

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

DATE: 5 October 2017



LEAD OFFICER: Glyn Parry-Jones - Borough Commander for Surrey Heath, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service

SUBJECT: Surrey Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report 2016-17

DIVISION: All Surrey Heath divisions

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The attached report outlines the major strands of activity undertaken within Surrey Heath area by the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) teams based at Camberley and Chobham Fire Stations during 2016 – 17.

The report contains information on the various activities undertaken by the Borough team to reduce the risk from fire, water and road traffic incidents to the residents of Surrey Heath Borough, including direct contact, public education programmes and campaigns

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to:

- (i) Recognise the achievements of the borough teams within Surrey Heath and support their commitment to further improve initiatives to reduce risk and make Surrey Heath safer through the delivery of the Borough Plan.
- (ii) Support SFRS as it continues its best endeavours to promote installation of working smoke alarms.
- (iii) Recognises and support activities carried out with the aim of reducing Wildfires within Surrey Heath
- (iv) Recognise the collaborative work undertaken by SFRS within the Borough for co-responding with SECAM, Gaining entry at incidents to free up Police time and resources, and assisting Police in search for high risk missing persons.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To provide an update to the Local Committee (Surrey Heath) on the activities of SFRS teams within the Surrey Heath Borough.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 SFRS report annually to the Surrey Heath Local Committee. The annual report for 2016/17 can be accessed at [SFRS Performance up to March 2017](#).

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 Safe and Well Visits by Firefighters

With a target of 500, 572 Safe and Well Visits were carried out in Surrey Heath in 2016/17. Of those 306 (53%) were to vulnerable people, this is above the service average of 49%.

2.2 Premises Survey

95 Premises Surveys were carried out in Surrey Heath in 2016/17, concentrating on the Very High, High and Medium risk premises. Premises Surveys allow the service to gather and make available risk critical information to operational crews whilst attending operational incidents.

2.3 Number of primary fires

There were a total of 99 primary fires in Surrey Heath during 2016/17 (target of 90). 57 (58%) of those fires occurred in a dwelling, of which 53 (93%) of them were accidental. 14 (14%) of those fires involved road vehicles, of which 11 (79%) of them were deemed to be accidental. The remaining primary fires occurred in various premises including hospitals and prisons.

2.4 Number of accidental dwelling fires

There were a total of 53 accidental dwelling fires in Surrey Heath during 2016/17. 17 (32%) of the 53 accidental dwelling fires had no automatic fire detection fitted. 31 (58%) of those fires started in the kitchen, of which 13 (42%) were caused by cooking. Of those 31 premises, 6 (19%) of them had no automatic fire detection fitted.

2.5 Number of accidental dwelling fires fatalities

There were no fatalities as a result of accidental dwelling fires in Surrey Heath in 2016/17.

2.6 Number of accidental dwellings fire injuries

10 people suffered injuries as a result of accidental dwelling fires in 2016/17. These 10 injuries occurred over 9 incidents in total, of which only 3 (33%) of the incidents had no automatic fire detection fitted. All 10 people were suffering from smoke inhalation.

2.7 Percentage of accidental dwelling fires confined to room of origin

Of the 53 accidental dwelling fires 40 (75%) were confined to the room of origin.

2.8 Percentage of accidental dwelling fires where no automatic fire detection was fitted

SFRS's target for this indicator is no more than 24%. 37% (20) of the 53 accidental dwelling fires in Surrey Heath did not have automatic fire detection

fitted. Having looked at the address data for all the incidents there is no geographical trend in their locations. Smoke detection was fitted and advice given after each incident had been resolved, if appropriate and not declined. Hot Strikes were carried out after each incident in line with SFRS policy.

2.9 Number of false alarms caused by automatic fire detection

SFRS attended 128 false alarms caused by automatic fire detection in Surrey Heath in 2016/17. The number of false alarms has continued to decrease over the last few years as a result of SFRS's automatic fire alarm reduction policy. Premises are also monitored for repeat offences and if the level reaches a threshold SFRS's technical fire safety department will visit the premises.

2.10 Number of non-domestic primary fires

Of the 11 non-domestic primary fires in Surrey Heath 3 of these occurred at HMP Coldingley. SFRS and HMP Service are working together to try and reduce the number of attendances.

2.11 Number of calls to malicious false alarms

There were only 2 calls to malicious false alarms in Surrey Heath in 2016/17.

2.12 Number of deliberate fires (excluding vehicles)

There were a total of 40 deliberate fires (excluding vehicles) in Surrey Heath in 2016/17. 30 (75%) of those were secondary fires, of which 22 (73%) involved undergrowth. Wildfire patrols have been introduced this year utilising the bicycles funded by Surrey Heath and Woking Borough Councils. In partnership with Surrey Search and Rescue, wildfire patrols are targeting incident hotspots to monitor and educate members of the public on the dangers of wildfires and how they can be prevented.

2.13 Number of deliberate vehicle fires

There were a total of 3 deliberate fires involving road vehicles in Surrey Heath in 2016/17.

2.14 Average Response time

The response standard to all primary fires in Surrey is for one fire appliance within 10 minutes on 80% of occasions. The average response time in Surrey Heath in 2016/17 was 8.59 minutes.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 This report is for information.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 The internal management team of Surrey Fire and Rescue are consulted on the Camberley and Chobham Station Plans.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The majority of work is undertaken utilising mainstream resources.
- 5.2 Collaboration work is via the Fire and Rescue Authority Transformation Fund.
- 5.3 Funding to facilitate the provision of equipment for the SFRS Wildfire Reduction Initiative in Surrey Heath Borough, was successfully applied for via the Community Safety Partnership grant application.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 Surrey Fire and Rescue Service aim to minimise risk to the population within all areas of their role. This report is for information.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 SFRS will continue to analyse historical data and work with partner agencies to identify areas of vulnerable people, carrying out Safe and Well Visits with the aim of reducing fires and increasing awareness of actions to take in the event of fire.
- 7.2 We will continue to work with community leaders and partners to improve our awareness of cultural needs, improving partnership working and increasing the use of the SFRS volunteer service.
- 7.3 We will continue to attend and contribute to the Surrey Heath CIAG terms of reference to address community safety issues within our remit.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 There has been continued positive work by SFRS in Surrey Heath. The Local Committee are asked to:
 - (i) Note that future targets for the Surrey Heath will be calculated by applying the five-year average percentage for each borough to the service target.

- (ii) Recognise the achievements of SFRS teams within Surrey Heath Borough for 2016/17 and support their commitment to further reduce risk going forward to make Surrey Heath safer through analysis of historical data and local knowledge, identifying areas, groups and individuals who may be more vulnerable to risk of fire.
- (iii) Recognise the establishment of SFRS's wildfire reduction initiative, sponsored by the Community Safety Partnership, and future progress in wildfire reduction activity within the Boroughs heath and common land areas.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 SFRS will continue to keep members regularly updated on future progress through the Community Safety Task Group and will attend/report on related matters at CIAG meetings.

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Consulted:

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Annexes:

N/A

Sources/background papers:

Surrey Heath Borough Plan 2016/2017

SFRS Public Safety Plan.

Web: www.surrey-fire.gov.uk

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