

| <b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE</b> |   |                       |                   |
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| <b>MEETING OF THE:</b>                    | <b>AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT)</b>        |                       |                   |
| <b>DATE:</b>                              | <b>10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021</b>                | <b>REPORT NO:</b>     | <b>CFO/036/21</b> |
| <b>PRESENTING OFFICER</b>                 | <b>ACTING MONITORING OFFICER</b>                |                       |                   |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>               | <b>RIA GROVES</b>                               | <b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b> | <b>GEMMA SUNG</b> |
| <b>OFFICERS CONSULTED:</b>                | <b>STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM</b>                |                       |                   |
| <b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>                   | <b>APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</b> |                       |                   |

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| <b>APPENDICES:</b> |  |
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To inform the Authority of the outside organisations to which it is currently affiliated; and to request where appropriate, confirmation of continuing the affiliation for 2021/22 and the appointment of representatives to those organisations.

### **Recommendation**

2. That Members;
  - a) Note current affiliations to outside bodies;
  - b) Approve the continued affiliation with each of the organisations specified in this report; and
  - c) Approve as appropriate, appointments of Members to each of the outside organisations as the Authority's representatives.

### **Introduction and Background**

#### 3. (A) Local Government Association

At the 2020 Annual General Meeting Councillors Byrom, Kenny and Roberts were appointed as the representatives on the Fire Services Commission.

All Fire and Rescue Authorities in full or corporate membership of the Local Government Association have the right to representation and voting on the Fire Services Commission in accordance with the LGA Governance Framework. Additional members from fire and rescue authorities appointed as necessary by the political groups to ensure political balance on The Fire Services Commission.

Members agreed at the Authority meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 that Members subscription and membership to the LGA will continue until Members determine otherwise. The current subscription cost for 2021/22 is £10,882.32

**Members are asked to confirm who the representatives appointed to the Fire Services Commission for 2021/20 will be; and whether the Authority agrees to meet any costs related to Members attendance at associated meetings.**

(B) North West Employers Organisation

The Authority is a member of the North West Local Authorities Employers Organisation. For 2020/21 the cost of this membership was £2,736.78.

For 2021/22, the cost of affiliation remains at £2,736.78.

**Nomination for the position of appointed representative for 2021/22 is now requested.**

(C) North West Fire and Rescue Advisory Forum

The North West Fire and Rescue Advisory Forum was established in April 2014 following the disbanding of the North West Partnership Board. This Forum elected to have a Membership of Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Opposition Spokespersons and Chief Fire Officers.

The Members currently representing the Authority are Councillor Byrom and Councillor Rennie.

**Members are requested to confirm appointment to this Forum for 2021/22.**

(D) Association of Metropolitan Fire & Rescue Authorities

The Authority appointed Councillor Byrom to the Association of Metropolitan Fire & Rescue Authorities in 2020/21.

**Members are requested to confirm appointment to this Association for 2021/22.**

(E) Liverpool City Region Liverpool Enterprise Platform now known as the Growth Platform

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority has membership of this Organisation which is attended by a Senior Officer of the Authority.

The cost of this membership for 2021/22 is £4,700.

**Members are asked to confirm membership to this organisation for 2021/22.**

(F) Merseyside Community Safety Partnership / Safer Merseyside Partnership

At its Annual Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019, the Merseyside Community Safety Partnership approved the Terms of Reference for the Safer Merseyside Partnership for 2019/20, which includes the appointment of a representative of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority.

For 2020/21, Cllr Steff O’Keeffe was appointed as MFRA’s representative on the Safer Merseyside Partnership.

**Members are therefore asked to confirm the appointment to this partnership for 2021/22.**

#### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

4. Appointments and participation in the above organisations will assist the Authority in developing diversity further.

#### **Staff Implications**

5. There are no direct staff implications in relation to this report.

#### **Legal Implications**

6. At its AGM, the Authority is required to appoint Members to any appropriate and approved outside organisations.

#### **Financial Implications & Value for Money**

7. The costs of membership of the above organisations can be met from existing budgets.

#### **Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications**

8. Members of the Authority are appointed to outside organisations to learn from them, lend support to them; and encourage development for the Authority and the organisation, to help create as safe an environment as possible.

#### **Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters***

9. The appointment of Members to outside organisations helps to develop the Authority’s knowledge to ensure they continually learn and develop and continue to play an active key role in the development and safety of the community it serves.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**