



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
Creating Safer Communities

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority
Community Safety Committee

ARBORETUM: SAFER HOUSES CAMPAIGN

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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Purpose of Report:

To update Members on the outcomes of the Arboretum Safer Houses campaign which took place on 14 February 2018.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Arboretum Ward is amongst the 20% most deprived Wards in the country and consistently has the highest rates of crime and anti-social behaviour in Nottingham. Annually Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) attends over 250 incidents in the Ward and intentional fire-setting is slightly higher in the Arboretum than elsewhere in the City.
- 1.2 The transient nature and the diversity of the communities that live within the Ward makes it one of NFRS's most challenging Wards when it comes to prevention activities.
- 1.3 Partnership working in the Arboretum is essential to engage local communities, improve relationships and understanding, and to work towards the vision of creating safer communities.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Multi-agency planning for an Arboretum Safer Houses campaign took place on 5 February and involved representatives from NFRS, Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire Police, Nottingham City Homes, the NHS and third sector organisations such as Framework UK and Take One Studios.
- 2.2 On 13 February, Community Protection Officers (CPOs) and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) delivered approximately 300 'We are Visiting Tomorrow' leaflets to inform residents of the campaign:
- 2.3 On 14 February the campaign was delivered by members the NFRS Prevention Team, NFRS Protection Team, Crews from Stockhill (Stn20), CPOs, PCSOs, Environmental Health Officers and our seconded Occupational Therapist.
- 2.4 Approximately 300 properties were 'door-knocked' of which approximately 100 received safety advice and leaflets (which included advice on domestic abuse, recycling, fire safety and crime prevention).
- 2.5 Referrals for 30 home safety checks were generated and 10 were completed on the day.
- 2.6 NFRS Fire Protection concentrated resources on small businesses located on Bentinck Road and the top of Radford Road. 10 engagements took place which will lead to follow up activity.
- 2.7 A 'Prevention Stall' was located nearby at the Mary Potter Health Centre on Gregory Boulevard. Approximately 40 individuals received fire safety advice and a regular safety talk was arranged with the Acorn Resources Centre which provides day services for people with physical and sensory impairments.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, however there is a potential for wider financial efficiencies to have been realised by the preventative measures that were put in place on the day and the lessons learned that will inform the delivery of future such campaigns.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no human resources or learning and development implications arising from the report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

An equality impact assessment has not been undertaken because the purpose of this report is to provide a general update.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Working collaboratively with the Police on such campaigns supports the Authority's statutory duties under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 6.2 The Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership performance report indicates that Arboretum ward has consistently seen high levels of crime across a broad range of crime types. NFRS support to this partnership approach not only make residents and businesses safer from fire but also contributes to the reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Beyond the statutory prevention duty under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 there are no legal implications arising from this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

9. COLLABORATION IMPLICATIONS

This campaign directly supports a collaborative approach to working with key partners in the delivery of preventative activities and contributes to the Authority's statutory responsibilities.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of the report.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)

None

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