

**AGENDA ITEM:**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012</b>
<b>REPORT NO.</b>	<b>CFO/068/12</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	<b>JANET HENSHAW – CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2012/13</b>

**THERE ARE NO APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT**

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the changes to the Membership of the Authority for 2012/13.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Introduction & Background

Information

2. The following change to the Membership of the Authority has occurred:-
  - Appointment of Ian Lewis (Conservative) ended in May as a result of local elections.
  - Appointment of Eddie Clein (Liberal Democrat) ended in May as a result of local elections.
  - Appointment of Councillor Terry Jones (Conservative) ended in May as a result of not being re appointed to the Authority by his District Council.
3. The Constituent District Councils have notified the Authority of the Appointments to Membership of the Authority for the Municipal year 2012/13 as follows:-
  - (a) Knowsley (2 Members):-

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

(b) Liverpool (6 Members):-

Councillor Pat Maloney	(Liberal Democrat)
Councillor Dave Hanratty	(Labour)
Councillor Barbara Murray	(Labour)
Councillor Colin Strickland	(Labour)
Councillor Sharon Sullivan	(Labour)
Councillor Violet Bebb	(Labour)

(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 John Joseph Kelly	(Labour)
Councillor Jimmy Mahon	(Labour)

(e) Wirral (4 Members):-

Councillor Darren Dodd	(Labour)
Councillor Steve Niblock	(Labour)
Councillor Denise Roberts	(Labour)
Councillor Lesley Rennie	(Conservative)

4. The political balance of the Authority is 15 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat, and 1 Conservative. 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 & Diversity Implications

5. None arising directly out of this report

Staff Implications

6. There are no staff implications arising from this report

Legal Implications

7. The Authority is required under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 to have a political balance and to allocate seats accordingly

Financial Implications & Value for Money

8. None arising directly out of this report.

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

9. None arising directly out of this report.

## Contribution to Our Mission – To Achieve; Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters”

10. 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.