

WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY	FULL AUTHORITY	21 DECEMBER 2007	ITEM No.
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**REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF FIRE SAFETY
& COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT: TO INFORM MEMBERS OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE
FIRE SAFETY GROUP TOGETHER WITH HALF-
YEAR STATISTICS - 1 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER
2007**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE REPORT BE NOTED

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT DETAILS)

EXEMPTION CATEGORY: NONE

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Attached is a report detailing Fire Safety and Community Relations activity within the County for half-year April – September 2007, together with future service targets.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 During the year, we have increased the efforts put into fire safety by:
- Offering free home risk assessments to people most at risk from fire;
 - Expanding our work with young people who have a history of starting fires or of making false alarm calls;
 - Targeting our fire safety activities at people who are known to be at higher risk from fire;
 - Reducing the number of deliberate fires; and
 - Reducing the number of unwanted fire signals from automatic fire detection systems in commercial premises.
 - Developing our road safety policy.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

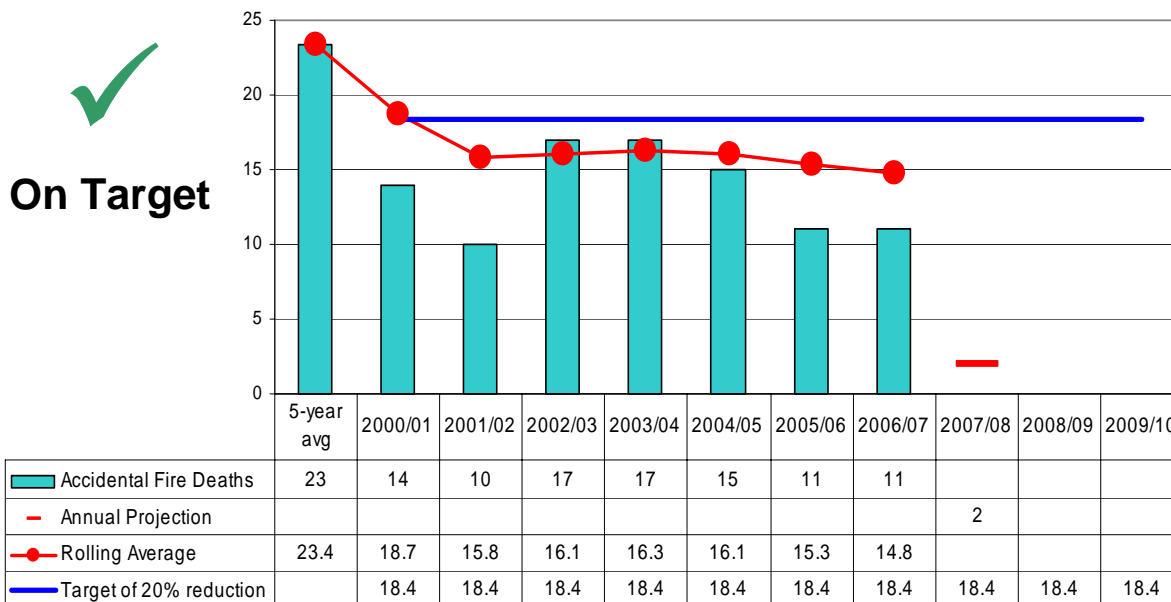
4. EQUALITY & FAIRNESS ISSUES

- 4.1 No equality and fairness issues to report

5. SUMMARY

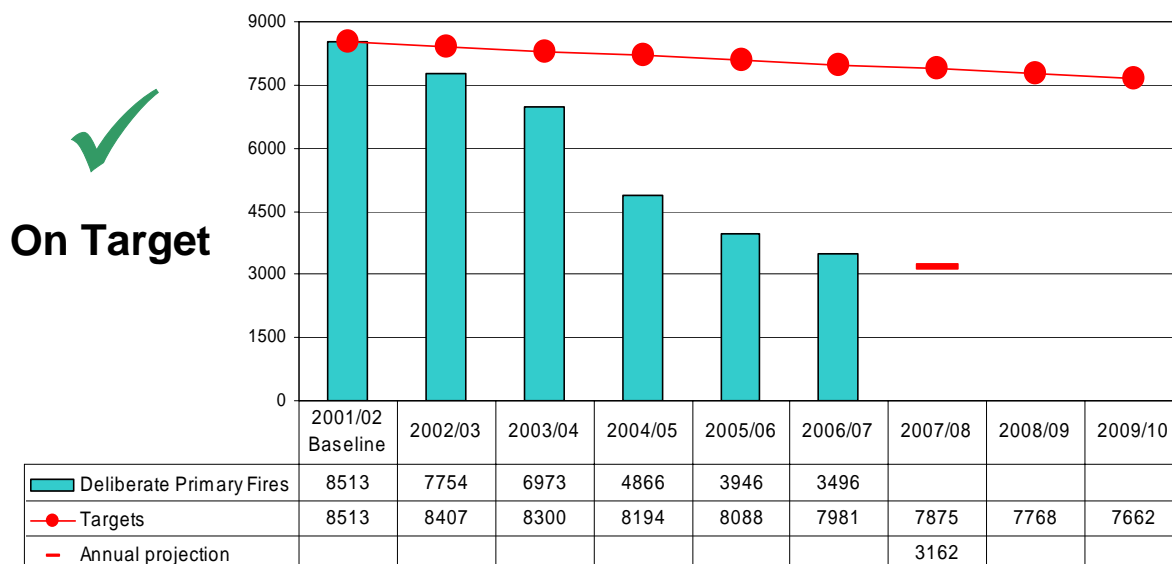
- 5.1 The attached report summarises our performance against national and locally set service targets for 2007, April to September.

PSA Target - To reduce the number of accidental fire-related deaths in the home by 20% averaged over the 11 year period to 2010 compared with the average recorded in the five year period to 1999 – with no local authority fire brigade having a fatality rate more than 1.25 times the national average by 2010.



Commentary – From 2001/02 WYFRA has consistently performed better than the set target. Only one accidental fire related death was recorded in the first six months of the 2007/08 financial year.

PSA Target - To reduce by 10% the number of deliberate primary fires by March 2010 from the 2001-2002 baseline.



Commentary – The Authority has achieved year on year improvement over the last 5 years and it is forecast to continue this trend.

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Local Target - Emergency calls

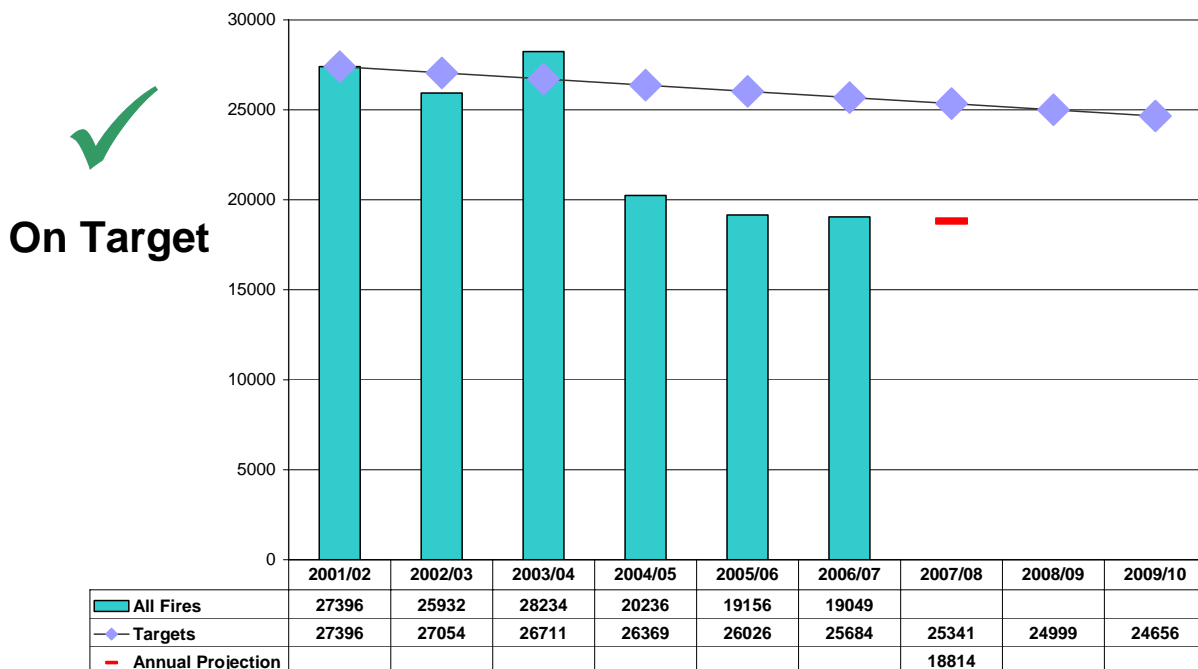
(Target: = 15% reduction from **51,748** to **43,986** by March 2010)



Commentary – The forecast for 2007/08 is within 10% of the set target and therefore it will be closely monitored to ensure performance remains on track.

Local Target - All fires

(Target = 10% reduction from **27,396** to **24,656** by March 2010)

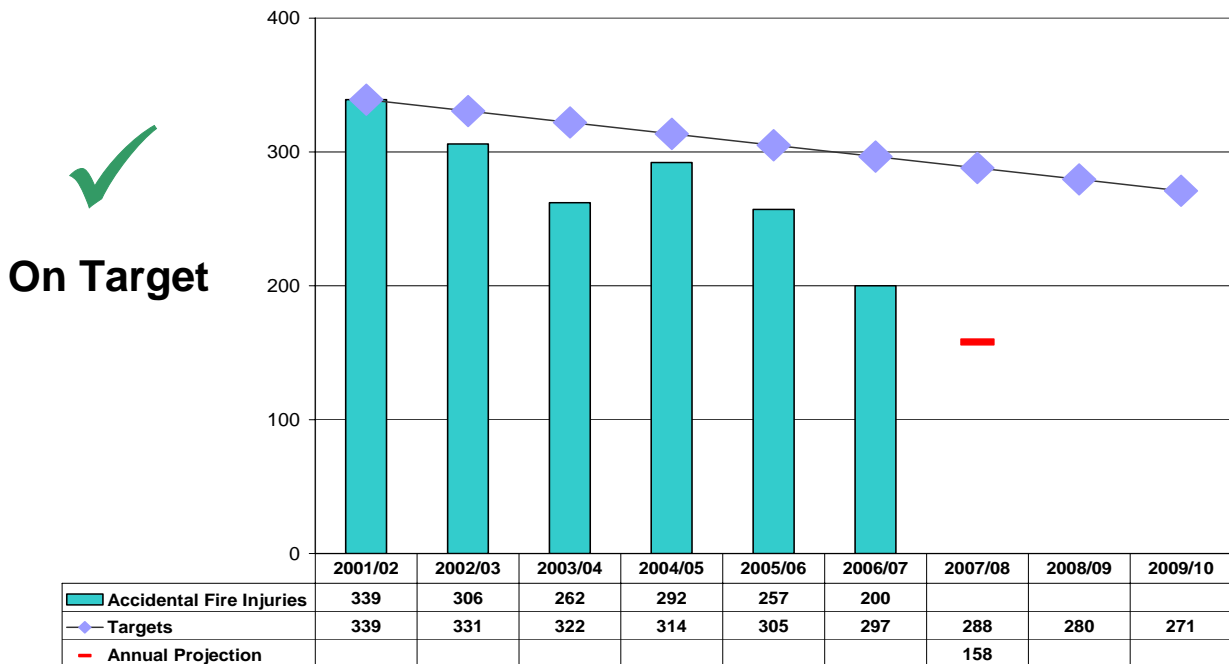


Commentary – The Authority has achieved year on year improvement over the last 3 years and it is forecast to continue this trend.

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Local Target - Accidental fire injuries

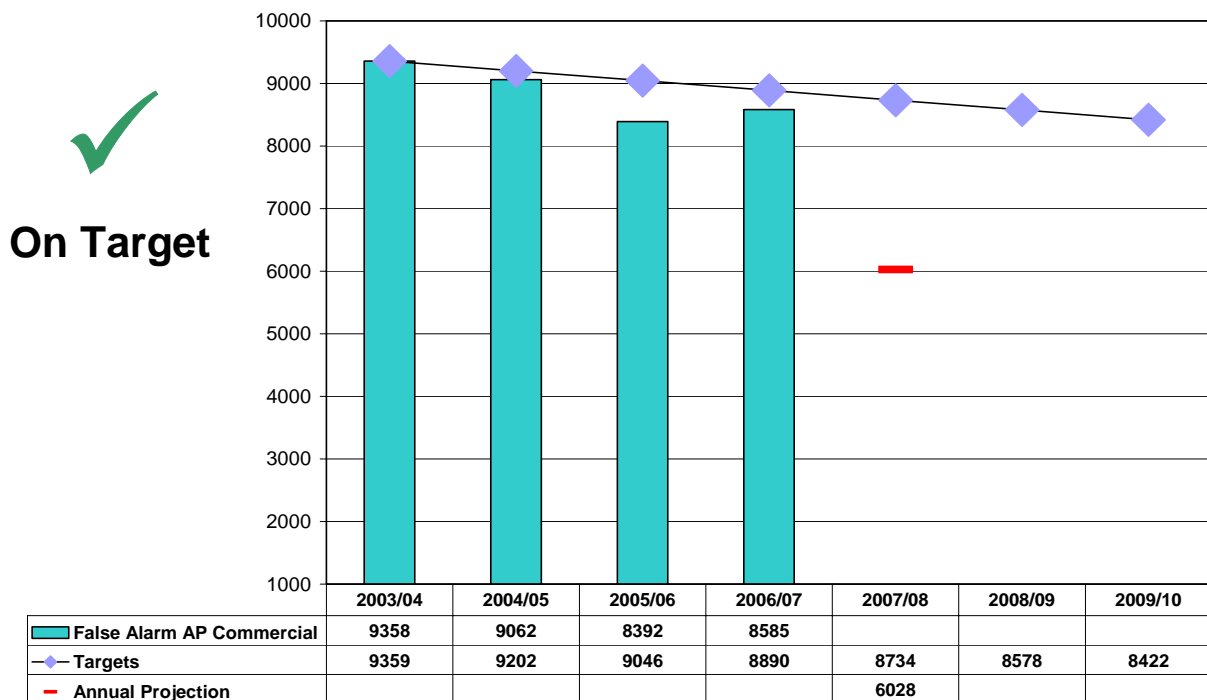
(Target = 20% reduction from **339 to 271** by March 2010)



Commentary – Continuous improvement has been achieved against this target.

Local Target - Unwanted fire signals from commercial AFD equipment

(Target = 10% reduction from **9,359 to 8,422** by March 2010)



Commentary – Significant improvement has been achieved against this indicator by targeting resources at, and effective liaising with, buildings owners who’s premises generate high levels of unwanted fire signals.

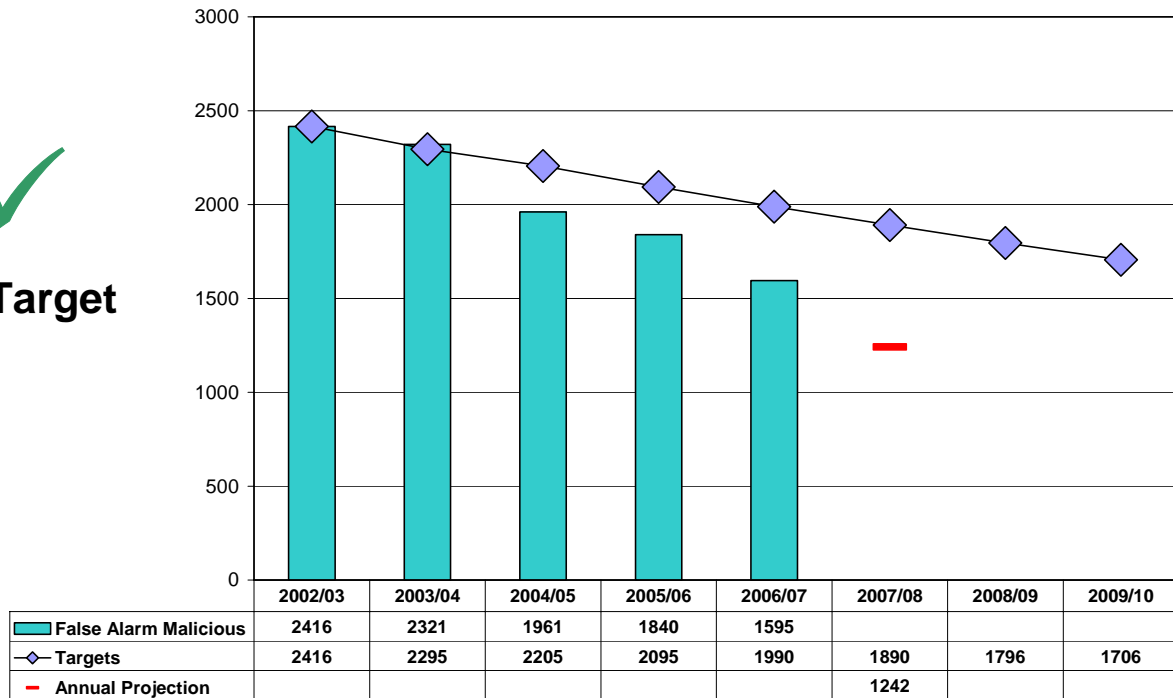
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Local Target - Malicious false alarms

(Target = **annual** 5% reduction from 2,416 to 1,706 by March 2010)

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On Target



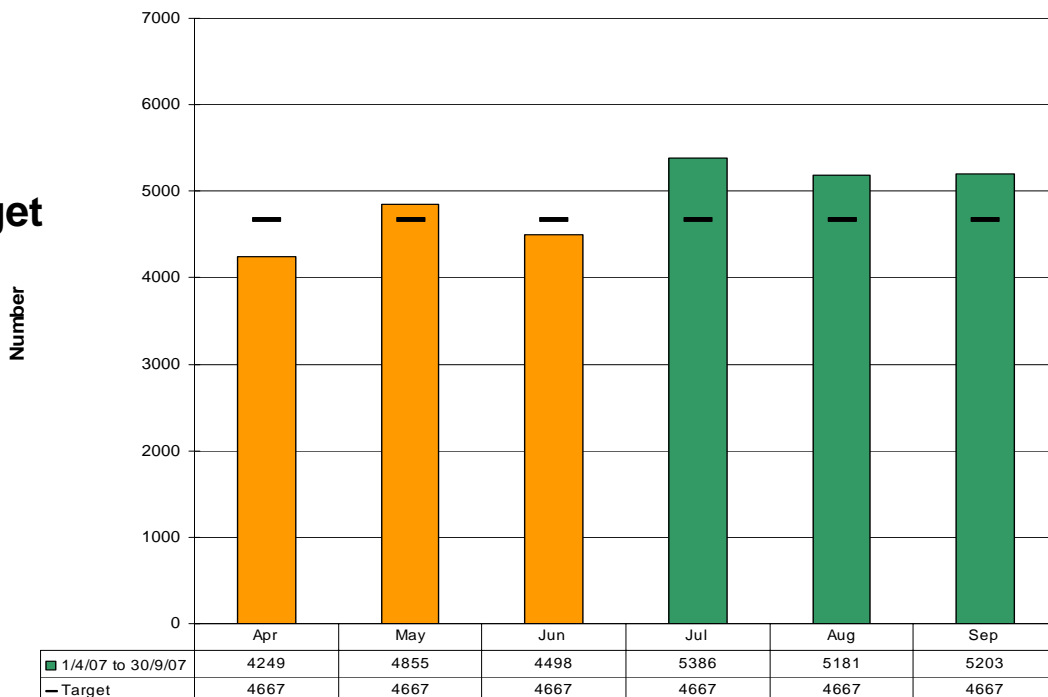
Commentary – The Authority has achieved year on year improvement over the last 4 years and it is forecast to continue this trend.

Local Target - ‘Home Fire Safety Checks’

(Target = **56,000 HFSC’s** by 31 March 2007 = 28,000 by 30 September)

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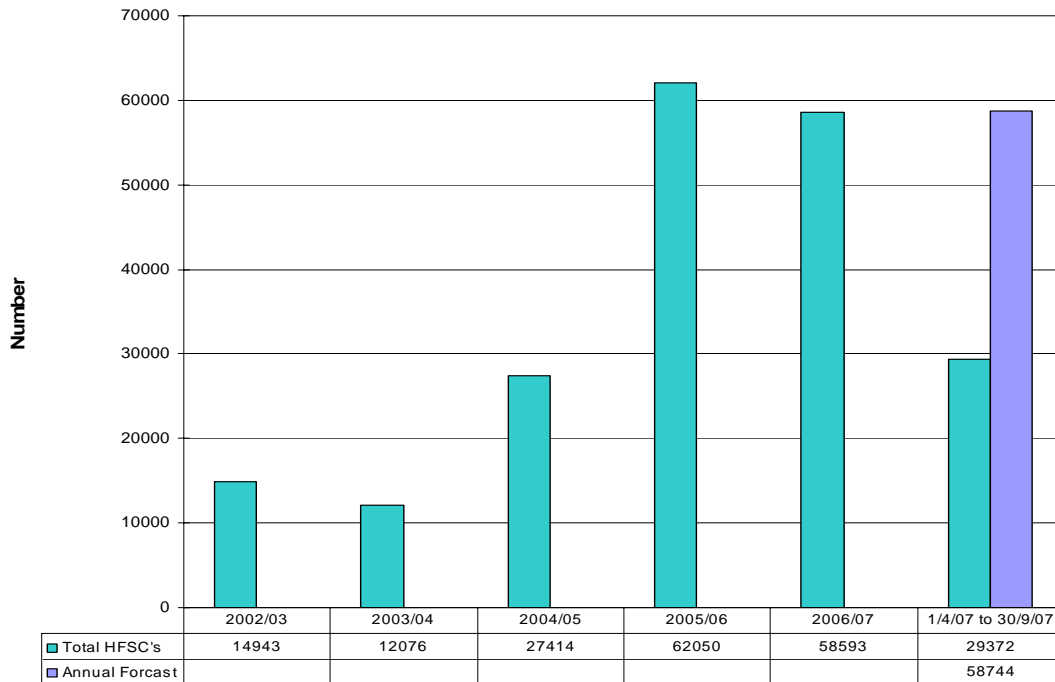
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Commentary – Total HFSC’s completed by 30 September 2007 was 29,372, over 50% of the annual target.

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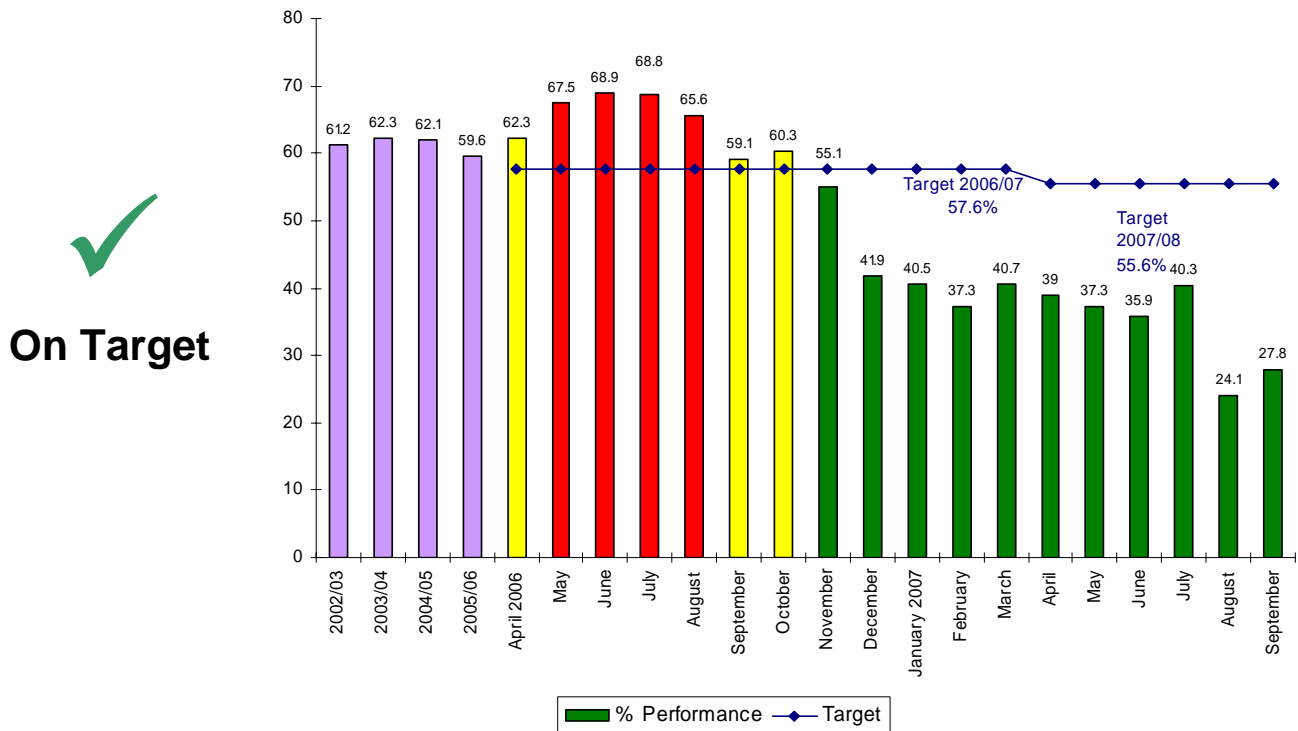
Local Target - ‘Home Fire Safety Checks’ - 6 Year Comparison – 02/03 to September 07/08



Commentary – Authority staff have completed over 200,000 HFSC's over the last 5.5 years.

Fire Safety - Smoke Alarm Ownership

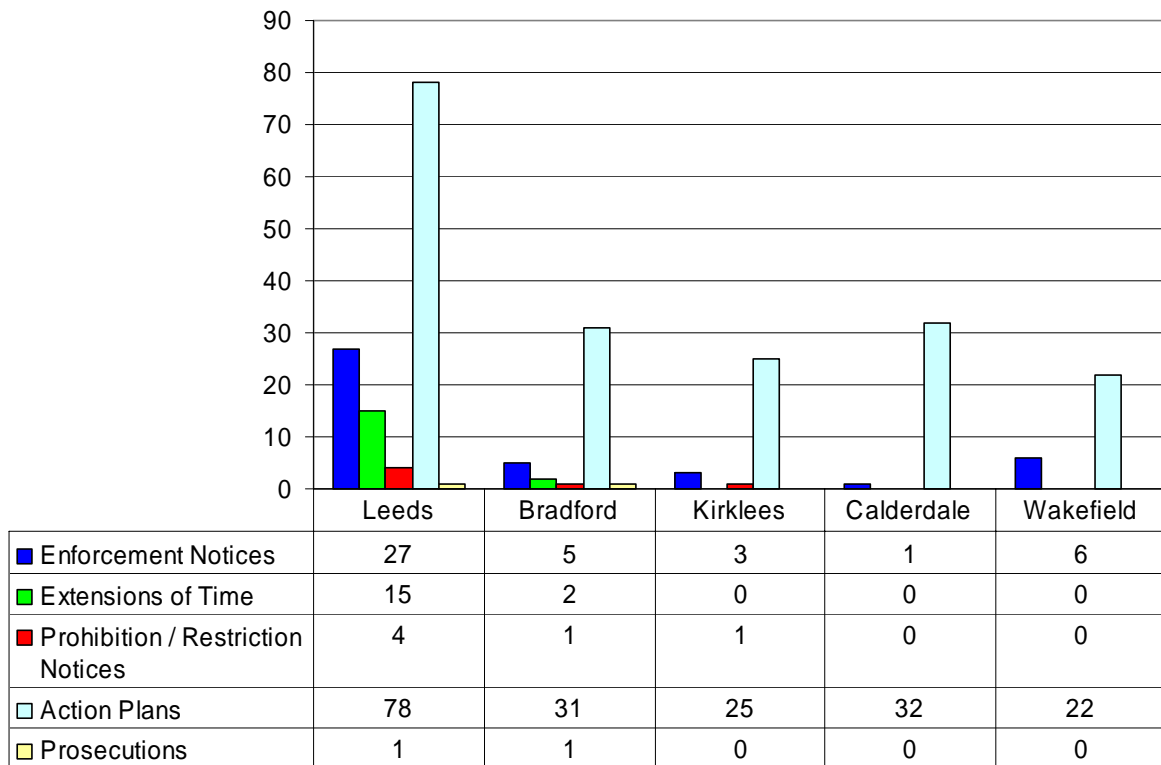
Percentage of Dwelling Fires Attended Where No Smoke Alarm Was Fitted



Commentary – Performance against this target continues to improve.

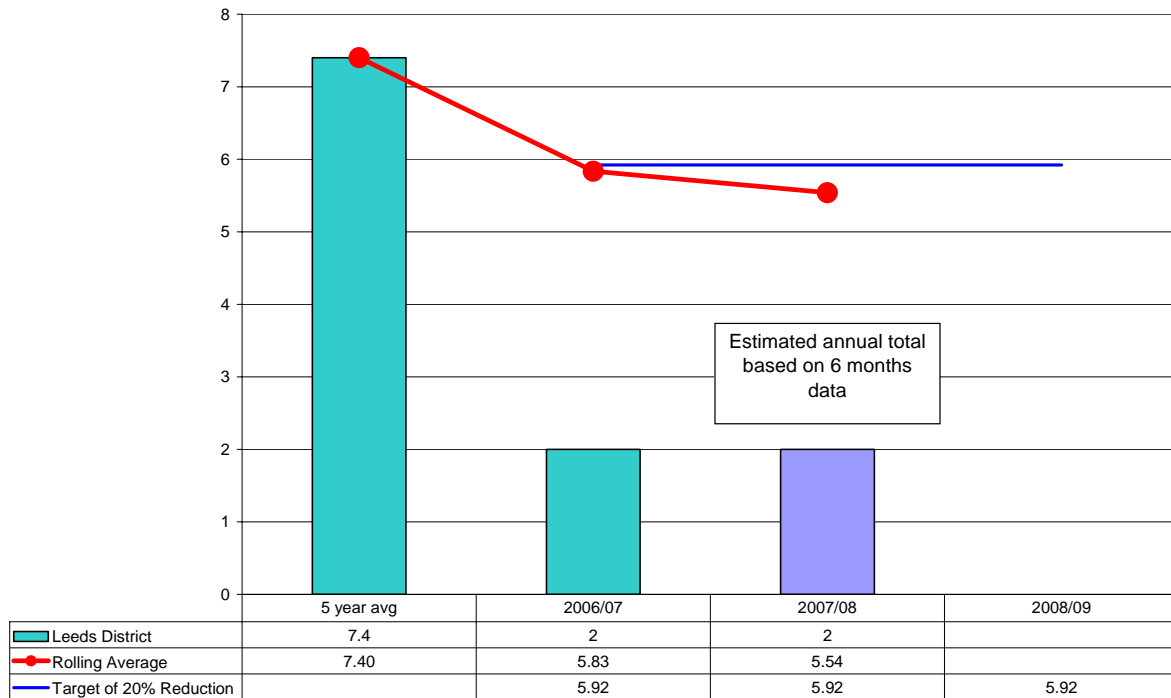
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Fire Safety – Notices Issued – April to September 2007



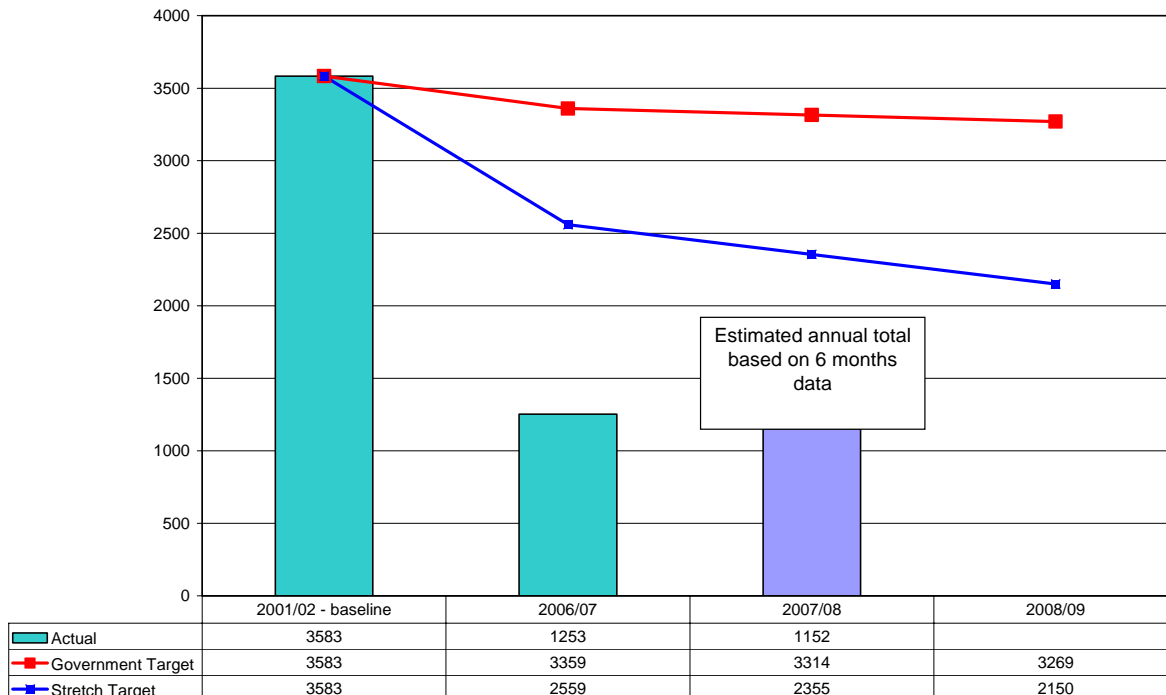
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Leeds - LAA Target - To reduce the number of **accidental fire deaths in the home** by 20% from the baseline of 7.4, the 5 year average up to 1999



Commentary – It is forecast that the Authority will achieve better performance than the set target.

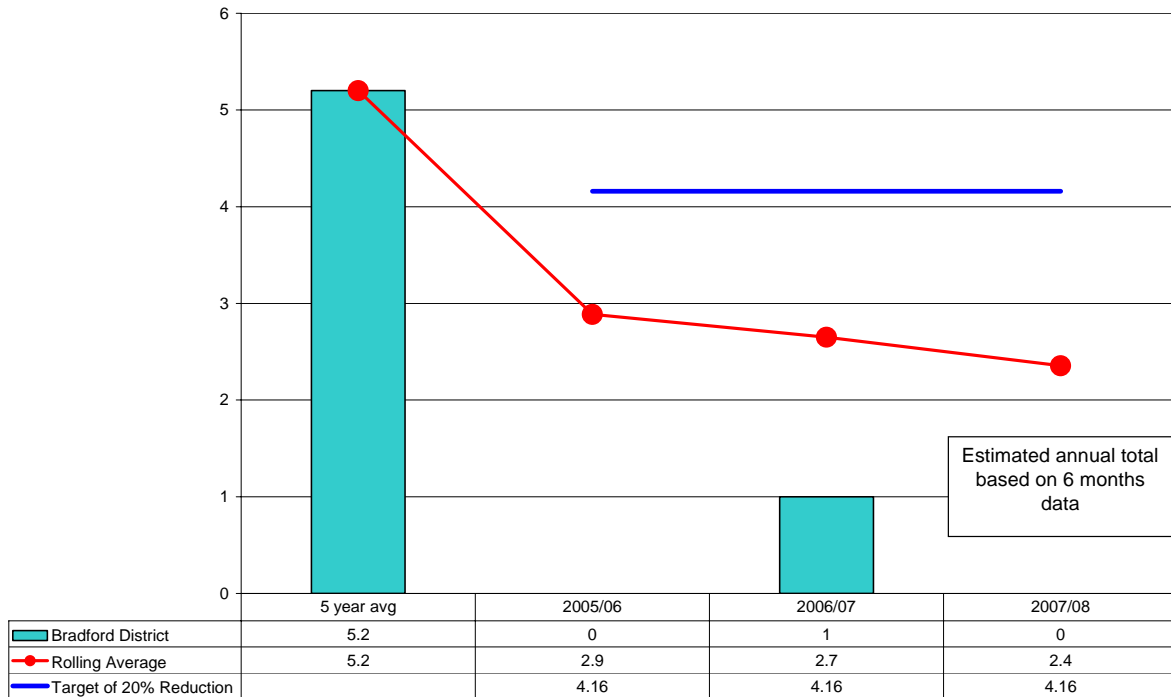
Leeds - LAA Target - To reduce by 10% the number of **deliberate primary fires** by March 2009 from the 2001-2002 baseline.



Commentary – To achieve the reward element a reduction of a further 30% on top of the Government target is required. This will achieve 2,942 fewer deliberate primary fires between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2009.

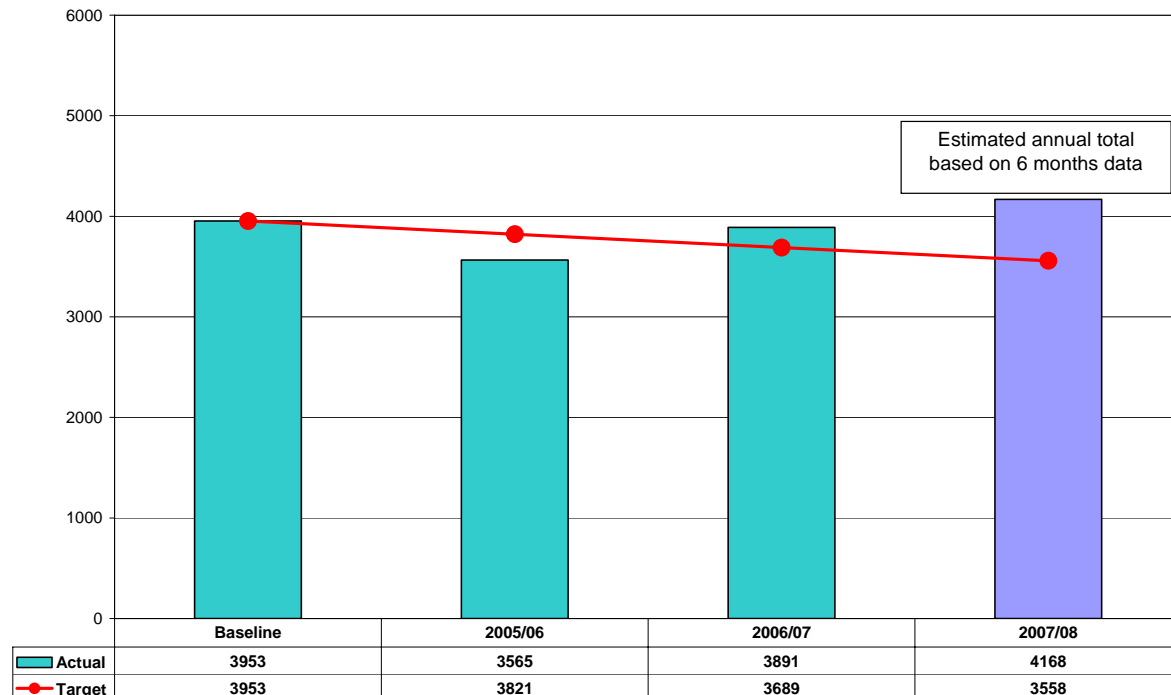
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Bradford Pilot - LAA Target - To reduce the number of **accidental dwelling fire related deaths** in the home by 20%; from a baseline of 5.2 to 4.16 per year over a three year period.



Commentary – It is forecast that the Authority will achieve better performance than the set target.

Bradford Pilot - LAA Target - Reduce the number of **deliberate fires** by 10% undertaking arson prevention and anti social behaviour initiatives.



Comentary – Peformance against this indicator is slightly over target. Arson reduction teams and initiatives will be used to improve this performance.

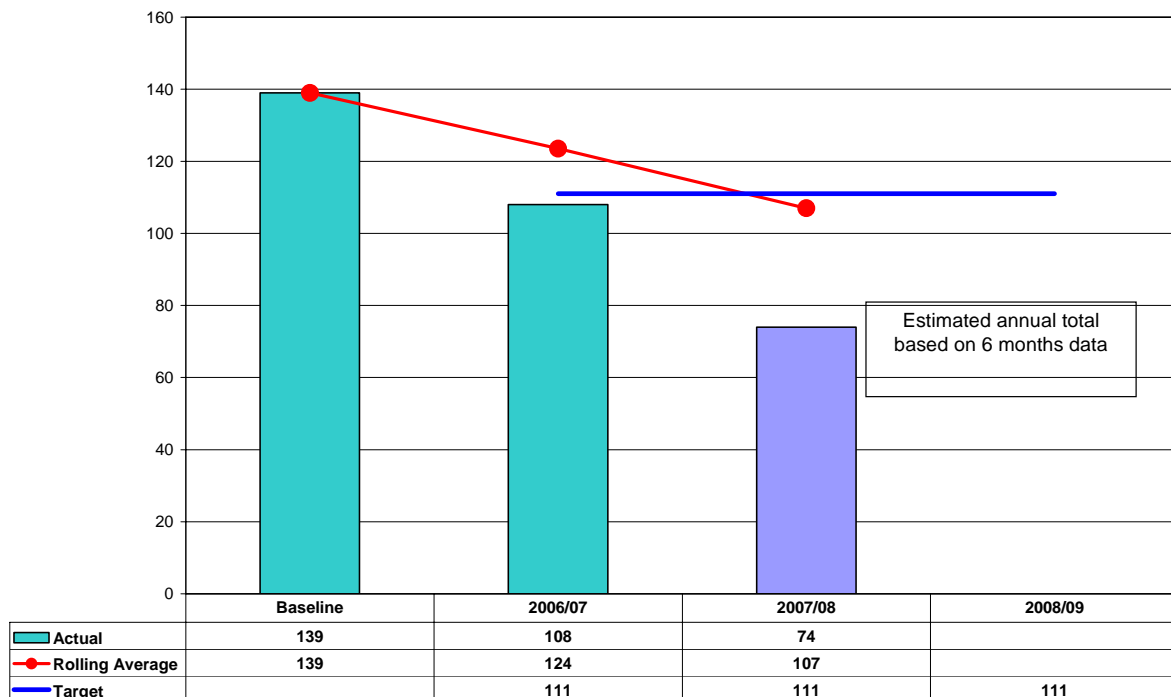
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Bradford - LAA Target - To reduce the average number of **primary fires** from a baseline of 2567 to no more than 2310.3 per year over a three year period



Commentary – It is forecast that the Authority will achieve better performance than the set target.

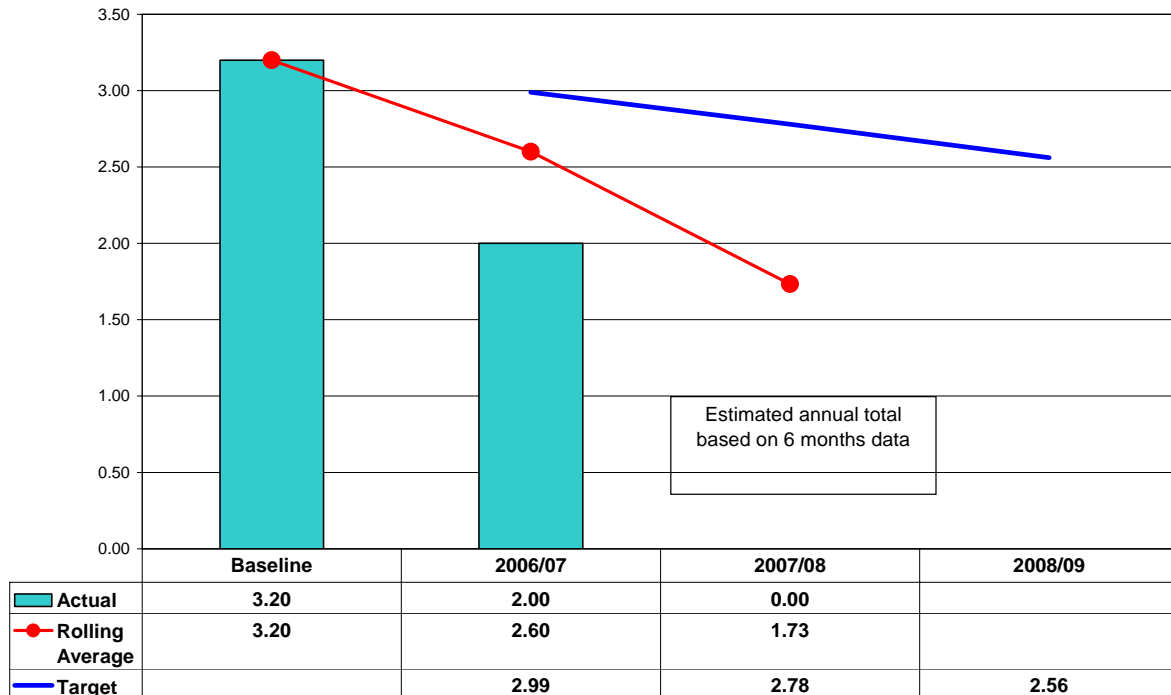
Bradford - LAA Target - To reduce the number of accidental dwelling fire-related injuries from a baseline of 139 to no more than 111.2 per year over a three year period.



Commentary – It is forecast that the Authority will achieve better performance than the set target.

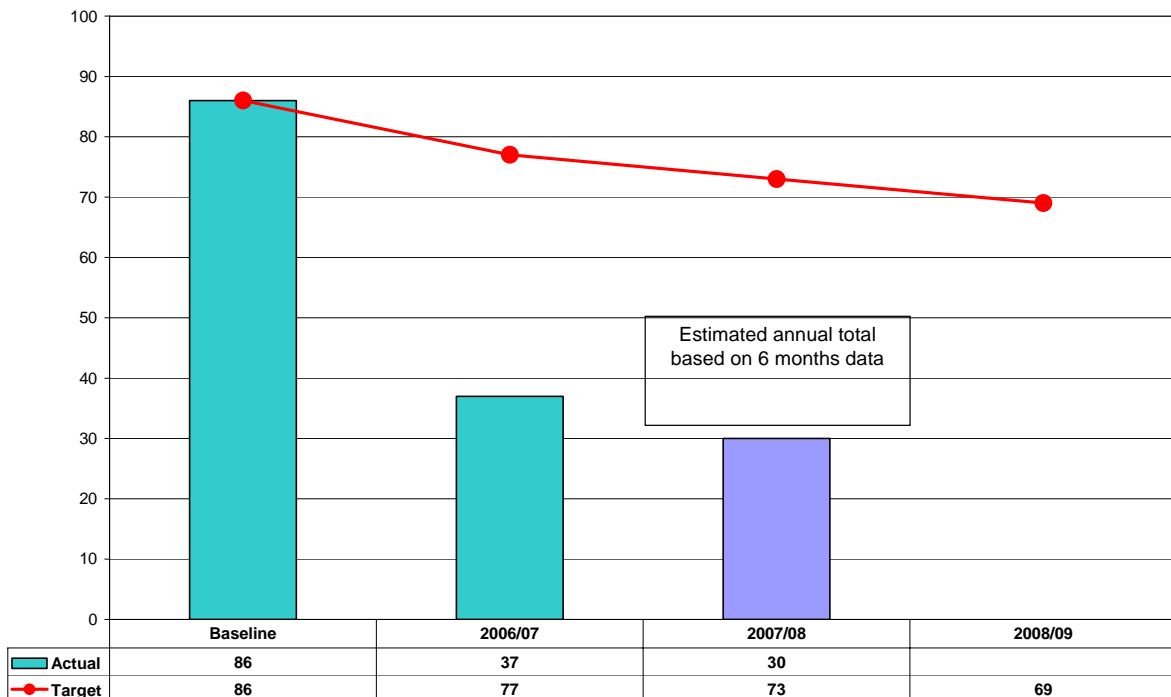
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Kirklees - LAA Target - To reduce Accidental fire deaths in the home with a baseline of 3.2 with a rolling average of no more than 2.56 per year.



Commentary – It is forecast that the Authority will achieve better performance than the set target.

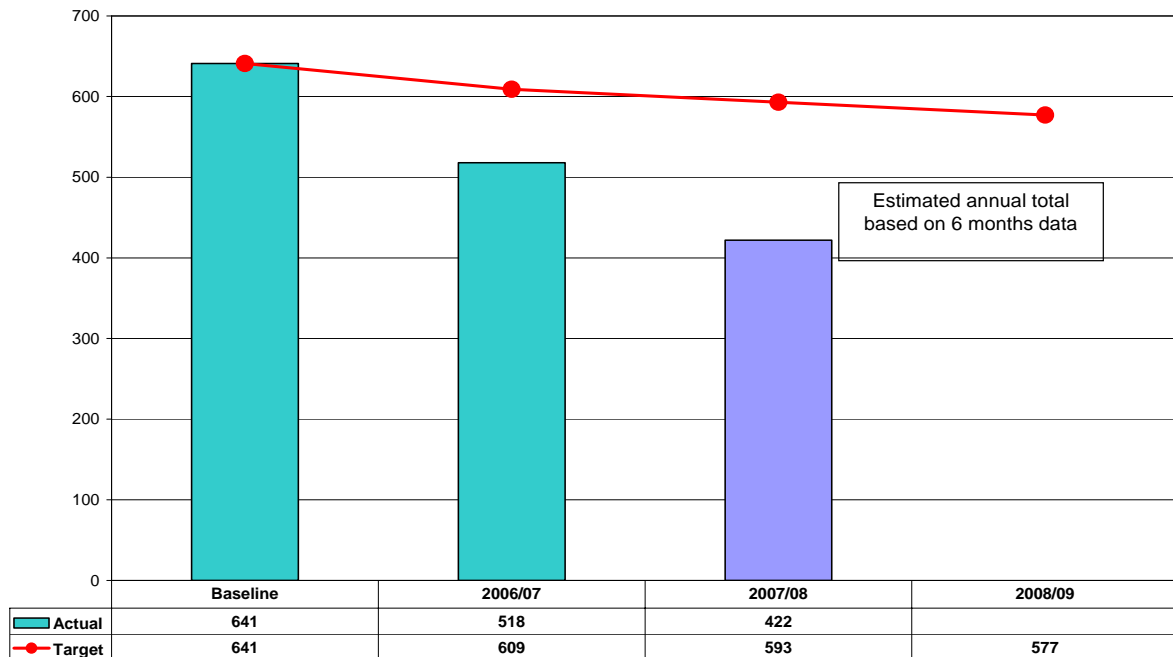
Kirklees - LAA Target - To reduce Accidental fire injuries in the home from a baseline of 86 reducing to 77 (2006-07), 73 (2007-08), 69 (2008-09).



Commentary – It is forecast that the Authority will achieve better performance than the set target.

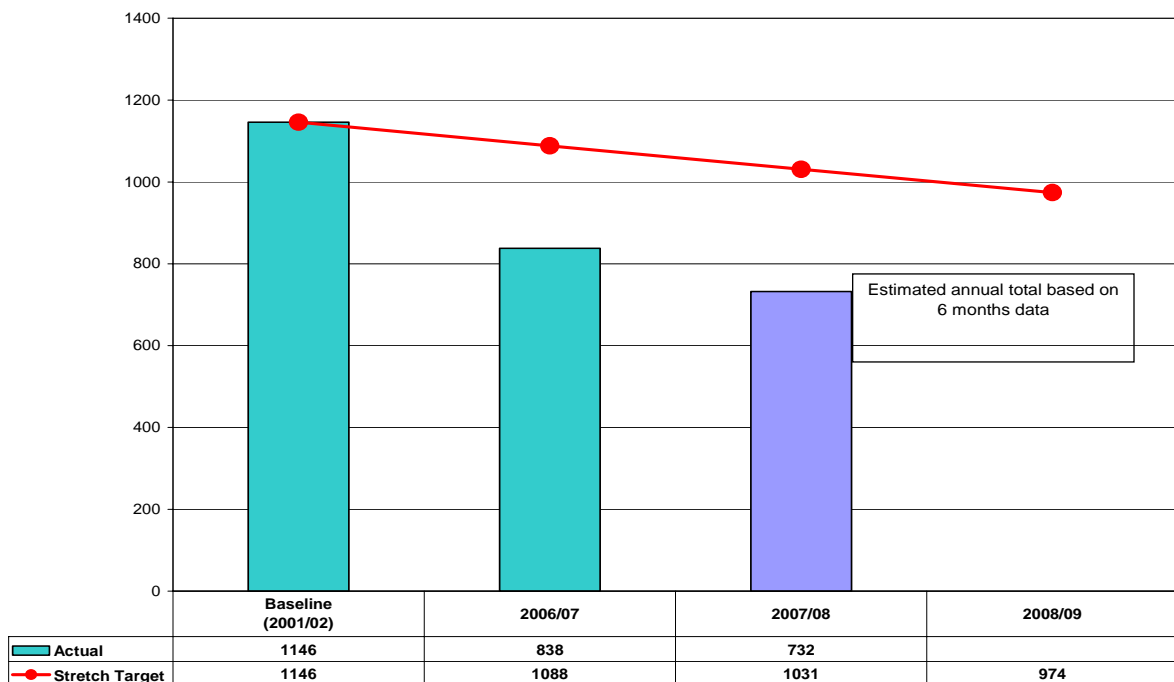
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Kirklees - LAA Target - To reduce **Deliberate primary fires** from a baseline of 641 reducing to 609 (2006-07), 593 (2007-08), 577 (2008-09).



Commentary – It is forecast that the Authority will achieve better performance than the set target.

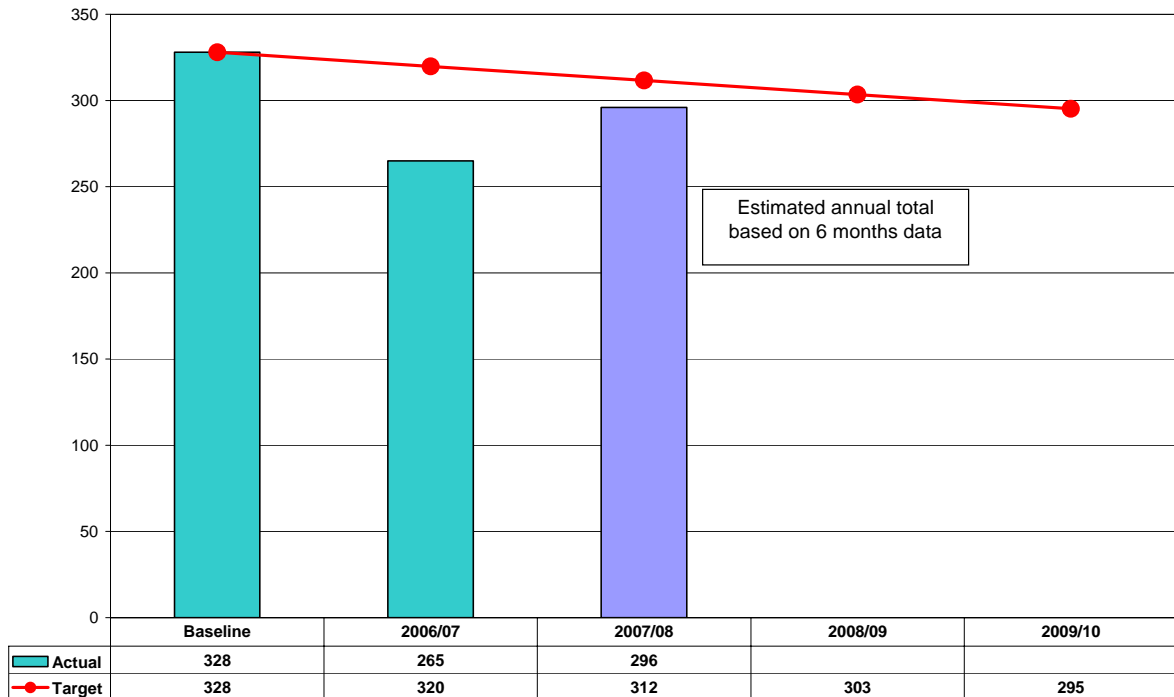
Wakefield- LAA Target - A reduction in the incidence of **primary fires** in the District (both deliberate and accidental) from the 2001/2 baseline of 1,146 (2001/02) reducing to 1,113 (2006-7), 1,079 (2007-8) 1,045 (2008-9). Reward element stretch target for 2008-09 of 974 therefore a reduction of 172 less fires over the 3 year period.



Commentary – It is forecast that the Authority will achieve better performance than the set target.

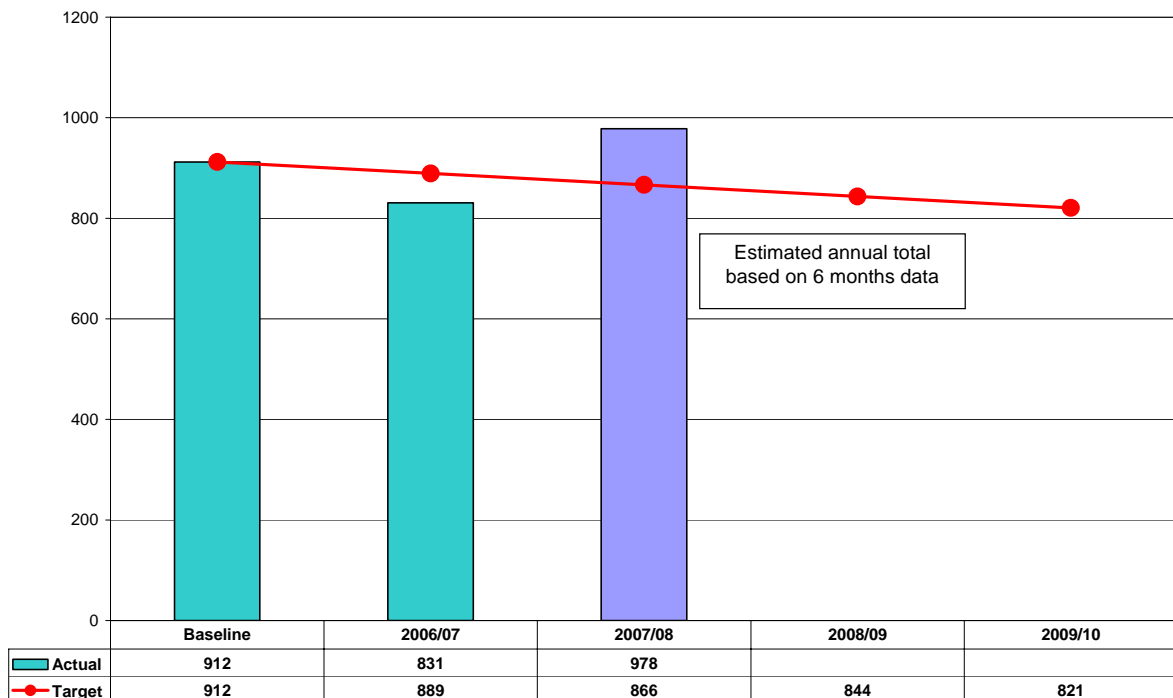
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Calderdale - LAA Target - Reduce deliberate primary fires by 10% to 295, from a base figure of 328 in 05/06.



Commentary – It is forecast that the Authority will achieve better performance than the set target.

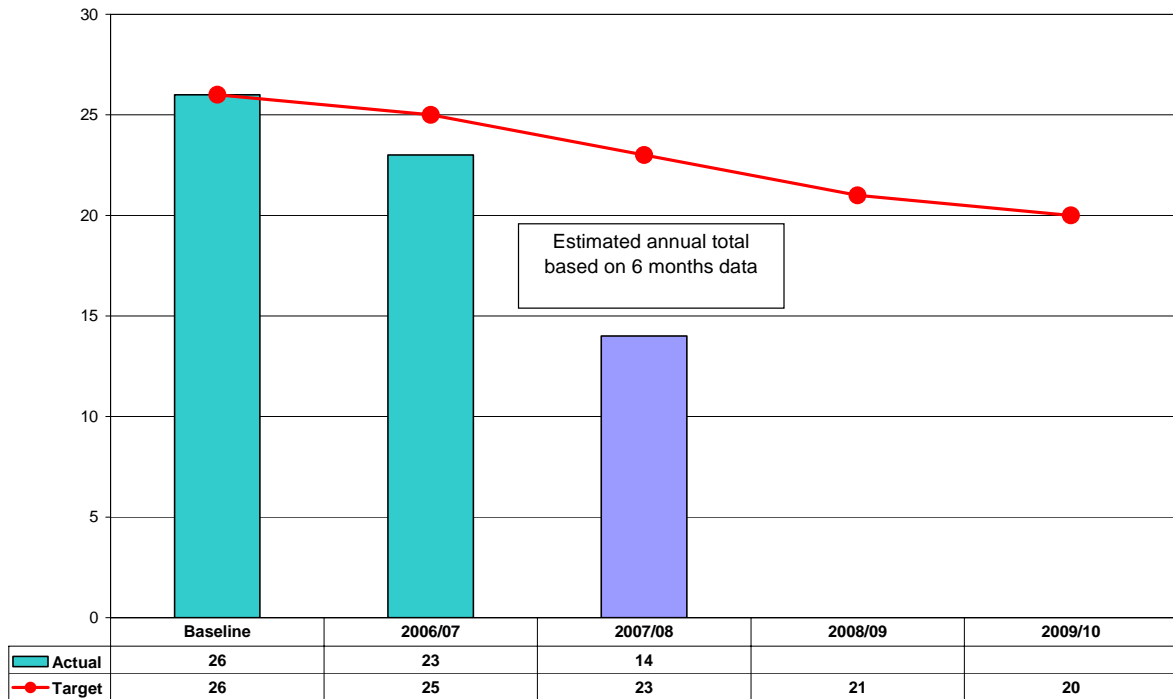
Calderdale - LAA Target - Excluding seasonal grass fires, reduce secondary fires by 10% to 821 by 31/3/10 from a base of 912 in 05/06.



Commentary – Performance against this indicator is slightly over target. Specific targeting of teams and initiatives will be used to improve this performance.

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Calderdale - LAA Target - Reduce accidental dwelling fire injuries by 20% from 26 in 05/06 to 20 by 31/3/10.



Commentary – It is forecast that the Authority will achieve better performance than the set target.