

## **LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**

Meeting to be held on Monday 23rd April 2018

### **FIRE PROTECTION REPORTS**

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#### **Executive Summary**

This report deals with Lancashire Fire And Rescue Service (LFRS) prosecutions in respect of fire safety management failures and arson incidents within the period 1 February 2018 to 1 April 2018.

In addition, Fire Protection and Business Support Information are included in the report.

#### **Recommendation**

The Authority is asked to note and endorse the report.

### **FIRE SAFETY CONVICTIONS**

#### **Prosecutions under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RRO)**

Investigations into two premises in Blackpool are in the final stages, with interviews under Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 carried out Mid-April. Once completed, case conferences will be held with the potential of moving forward to summons and prosecution.

### **FIRE PROTECTION & BUSINESS SUPPORT INFORMATION**

#### LFRS Protection Seminar 2018

Lancashire FRS hosted a Fire Safety seminar which generated interest across the North West region. All surrounding fire services attended the day at Lancashire's Training Centre in Chorley in addition to private risk assessors, primary authority partners and local authorities.

Interest was sparked due to the subject matter that was presented. All subject matters were of an elevated interest due to the recent events of the largest fatal fire in decades which will likely see massive changes within the Fire Sector. The day's event was completely full and attendees included representatives from NW fire services and all Primary authority partners. Talks included:

- Reflections post Grenfell - Nick Coombe( London Fire Brigade)
- Fire test certification and real fire case studies - Tony Ryan (Director KingSpan)
- Residential Care Homes - fire case study - Paul MacDonald (Hertfordshire FRS)
- The role of the risk assessor & Enforcement in Specialised Housing - Warren Spencer (Blackhurst Budd).

Further information and feedback from the event will be in the next addition of Fire Magazine.

#### LFRS Prevention and Protection Seminar 2018

On 3 May 2018 LFRS will be hosting a Prevention and Protection half day seminar at Service Training Centre. Attendees will be from the North West Region.

Mark Andrews, Assistant Chief Fire Officer for East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service will be delivering an awareness session on specialised housing.

#### Primary Authority Scheme (PAS)

Since the last update three new Primary Authority partnerships with LFRS have been authorised by the Secretary of State and included in the Primary Authority Scheme:

**The Regenda Group** – have 13,000 properties operating in over 30 local authority areas across the North West region.

**Warwick Estates Property Management Ltd** - National managing agents with 7 Area office buildings and over 600 premises consisting of high and low rise flats, Houses of multiple occupancy and rented properties.

**Daniel Thwaites PLC** – currently based in Blackburn, with premises consisting of 17 Hotels/Inns/Spas and over 250 tenanted public houses across the Country.

LFRS is also at various stages of negotiation with 4 further partnerships:

**St Catherine's Hospice Care** - A local charity running 18 shops across Lancashire and the hospice and The Mill in Bamber Bridge.

**Student Roost** - Providing various types of student accommodation nationally.

**Progress Housing Group Limited** - Provides 11,000 homes for rent in England and Scotland, one of the UK's leading social housing providers.

**Trust Inns Ltd** - Own just under 400 public houses across the country.

A Primary Authority Scheme enables a business to form a legally recognised partnership with a single local authority. This 'primary authority' provides the business with robust and reliable regulatory advice which other local authorities must take into account in their dealings with the business. In this way, Primary Authority promotes consistency and fairness in the way that regulations are enforced locally.

For further information on a Primary Authority partnership with LFRS, businesses can email [PAS@lancsfirerescue.org.uk](mailto:PAS@lancsfirerescue.org.uk)

## **ARSON RISK REDUCTION**

### Arson convictions

There are no arson convictions to report during the period.

**Business Risk**

Moderate – Members need to be aware of prosecutions related to fire safety activity and/or arson within Lancashire in order to satisfy themselves that the required robust approach is being pursued.

**Environmental Impact**

None

**Equality and Diversity Implications**

None

**HR Implications**

None

**Financial Implications**

None

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985  
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:		