

**AGENDA ITEM:**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010</b>
<b>REPORT NO.</b>	<b>CFO/085/10</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	<b>CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY</b>
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<b>OFFICERS CONSULTED:</b>	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>QUESTIONS ON THE DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS</b>

**THERE ARE NO APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT**

Purpose of Report

1. To request 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 Fire & Rescue Authority.

Recommendation

2. That the Authority nominates five Members of the Authority (one from each constituent Council) as the Member responsible for answering questions in their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Fire & Rescue Authority.

Outcome

3. One Member from each district appointed to answer questions on the discharge of functions ensures accurate and consistent information is passed on.

Introduction & Background  
Information

4. There is a requirement under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 for the Authority to nominate Members of the Authority from each constituent Council to answer questions in their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Fire & Rescue Authority.
5. It is a matter for the discretion of the Authority who it appoints in each case for this purpose and there is no requirement that the nominee should be from the main political group either on the Authority or within the constituent Council.

6. The Members nominated in 2009/2010 under Section 41 were:-

Liverpool	-	Councillor Dave Hanratty
Knowsley	-	Councillor Tony Newman
St. Helens	-	Councillor Betty Lowe, MBE
Sefton	-	Councillor Jimmy Mahon
Wirral	-	Councillor Denise Roberts

Equality & Diversity Implications

7. None arising from this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

8. None arising from this report.

Health & Safety and Environmental Implications

9. None arising from this report.

Contribution to Achieving the Vision:

“To Make Merseyside a Safer, Stronger, Healthier Community”

10. The Authority appoint a Member of each constituent Council to answer questions in their council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority, ensuring accurate relevant information is fed back to the community.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.