

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE:	SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
DATE:	16 TH JANUARY 2020	REPORT NO:	CFO/006/20
PRESENTING OFFICER	ACFO MOTTRAM		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	GM HEAD	REPORT AUTHOR:	GM HEAD
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TITLE OF REPORT:	FIRES IN WASTE TRANSFER SITES		

APPENDICES:

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of current National and Local fires in Waste Sites and the actions being taken by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority to reduce such incidents and deal with them effectively.

Recommendation

2. That Members;
 - a. Note the current trends with regard to Fires in Waste Transfer Sites.
 - b. Note the responsibilities of other Partners roles with regard to approval and permits.
 - c. Note our current joint working with partners.

Introduction and Background

3. National and local fire incidents at Waste Transfer Sites place a high level of demand on MFRA resources and have significant impact on local residents and communities.
4. We look to support businesses to manage their premises safely and where appropriate to enter in to formal arrangements through the Primary Authority Scheme.
5. It is equally important to work closely with partner agencies to ensure a consistent approach and pool expertise and resources.

Equality and Diversity Implications

6. Waste Transfer sites on Merseyside are often found in close proximity to residential areas, it is important that we protect our communities through effective prevention and response activity, particularly those who are most vulnerable to the effects of fire.

Staff Implications

7. The Protection Department contains a designated Waste Fires Officer and a number of Waste Fire Tactical Officers.

Legal Implications

8. Upon MFRS responding to any such incidents and/ or providing advice on the same, Officers do so in accordance with the relevant legislation and subsequent powers.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

9. The Primary Authority Scheme is self-funding, with agreed remuneration with each partner.
10. The funding for the Protection Officer, is contained within the current Protection Structure.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

11. There is Site Specific Risk Information (SSRI) for Waste Transfer Sites.
12. MFRA works closely with the Environment Agency.

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

13. The actions being taken by MFRA to reduce incidents within waste transfer sites and to deal with any such incidents effectively, will help to reduce the amount of fire incidents, minimise risk to Operational Personnel; and prevent and reduce the impact on our communities.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
