INFORMATION PACK

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

For Information

1. EMPLOYERS CIRCULARS

EMP/8/19 – Transitional Protections Pensions Claims Interim Order on Remedy

2. CAMPAIGNS

2.1 Tackling Arson Together Campaign: Safer Neighbourhoods

In Cleveland 85% of our fire calls are for deliberate fires and arson is a problem in Cleveland. We are also aware that these incidents peak around school holiday periods particularly in the spring as the nights begin to get lighter. Hence this campaign will run from 1 March – 31 May 2020.

The campaign will highlight the cost of arson to Cleveland each year and focus on getting our communities to work together to tackle arson with a call to action to report issues. It will take a multi-channel approach and we will also target the top three wards with the most deliberate fires in each district.

Alongside this, the Communications team are working with Area Manager Prevention to organise a conference 'Tackling Arson Together', to be held on 4 March 2020. This will be aimed at Chief Executives / Officers and Directors of Service in Local Authorities, Police and Fire Services, Chairs of CDRP / Safer Partnerships and Partners involved in community cohesion and regeneration projects, in a bid to highlight the essential need for partnership working to reduce ASB and Arson; reducing the effects on people, communities and local economies.

2.2 Stay Safe and Warm Campaign

This campaign continues to run until end of March 2020.

2.3 National Campaigns

The Brigade will support a range of national campaigns and awareness days including:

- NFCC Cooking Fire Safety month (February)
- NFCC Smoke Alarm Testing month (March)
- NFCC On-Call recruitment week (March)
- No Smoking Day (11 March)

3. EVENTS

3.1 Unveiling of Fire Brigades Union Firefighter Memorial – 24 February 2020

This event at Middlesbrough Community Fire Station will unveil the new memorial funded by the FBU Firefighters 100 Lottery. The memorial is in memory of Ronald Dixon who lost his life in service on 24 February 1969.

3.2 Workers Memorial Day 2020

The Brigade will once again be supporting Hartlepool Trades Union Council's Workers Memorial Day Remembrance Service & Wreath Laying Ceremony on Tuesday 28 April 2020.

The ceremony will take place at 12.30pm at Christ Church, Church Square, Hartlepool and the Brigade will be attending to pay respect to employees who have died through industrial accident or disease whilst at work.

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