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Report by Councillor K Bool to Council under Item 13 – Joint Arrangements and External Organisations

Issues to be highlighted to Council

Dear Members,

Please find set out below my final report for the Combined Fire Authority for this municipal period.

Deployment of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Firefighters

The team of four Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service firefighters returned safely from the International Search and Rescue deployment in Turkey following the recent earthquakes, during which the UK team rescued eleven people from collapsed buildings as well as providing humanitarian aid to many more. The Service is extremely proud of their achievements in such awful circumstances.

Turn Table Ladder

Following an extensive training period, the Turn Table ladder entered operational service on 13 February 2023, and just a few hours later it was deployed to a six pump fire involving a thatched pub in Lutterworth.

Incidents

There have been 319 incidents within Rutland from April 2022 – February 2023 inclusive, an increase of 28 from the 3-yearly average. Of those 319 incidents:

- 65 were fire related incidents;
- 113 were false alarms; and
- 121 were non-fire related incidents.

Non fire related incidents include:

- Road Traffic Collisions;
- Assisting other agencies such as the Police and East Midlands Ambulance;
- Medical Related incidents.

The increase is linked to the extreme weather conditions experienced during July and August.

Industrial Action

Industrial action has been avoided with the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) accepting an improved offer over the next 2 years. (7% for 2022 and 5 % for 2023.)

Home Safety Checks

The Service have completed 768 Home Safety Checks in Rutland between April 2022 – February 2023 inclusive. As part of the checks, the Service has installed 218 smoke alarms, 20 carbon monoxide alarms and 5 alarms for the hard of hearing.

Fire Safety Audits

The Service have engaged with 55 local businesses within Rutland and completed a fire safety audit.

Community Safety Activities

The Service has attended 74 community events in Rutland between April 2022 – February 2023 inclusive, events include:

- School Visits;
- Station Visits;
- First Aid training;
- Road Traffic Collision awareness workshops;
- Ukrainian open day in collaboration with Rutland County Council, Police, Housing etc

Fire Cadets

Uppingham Station will start their fire cadets' course after the Easter break, this has been sponsored by the High Sherriff of Rutland, this follows the Fire Skills course that was held there last year.

Additional Information

- Peppers Mental Health charity meet at Oakham station every week.
- Guide Dogs for the Blind utilise Oakham station for their regional management meeting.
- Bikeability utilise the station to deliver cycling safety instruction to home schooled young people in Rutland.