

**BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>The Chair and Members of the Council</b>
<b>Report Subject:</b>	<b>Feedback/Information from Outside Bodies: South Wales Fire &amp; Rescue Authority</b>
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Councillor Julie Holt</b>
<b>Report Date:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> September, 2019</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019</b>
<b>Date signed off by Monitoring Officer:</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> September, 2019</b>
<b>Date signed off by Section 151 Officer:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Date signed off by Chair:</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> September, 2019</b>

## Report Information Summary

<b>1.</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To provide feedback from the last meeting of the South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority giving an update on key issues and information of relevance to the Council.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Feedback Information</b>
2.1	<p><b>Role of Member on the Outside Body:- South Wales Fire and Rescue Service</b></p> <p><b>Date of Meeting:- 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2019</b></p> <p><b>Key Issues to feedback:-</b> (this will not include any exempt items or those that are confidential)</p> <p><b><u>10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019</u></b></p> <p>The meeting was specifically to welcome new members, elect a Chair and Vice Chair and to add members to other committees.</p> <p>I will be representing Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council on the Finance, Audit and Performance Committee, the Community Safety Partnership and The HR and Equality Committee.</p> <p><b><u>29<sup>th</sup> July, 2019</u></b></p> <p>The WAO Annual Improvement Report 2018/19 was presented for consideration. The report was brief but very positive and acknowledges that SWFR have taken on board comments around sustainability and the Welsh Language Bill and are making improvements in these areas.</p> <p><b><u>Incidents</u></b></p> <p>The main points are (graph has been sent to members via e mail):</p> <p>The total number of incidents for 2018/19 is dominated by the increase in deliberate grass fires in July when there were 143 incidents compared with 5 in 2017/18.</p>

The total number of incidents in 2018/19 has increased from 1,008 to 1,063 (+5.5%) and the total fires in 2018/19 have increased from 448 to 568 (+26.8%).

Deliberate refuse fires have reduced from 230 in 2017/18 to 199 in 2018/19, a reduction of 13.5% - these are usually as a result of Anti-Social Behaviour e.g. setting bins on fire in parks

Road traffic collisions have reduced from 55 in 2017/18 to 36 this year, a reduction of 34.5%, with extrication of persons falling from 6 last year to 4 this year (-33.3%).

Other Special service calls are down on last year with incidents falling from 147 to 95 (-35.4%) and effecting entry /exit has reduced from 27 to 16 (-40.7%)

Flooding incidents reducing from 25 to 2 (-92.0%) and medical incidents – first responder also falling from 21 last year to 3 incidents this year (-85.7%).

Automatic false alarms (AFA) have decreased from 186 to 144 (-22.6%) compared to last year. AFAs in non-residential buildings have decreased from 115 to 61 (-47.0%). One factory had 6 AFA call outs in 2017/18 and this reduced to zero in 2018/19. We have seen an increase in AFA in dwellings however from 33 to 42 (+27.3%) mainly driven by human activity in self-contained sheltered housing (all different addresses). The overall number of incidents for good intent false alarm (FAGI) have increased from 153 to 212(+38.6%), with the increase coinciding with the extra grass fire incidents in July

*Councillor Julie Holt - 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2019*