including recycling waste.

Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters*

39. It can be seen from the reduction in mobilisations to incidents that the effect of the Bonfire plan has played a significant role in making the Communities of Merseyside Safer and Stronger. The reduction in journeys to and attendances at fires has assisted in reducing risk to staff.
40. Through extensive Partnership working with RSLs, Community Groups, Local Councillors, Private Commerce, Other Emergency Services, Skip Companies, Probation Service and other local groups has resulted in less Anti-Social Behaviour fires and other incidents over the period making the Communities of Merseyside safer.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

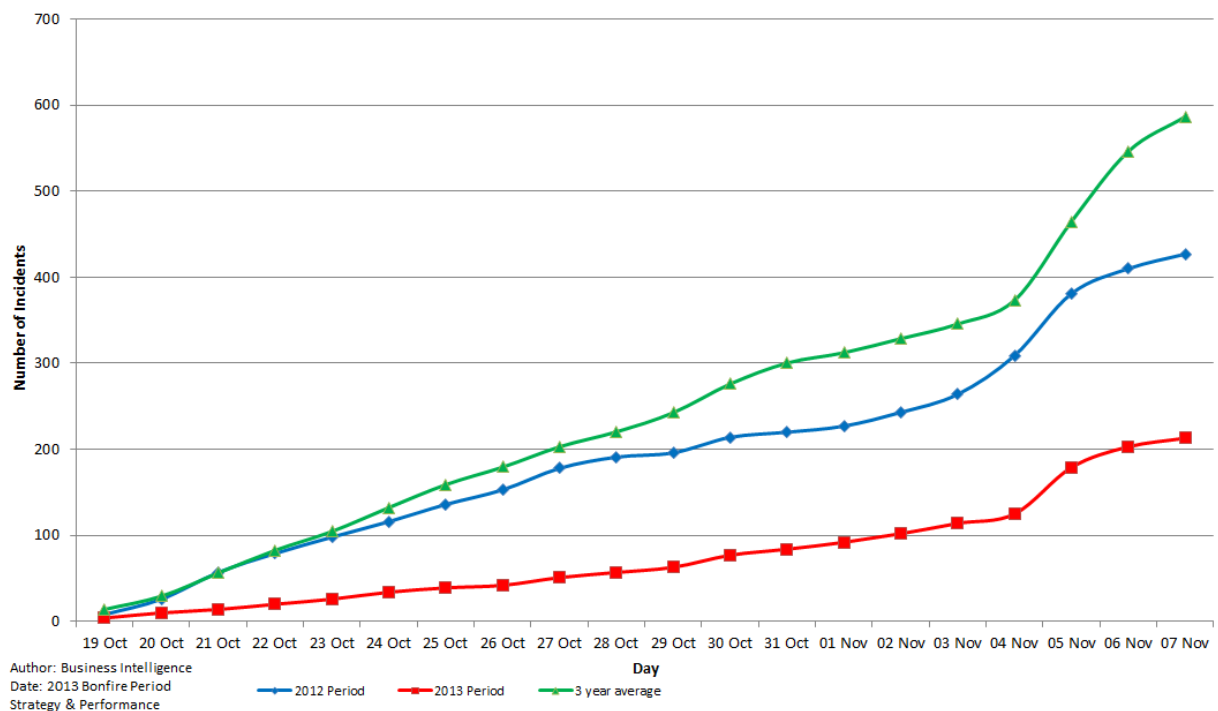
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
DMT	District Management Team
KIM	Knowledge and Information Management
FIRST	Firework Incident Research & Safety Team
FHQ	Force Headquarters (Merseyside Police)
IIT	Incident Investigation Team
MACC	Mobilising and Communications Centre
MFRS	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
OSR	Operational Support Room
RSL	Residential Social Landlord
SFU	Small Fires Unit
SHQ	Service Headquarters (MFRS)
MFRA	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

APPENDIX A:**District performance:**

District	2012 Bonfire Period	2013 Bonfire Period	Comparison	%
Knowsley	42	24	-18	-42.9%
Liverpool	213	113	-100	-46.9%
Liverpool N	169	92	-77	-45.6%
LiverpoolS	44	21	-23	-52.3%
Sefton	59	24	-35	-59.3%
St Helens	48	19	-29	-60.4%
Wirral	65	33	-32	-49.2%
Overall	427	213	-214	-50.1%

Fig 1: District comparison between 2012 and 2013

**Cumulative comparison of Deliberate Secondary Fires in Merseyside
between 2012, 2013 and the 3 year average, by Day**

**Fig 2: Cumulative total secondary fires comparison between 2012, 2013 and 3 year average.**

The following graph shows total number of ASB secondary fires attended for past 5 years over the recording period.

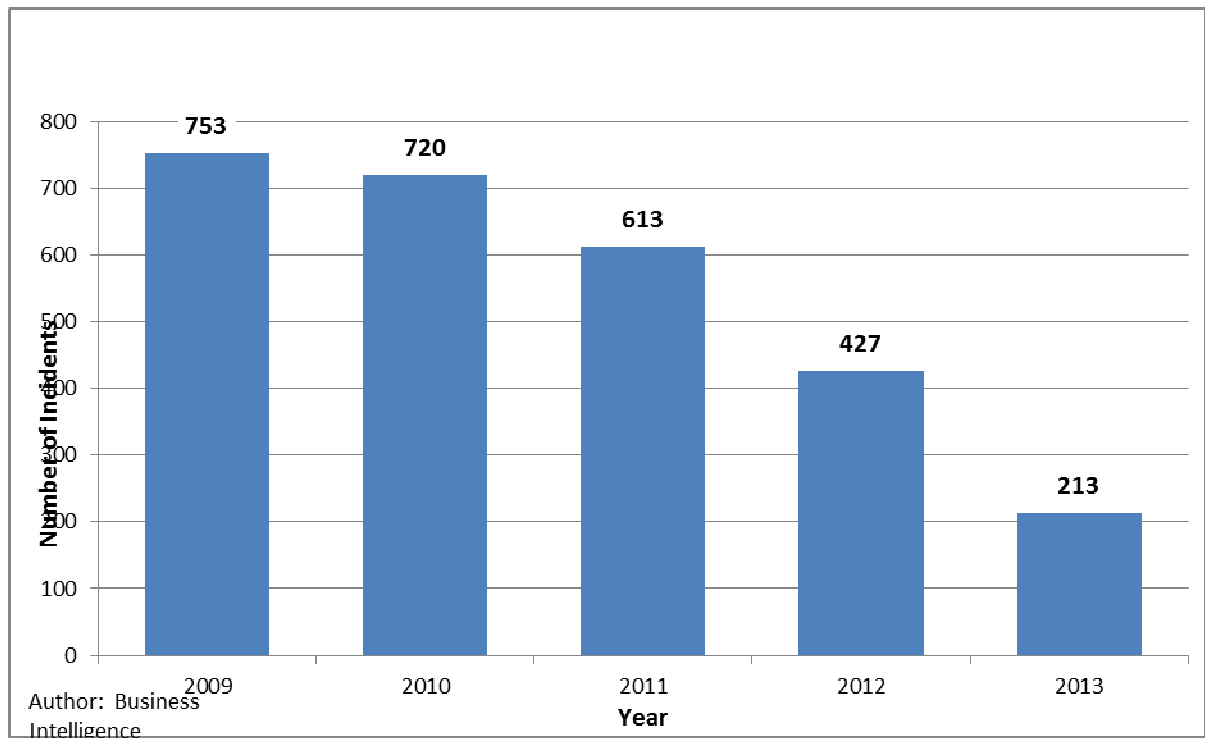


Fig 3: Five year totals for ASB secondary fires attended.