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| WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY | FULL AUTHORITY | 27 JUNE 2008 | 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
ANNUAL STATISTICS - 1 APRIL 2007 TO 31
MARCH 2008**

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 year April 2007 – March 2008, 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

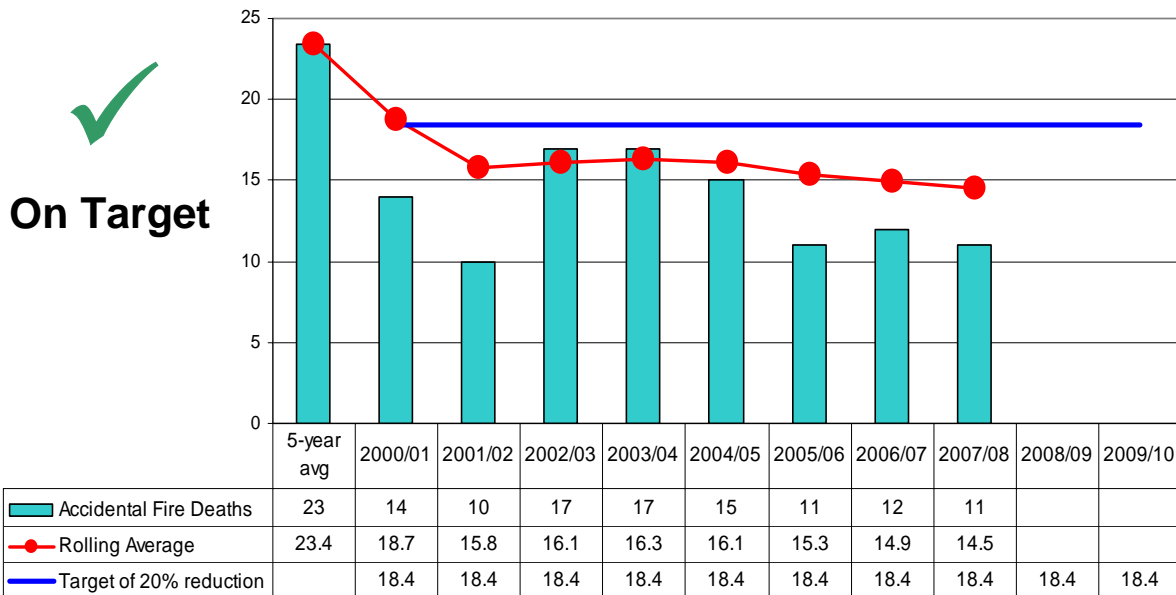
- 4.1 No equality and fairness issues to report

5. SUMMARY

- 5.1 The attached report summarises our performance against national and locally set service targets for 2008.

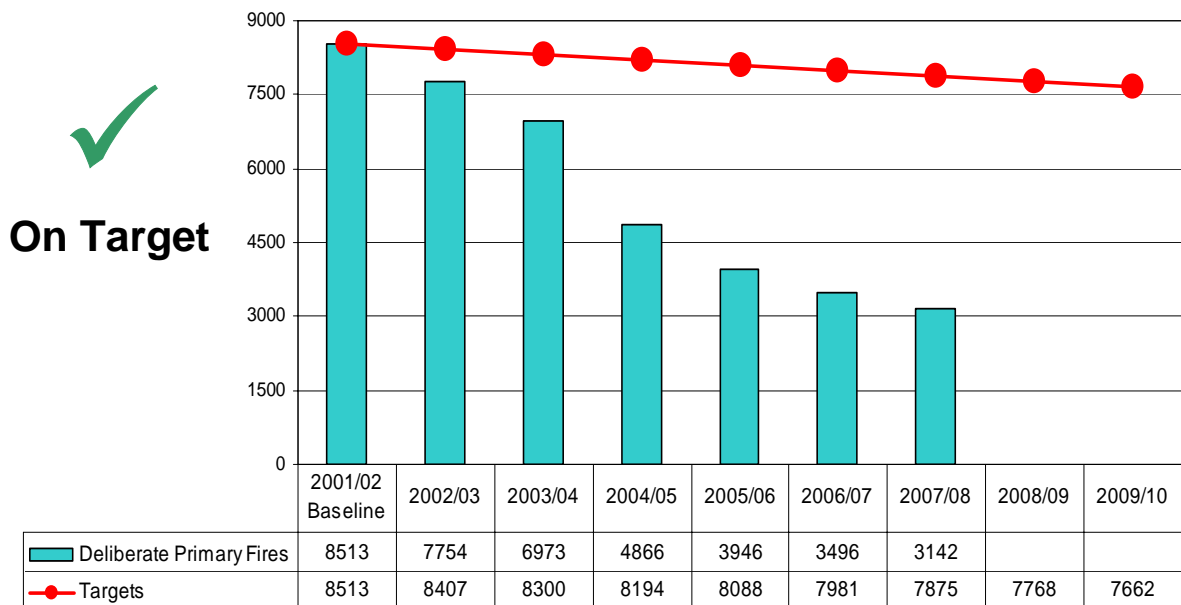
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PSA Target - To reduce the number of accidental fire-related deaths in the home by 20% averaged over the 11 year period to 2010 compared with the average recorded in the five year period to 1999 – with no local authority fire brigade having a fatality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



Commentary – From 2001/02 WYFRA has consistently performed better than the set target.

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

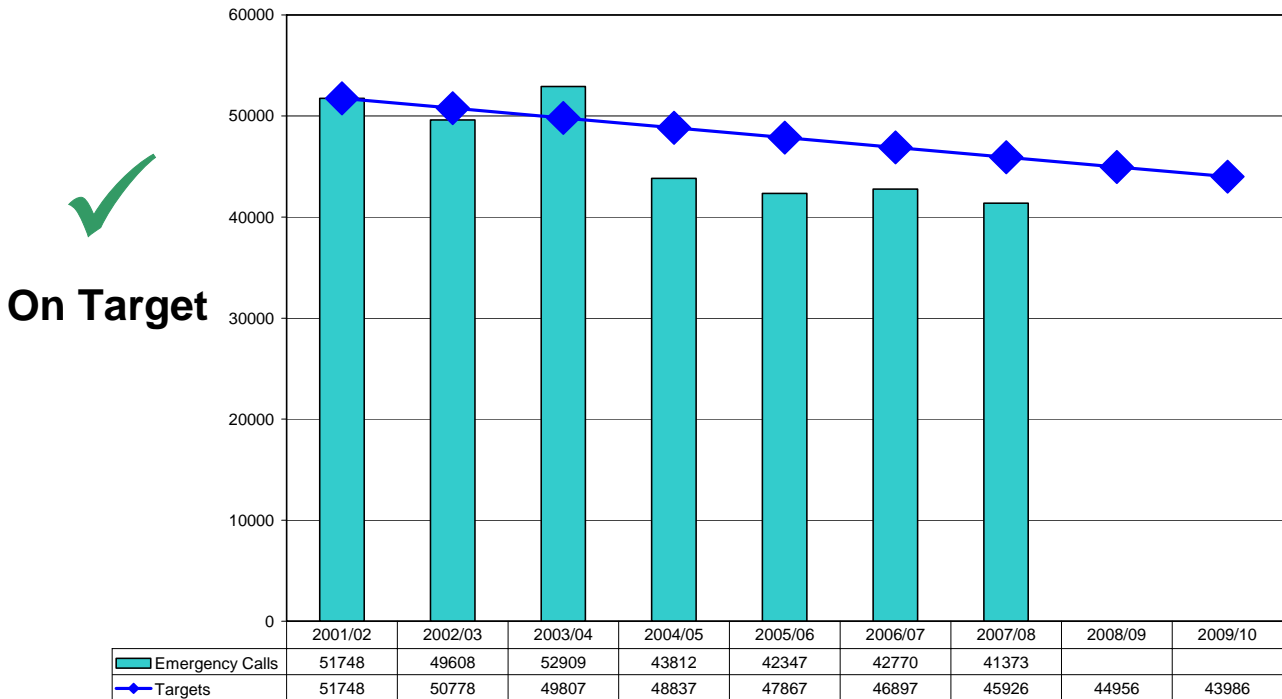


Commentary – The Authority has achieved year on year improvement over the last 6 years and will target resources to continue this trend.

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Local Target - Emergency calls

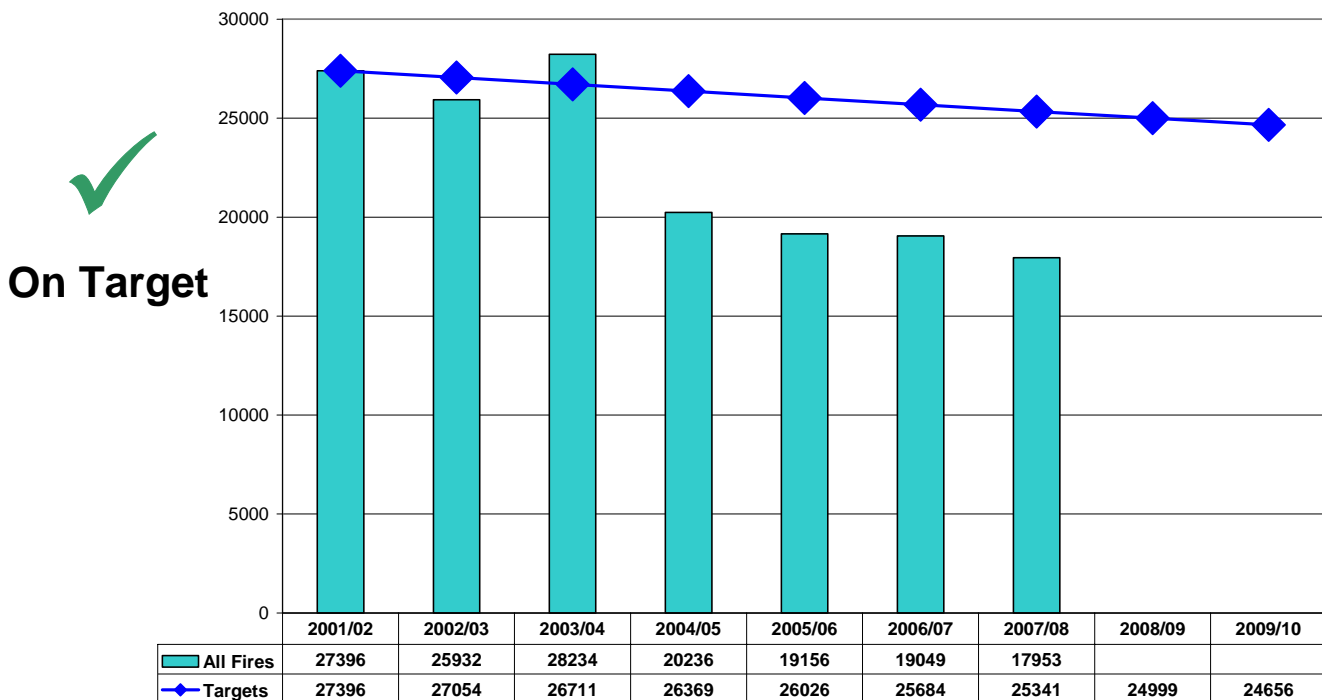
(Target: = 15% reduction from **51,748** to **43,986** by March 2010)



Commentary – The Authority has made steady progress year on year in reducing the number of emergency calls attended.

Local Target - All fires

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

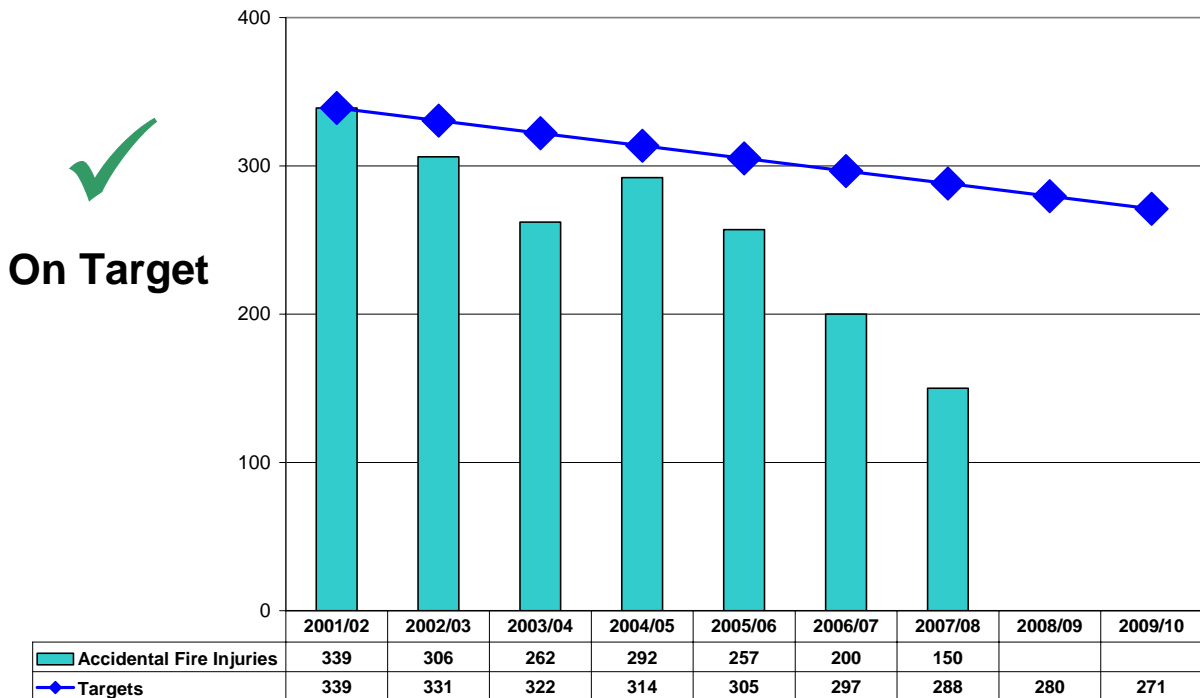


Commentary – The Authority has achieved year on year improvement over the last 4 years and has exceeded the 2010 target.

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Local Target - Accidental fire injuries

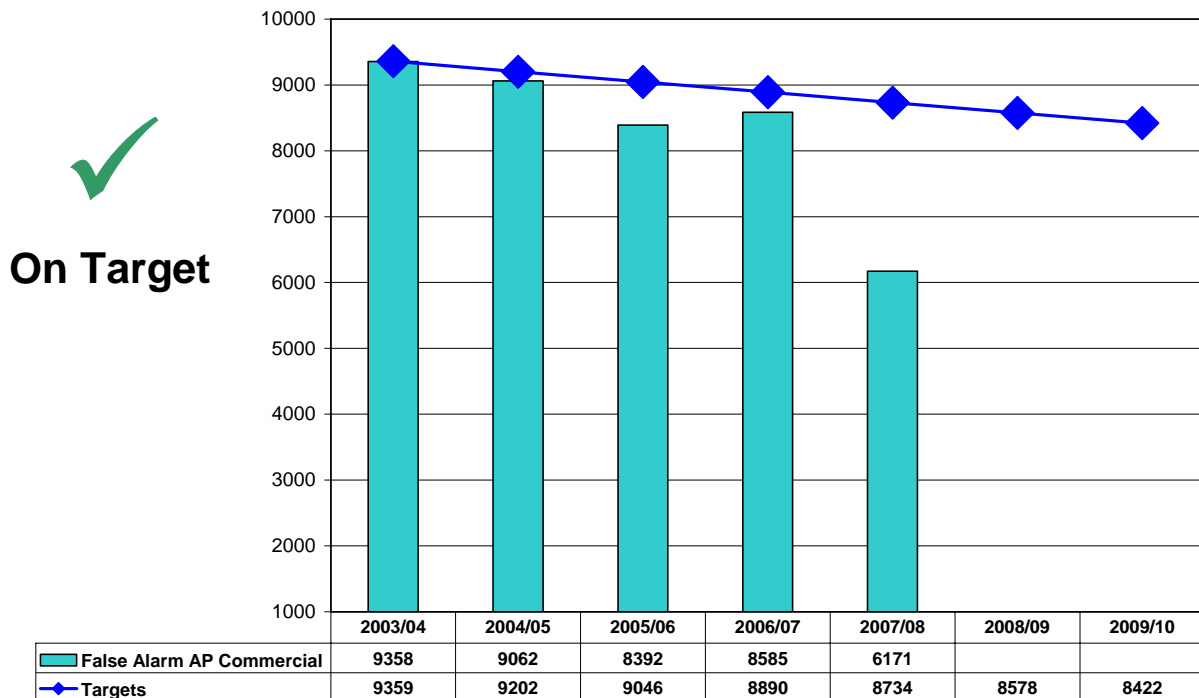
(Target = 20% reduction from **339 to 271** by March 2010)



Commentary – A significant reduction of fire related injuries has been achieved during 2007/08.

Local Target - Unwanted fire signals from commercial AFD equipment

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

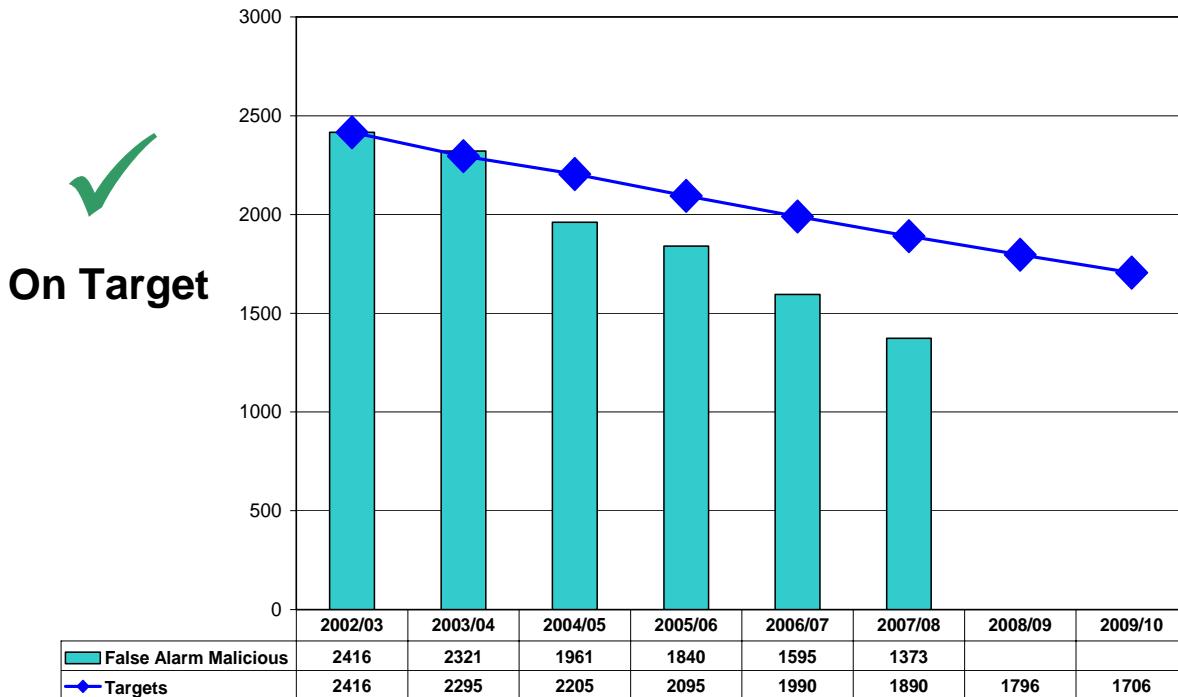


Commentary – Significant improvement has been made against this indicator during 2007/08. This has been achieved by targeting resources at, and effective liaising with, owners of buildings who’s premises generate high levels of unwanted fire signals.

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Local Target - Malicious false alarms

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



Commentary – The Authority continues to achieve year on year improvement against this indicator.

Local Target - ‘Home Fire Safety Checks’

(Target = 56,000 HFSC’s by 31 March 2008)

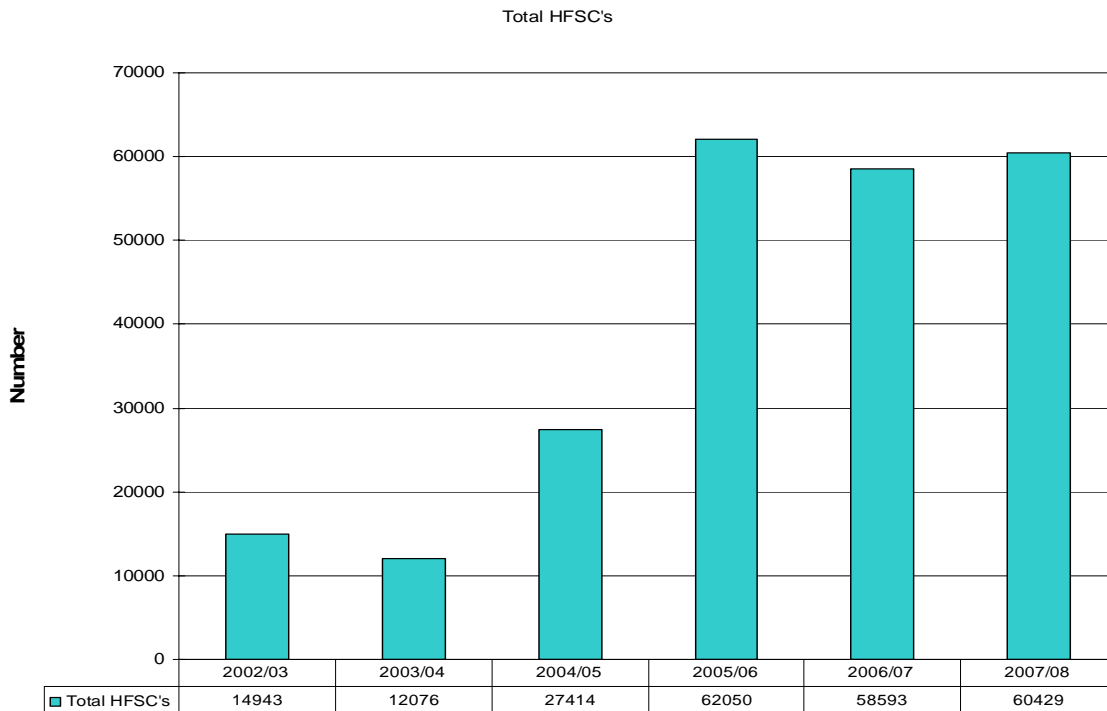
| District | Visits |
|---------------|---------------|
| Leeds | 21522 |
| Bradford | 14875 |
| Kirklees | 9522 |
| Calderdale | 5790 |
| Wakefield | 8387 |
| Non-addressed | 333 |
| Total | 60,429 |



Commentary – This is the third year in succession that the Authority has delivered over 56,000 HFSC’s within the year.

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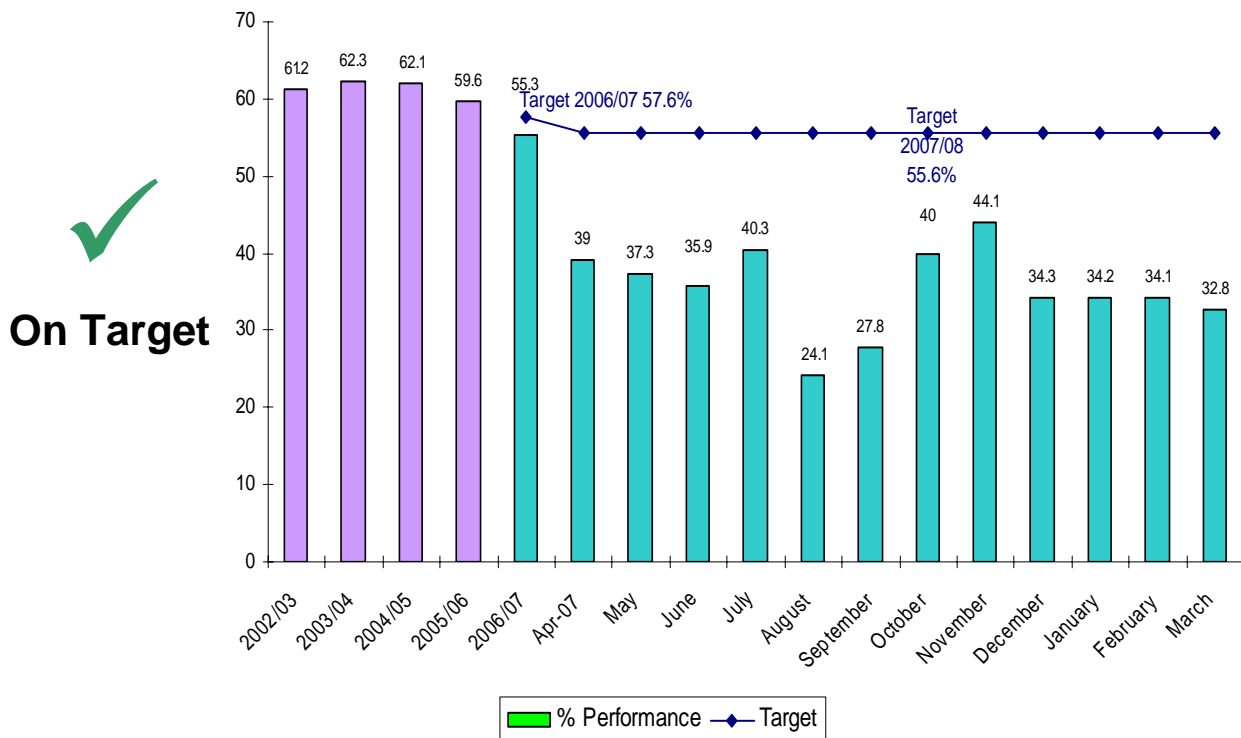
Local Target - ‘Home Fire Safety Checks’ - 6 Year Comparison – 02/03 to 07/08



Commentary – Authority staff have delivered nearly a quarter of a million HFSC's over the last 6 years.

Fire Safety - Smoke Alarm Ownership

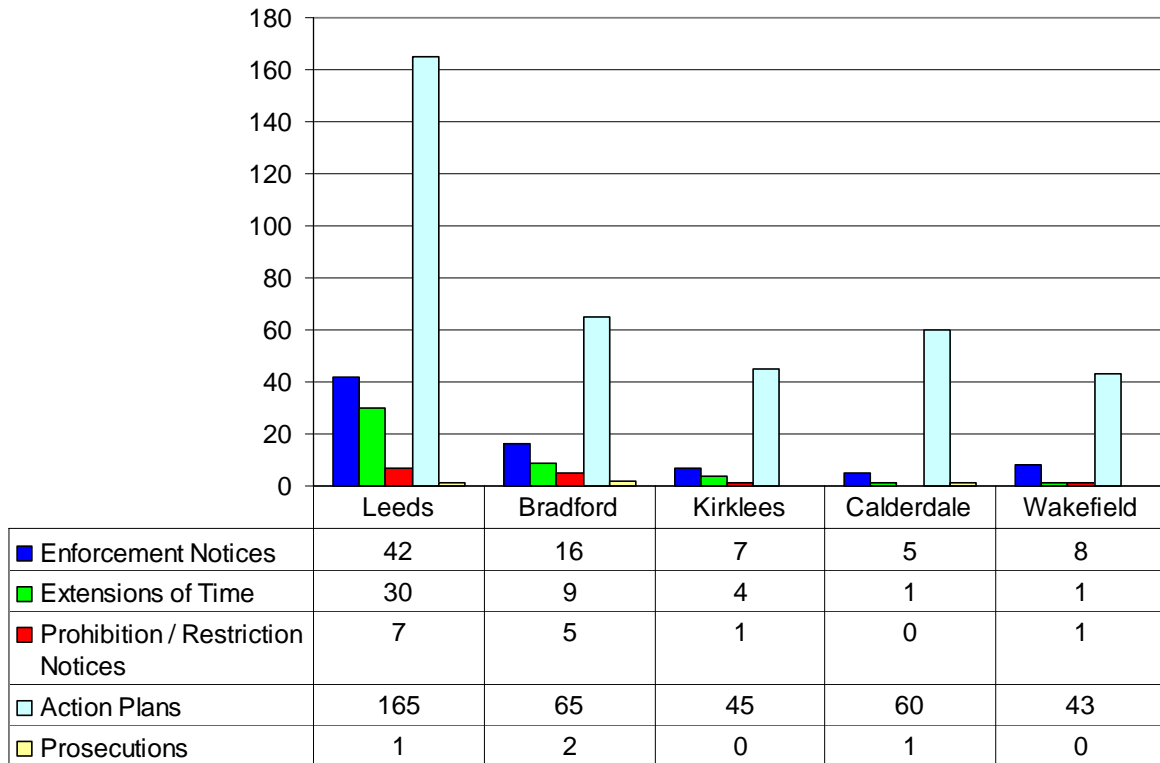
Percentage of Dwelling Fires Attended Where No Smoke Alarm Was Fitted



Commentary – The Authority has achieved performance better than the set target.

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Fire Safety – Notices Issued



Prosecution Details

Leeds – Lords of Linen (RRO – failure to comply with the Order and putting persons at risk of injury or death in case of fire)

Bradford – Panshee (RRO – failure to comply with a Prohibition Notice) & **Odsal** (MSER Domestic – Illegal storage of Fireworks)

Calderdale - Illingworth (MSER Domestic– Illegal storage of Fireworks)