

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

14 June 2016

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Reducing the Risk of Fire for Vulnerable People in Barking &amp; Dagenham</b>
<b>Report of the Borough Commander, London Fire Bridgade</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b> ALL	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
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<b>Sponsor:</b> Anne Bristow, Strategic Director, Service Development & Integration, London Borough of Barking & Dagenham	
<b>Summary:</b> <p>The London Fire Brigade, as part of its work on prevention of fires, has been actively involved in promoting improvements to the support provided to vulnerable people at heightened risk of fire. The Board will receive a presentation from the LFB Borough Commander, Steve Norman, which sets out the context, drawn from incidents of fire that have occurred, coroners' reports and recent changes to fire safety standards.</p> <p>He makes some recommendations for improvements, many of which are already being acted upon. The Board is therefore invited to review and comment on the actions being taken. In doing so, the Board may wish to note that one strand of the Better Care Fund plan, approved at the last Board meeting, concerns equipment and adaptations and may be a useful avenue for the work proposed around telecare and its role in fire prevention and response.</p>	
<b>Recommendation(s)</b> <p>The Barking and Dagenham Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to consider the information provided and note the proposed work to investigate the potential improvements identified by Mr Norman for the prevention of fires for vulnerable people.</p>	
<b>Reason(s)</b> <p>Vulnerable people can be at heightened risk of a fire occurring, and in the event of a fire can also be at greater risk of serious harm. Appropriate prevention measures are therefore important in response.</p>	