AGENDA ITEM

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

REPORT TO: ANNUAL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 16TH JUNE 2011

REPORT NO. : CFO/054/11

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REPORT TITLE: MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY 2011/12

THERE ARE NO APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the changes to the Membership of the Authority for 2011/12.

Recommendation

2. That the report be noted.

Introduction & Background

<u>Information</u>

- 3. The following change to the Membership of the Authority has occurred:-
 - Appointment of Martyn Barber (Conservative) ended in May as a result of local elections.
 - Appointment of Jimmy Kendrick (Liberal Democrat) ended in May as a result of local elections.
 - Appointment of Councillor Gerry Ellis ended following Wirral Borough Council AGM.
- 4. The Constituent District Councils have notified the Authority of the Appointments to Membership of the Authority for the Municipal year 2011/12 as follows:-

(a) Knowsley (2 Members):-

Councillor Ted Grannell (Labour)
Councillor Tony Newman (Labour)

(b) Liverpool (6 Members):-

Councillor Dave Hanratty
Councillor Barbara Murray
Councillor Colin Strickland
Councillor Sharon Sullivan
Councillor Violet Bebb
(Labour)
(Labour)

Councillor Eddie Clein (Liberal Democrat)

(c) St. Helens (2 Members):-

Councillor Robbie Ayres (Labour) Councillor Linda Maloney (Labour)

(d) Sefton (4 Members):-

Councillor Andrew Blackburn (Liberal Democrat)

Councillor Les Byrom (Labour) Councillor Jimmy Mahon (Labour)

Councillor Terry Jones (Conservative)

(e) Wirral (4 Members):-

Councillor Ian Lewis (Conservative)
Councillor Lesley Rennie (Conservative)
Councillor Stave Niblank (Labour)

Councillor Steve Niblock (Labour) Councillor Denise Roberts (Labour)

5. The political balance of the Authority is 13 Labour, 3 Conservative, and 2 Liberal Democrat. Political balance issues are considered in the separate report as to the structure of the Authority which is also for consideration at this meeting.

Equality and Diversity Implications

6. None arising directly out of this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

7. None arising directly out of this report.

Health & Safety and Environmental Implications

8. None arising directly out of this report.

Contribution to Achieving Our Purpose:

"To Make Merseyside a Safer, Stronger, Healthier Community"

9. The Fire Authority is constituted by Members appointed by Merseyside's five District Councils. The District Councils appoint Members to the Fire Authority to reflect and represent the constituency of each district of Merseyside. Those appointed to the Fire Authority consider business and make decisions in the best interest of the community which the Fire Service serves.