

COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COUNCILLOR ALAN MATTHEWS – REPRESENTATIVE ON GM FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

I am providing here a summary of a report forwarded to me by the Fire and Rescue Authority. The full report will be uploaded following this meeting.

On 9 September the Service visited Bury College and gave an insight into the consequences of drink-driving. This included the wreckage of a crashed car which sadly resulted in the fatality of a young gentleman who had drunk 4 pints of cider before getting behind the wheels.

White Watch at Whitefield have been working with Elmsbank Special Arts College to allow pupils to provide a mural using their own artwork. The mural is now ready and will be located in the Community Room at Whitefield Fire Station.

I would like to commend Blue Watch Fire Fighter Mark Cafferky who has generously given his time to pass on his bike maintenance skills to young people in Bury. Mark held a pilot session at Whitefield Fire Station in August and now hopes to expand the scheme to people of all ages from year 5/6 primary school and beyond.

Community Safety Advisors have been delivering "Be Safe Be Cool" sessions to 12 schools across the Borough. The course is delivered in conjunction with partner organisations and focuses on the impact on anti-social behaviour.

Successful open days have been held at Bury and Ramsbottom Fire Stations on 3 and 10 August respectively.

Ian Bailey has taken up post as the Borough Manager for Bury – he will also have responsibility for Oldham and Rochdale. Ian's focus is to identify any areas of work being undertaken within the Public Sector Reform agenda and he would welcome any direction from members as to work/contacts that he may find useful.

The Service has recently won three awards within a week as follows:

- Progression Pathway was named Project of the Year at Fire Magazine's inaugural Excellence in Fire and Emergency Awards 2014;
- The Service won the Sustainability Business category of the North West Green Heroes Event;
- The Service was overall winner of the Leadership Achievement Awards 2014.

Full details are contained in the link below.

http://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/updates/news/22oct2014_gmfrs_adds_three_awards_to_its_collection/

Finally, the report contains a full update on performance against key Performance Indicators. As stated at the outset, this will be available on line.