

Assuming the role of Assistant Chief Fire Officer, groups should complete Task 1 on the sheet provided (included in the Pupil Materials Section). Information contained in the research material, including the maps, should assist groups in making informed decisions.

GROUP ONE

You are one of the newly-appointed Assistant Chief Fire Officers of Redesdale Fire and Rescue Service. Your job is to reduce the number of accidental house fires in your fire and rescue service area.

Choose three initiatives from the cards provided to reduce the risk of accidental house fires to the people living in your communities. You must consider the scale of the problem, why people have accidental house fires, whether the initiative should be implemented across the whole of your area or concentrated in 'hot spot' areas, and who will deliver your initiative. You will be expected to justify your decision to your Chief Fire Officer, so you should prepare your argument.

GROUP TWO

You are one of the newly-appointed Assistant Chief Fire Officers of Redesdale Fire and Rescue Service. Your job is to reduce the number of incidents involving arson in your fire and rescue service area.

Choose three initiatives from the cards provided to reduce the risk of arson to the people living in your communities. You must consider the scale of the problem, why people set fires deliberately, whether the initiative should be implemented across the whole of your area or concentrated in 'hot spot' areas, and who will deliver your initiative. You will be expected to justify your decision to your Chief Fire Officer, so you should prepare your argument.

GROUP THREE

You are one of the newly-appointed Assistant Chief Fire Officers of Redesdale Fire and Rescue Service. Your job is to reduce the number of hoax calls in your fire and rescue service area.

Choose three initiatives from the cards provided to reduce the risk of hoax calls in your communities. You must consider the scale of the problem, why people may make hoax calls, whether the initiative should be implemented across the whole of your area or concentrated in 'hot spot' areas, and who will deliver your initiative. You will be expected to justify your decision to your Chief Fire Officer, so you should prepare your argument.

GROUP FOUR

You are one of the newly-appointed Assistant Chief Fire Officers of Redesdale Fire and Rescue Service. Your job is to reduce the number of road traffic collisions in your fire and rescue service area.

Choose three initiatives from the cards provided to reduce the risk of road traffic collisions in your communities. You must consider the scale of the problem, why people may be involved in road traffic collisions, whether the initiative should be implemented across the whole of your area or concentrated in 'hot spot' areas, and who will deliver your initiative. You will be expected to justify your decision to your Chief Fire Officer, so you should prepare your argument.

The appropriate Initiative card should be printed out. Cut these up and place the cards in the centre of the table. Each pupil should pick a card in turn and read out the initiative and the definition. As a group, pupils should discuss which three initiatives they will select and provide justification for their decision.

Groups may want to consider working closely with other organisations or agencies, and examples have been provided as a prompt.

Groups should present their decisions, with justification, to their Chief Fire Officer. A photocopyable **pro forma** has been provided in order to help students structure their proposals. Please note, you may wish to invite your Community Fire Safety Officer in to act as Chief Fire Officer during this session. S/he will be able to challenge each group on any decisions made, and encourage pupils to provide sound arguments for their choices. Alternatively you, as teacher, would assume this role.

As Assistant Chief Fire Officers, groups should complete Task 2 on the sheets provided (in the Pupil Materials section).

GROUP ONE

You have just received your budget; you must now select only **one** initiative from the three chosen initially. Once again you will be expected to justify your decision, so you should prepare your argument.

GROUP TWO

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GROUP THREE

You have just received your budget; you must now select only **one** initiative from the three chosen initially. Once again you will be expected to justify your decision, so you should prepare your argument.

GROUP FOUR

You have just received your budget; you must now select only **one** initiative from the three chosen initially. Once again you will be expected to justify your decision, so you should prepare your argument.

Groups should present their decisions, with justification, to their Chief Fire Officer.

As Assistant Chief Fire Officers, groups should complete Task 3 on the sheets provided (in the Pupil Materials section).

GROUP ONE

Your fire and rescue service has received funding for one additional initiative. Choose one extra from the original three selected. Other Assistant Chief Fire Officers will be arguing for the funding to be spent on developing initiatives to address arson, hoax calls and road traffic collisions, so your justification should be strong and clearly presented. Your Chief Fire Officer will make the final decision.

GROUP TWO

Your fire and rescue service has received funding for one additional initiative. Choose one extra from the original three selected. Other Assistant Chief Fire Officers will be arguing for the funding to be spent on developing initiatives to address accidental house fires, hoax calls and road traffic collisions, so your justification should be strong and clearly presented. Your Chief Fire Officer will make the final decision.

GROUP THREE

Your fire and rescue service has received funding for one additional initiative. Choose one extra from the original three selected. Other Assistant Chief Fire Officers will be arguing for the funding to be spent on developing initiatives to address accidental house fires, arson and road traffic collisions, so your justification should be strong and clearly presented. Your Chief Fire Officer will make the final decision.

GROUP FOUR

Your fire and rescue service has received funding for one additional initiative. Choose one extra from the original three selected. Other Assistant Chief Fire Officers will be arguing for the funding to be spent on developing initiatives to address accidental house fires, arson and hoax calls, so your justification should be strong and clearly presented. Your Chief Fire Officer will make the final decision.

Groups should present their decisions, with justification, to their Chief Fire Officer. The Chief Fire Officer should make the final decision on the additional initiative selected.

Plenary: the class should consolidate learning by discussing the various issues facing fire and rescue services and the communities they serve. They may wish to explore the decisions they made and what considerations led them to those decisions.