### ANNUAL MEETING

# <u>OF</u>

# MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

# <u>16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011</u>

# AGENDA

### 1. <u>Election of a Chairman</u>

To elect a Chairman of the Authority for 2011/12.

# 2. <u>Appointment of a Vice-Chairman</u>

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Authority for 2011/12.

# 3. <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>

The proceedings of the last meeting of the Authority held on 12th May 2011 are submitted for approval as a correct record and for signature by the Chairman.

### 4. <u>To Consider Declarations Of Interest By Members</u>

Members to declare any personal interests in items of business and indicate interests they consider to be prejudicial interests.

#### 5. <u>Membership Of The Authority 2011/12</u> (CFO/054/11)

To consider the attached Report CFO/054/11 of the Clerk to the Authority concerning changes to the Membership of the Authority for 2011/12.

#### 6. <u>The Authority's Constitution For 2011/12</u> (CFO/065/11) Appendix A

To consider the attached Report CFO/065/11 of the Clerk to the Authority/ Monitoring Officer concerning the revised Constitution for the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority for 2011/12.

Due to its size, Members have been supplied with the appendix, the Draft Constitution for 2011/12, in CD format. A hard copy will be available at the meeting for reference purposes.

#### 7. <u>Structure Of The Authority 2011/12</u> (CFO/058/11) Appendix A, B

To consider the attached Report CFO/058/11 of the Clerk to the Authority / Monitoring Officer to:

- (a) inform Members of:-
  - (i) the minimum legal structure;
  - (ii) the existing decision-making structure of the Authority; and
  - (iii) optional variations to the existing structure.
- (b) request that the Authority determine an appropriate decision-making structure for 2011/12; and
- (c) request that arrangements are made for the appointment of Committees, the nomination of Chairs, the determination of the powers and duties of Committees and the appointment of Members and Alternate Members.

#### 8. <u>Dates Of Committee Meetings 2011/12</u> (CFO/059/11) <u>Appendix A</u>

To consider the attached Report CFO/059/11 of the Clerk to the Authority / Monitoring Officer concerning proposed meeting dates for 2011/12.

# 9. <u>Questions On The Discharge Of Functions</u> (CFO/060/11)

To consider the attached Report CFO/060/11 of the Clerk to the Authority / Monitoring Officer requesting the Authority to nominate Members of the Authority from each of the five constituent District Councils as the Member responsible for answering questions in their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority.

# 10. <u>Appointment To Outside Organisations</u> (CFO/061/11)

To consider the attached Report CFO/061/11 of the Clerk to the Authority / Monitoring Officer concerning the outside organisations to which the Authority is currently affiliated, and whether or not these affiliations are to be renewed for 2011/12.

#### 11. <u>Members' Allowances Payments 2010/11</u> (CFO/055/11) <u>Appendix A, B</u>

To consider the attached Report CFO/055/11 of the Clerk to the Authority / Monitoring Officer concerning payments made to Members in respect of allowances during 2010/11.

12. <u>Scheme Of Members' Allowances 2011/12</u> (CFO/064/11) <u>Appendix A</u>, <u>Appendix B</u>

To consider the attached Report CFO/064/11 of the Clerk to the Authority concerning the current Members' Allowances Scheme.

### 13. <u>Meetings With National Politicians At Party Political Conferences</u> (CFO/056/11)

To consider the attached Report CFO/056/11 of the Clerk to the Authority / Monitoring Officer concerning the possible attendance of Members at party political conferences in order to make Authority related representations.

#### 14. <u>Approved Conferences And Outside Meetings</u> (CFO/057/11) Appendix A

To consider the attached Report CFO/057/11 of the Clerk to the Authority / Monitoring Officer concerning the approved list of conferences and outside meetings, and any revisions to the list.

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If any Members have queries, comments or require additional information relating to any item on the agenda please contact Committee Services and we will endeavour to provide the information you require for the meeting. Of course this does not affect the right of any Member to raise questions in the meeting itself but it may assist Members in their consideration of an item if additional information is available.