

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

FEEDBACK REPORT TO THE

PERFORMANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF CLG FRS ATTENDANCE TIMES 2014/15

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**APPENDICES: APPENDIX A: REVIEW OF CLG FIRE & RESCUE
ATTENDANCE TIMES 2014/15**

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Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members scrutinise the attached report concerning an analysis of CLG Fire & Rescue Attendance Times 2014/15. The data within the report has been sourced from CLG and compares MF&RS attendance times for Dwelling Fires and Primary Fires against fellow Metropolitan Fire & Rescue Services

Introduction and Background

2. The purpose of this briefing paper is to provide a summary of how Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service performed within the recent CLG Publication: "Fire Incidents Response Times: April 2014 to March 2015, England."
3. At an England level, the CLG report provides the following summary:
 - I. The average response time to attend a Dwelling Fire was 7 minutes 45 seconds
 - II. The average response time to attend a Dwelling Fire involving a casualty or rescue was 7 minutes 32 seconds

- III. The average response time to all Primary Fires was 8 minutes 43 seconds
- IV. The average response time for predominantly urban FRS to Primary Fires was 7 minutes 42 seconds
- V. The average response time predominantly rural FRS to Primary Fires was 10 minutes 50 seconds.
- VI. During 2014/15, all Metropolitan FRS had slower attendance times than in previous years

Comparison of Merseyside against the Metropolitan Fire & Rescue Services

Dwelling Fires

4. Merseyside has the fastest attendance time of all the Metropolitan FRS, with a time of 00:06:35 minutes. When compared across all English FRS, only Cleveland is quicker with a time of 00:05.27 minutes.
5. When compared against the English average of 00:07:45 minutes, Merseyside is well ahead of this performance, as are the majority of Metropolitan FRS's with the exception of South Yorkshire, which attended Dwelling Fires, on average in 00:07:59 minutes.

Primary Fires

6. Greater London has the quickest attendance time for primary fires of all the Metropolitan FRS with 00:06.51 minutes (marginally quicker than Merseyside). When compared across all English FRS, only Cleveland is quicker, with a time of 00:06.24.
7. When compared against the English average of 00:08:43 minutes, Merseyside is well ahead of this performance, as are the majority of Metropolitan FRS's with the exception of South Yorkshire which attended Primary Fires within 00:08:52 minutes.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. This report does not directly have any Equality and Diversity Implications for Merseyside as it is reporting national figures.

Staff Implications

9. There are no staff implications directly linked to this report. This report is for information only.

Legal Implications

10. MFRA have a statutory duty for the provision of firefighting.

11. This report uses data obtained from CLG. The report acknowledges that CLG are the source for the data obtained in this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

12. This report is for information purposes only.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

13. This report is for information purposes only.

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

14. This report reflects the excellent performance of Merseyside fire crews in attending Dwelling Fire and Primary Fire incidents. Due to that the time of attendance is amongst the quickest in England it contributes to our mission by keeping our communities safer .

Recommendation

15. That Members;
- a) Consider performance in relation to this report concerning attendance times of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service appliances to Dwelling and Primary Fire incidents.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

FRS Fire & Rescue Service

CLG Communities & Local Government