

**To: All Members of the Joint Fire & Police Collaboration
Committee
(and any other Members who may wish to attend)**



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Your ref:

Our ref KK/GS

Date: 11th February 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **JOINT FIRE & POLICE
COLLABORATION COMMITTEE** to be held at **1.00 pm** on **THURSDAY, 21ST
FEBRUARY, 2019** in the Members Room - Fire Service Headquarters.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the Authority

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MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

JOINT FIRE & POLICE COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

21 FEBRUARY 2019

AGENDA

Members

Les Byrom
Jane Kennedy, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Emily Spurrell, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Sharon Sullivan
Lynne Thompson

1. Preliminary Matters

The Committee is requested to consider the identification of:

- a) declarations of interest by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the Agenda
- b) any additional items of business which the Chair has determined should be considered as matters of urgency; and
- c) items of business which may require the exclusion of the press and public during consideration thereof because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

As this is the first meeting of the Joint Fire & Police Collaboration Committee, since it was re-constituted, there are no previous Minutes for approval.

3. Membership of the Committee

To approve the Membership of the Joint Fire & Police Collaboration Committee as being the following:

- Cllr Les Byrom – Chair of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority **(Chair)**

- Cllr Sharon Sullivan – Vice-Chair of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority
- Cllr Lynne Thompson – Opposition Member Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority
- Ms Jane Kennedy – Police & Crime Commissioner for Merseyside
- Ms Emily Spurrell – Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Merseyside

4. Terms of Reference for Joint Fire & Police Collaboration Committee
(Pages 5 - 6)

To consider and confirm the Terms of Reference for the Joint Fire & Police Collaboration Committee.

5. Collaboration Update - Verbal

To consider a verbal update regarding Collaboration.

6. Schedule/ Frequency of Meetings (Pages 7 - 10)

To consider and confirm the frequency and schedule of future meetings of the Joint Fire & Police Collaboration Committee.

Report number CFO/006/19 attached to show the provisional dates that MFRA agreed at the Community Safety & Protection Committee on 5th February 2019.

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.

Refreshments

Any Members attending on Authority business straight from work or for long periods of time, and require a sandwich, please contact Democratic Services, prior to your arrival, for arrangements to be made.

Joint Fire and Police Collaboration Committee

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA) and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside (PCC).

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To act as a Strategic Board to oversee collaboration between Merseyside Police (MP) and MFRA.
2. To consider all opportunities for collaboration between MP and MFRA where these may improve value for money and/or public safety.
3. To consider reports on progress towards budget savings created by collaboration on shared premises, operational or support services.
4. To make recommendations to the PCC and MFRA members where collaboration opportunities can be taken forward.

Membership

Chair, Vice Chair & Opposition Member of MFRA

PCC and Deputy PCC

Quorum

3 Members - to include Chair or vice Chair of MFRA and PCC or Deputy PCC for Merseyside.

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MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE		
DATE:	5 FEBRUARY 2019	REPORT NO:	CFO/006/19
PRESENTING OFFICER	THE MONITORING OFFICER		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	JANET HENSHAW	REPORT AUTHOR:	KELLY KELLAWAY – DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
OFFICERS CONSULTED:			
TITLE OF REPORT:	MEMBERSHIP OF FIRE & POLICE COLLABORATION COMMITTEE		

APPENDICES:	
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Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members approve the membership of the reconstituted Fire & Police Collaboration Committee; and note the provisional schedule of meeting dates.

Recommendation

2. That Members:
 - a) Approve the membership of the reconstituted Fire & Police Collaboration Committee.
 - b) Note the schedule of provisional meeting dates for the Committee (contained within paragraph 9).

Introduction and Background

3. On 14th July 2015, the Fire & Police Collaboration Committee was established to progress collaboration between Merseyside Police and MFRA. This was a non-decision making Committee, with the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Deputy PCC for Merseyside, being Co-opted Members.
4. However, on the 27th July 2017, the PCC became a full voting Member of MFRA; and the Committee was therefore removed from MFRA’s Committee Structure at its AGM on 14th June 2018.
5. On 9th June 2018, the PCC informed the Monitoring Officer for MFRA of her intention to withdraw her full voting membership of MFRA, requesting that the

Fire & Police Collaboration Committee of MFRA be reconstituted, to enable oversight and scrutiny, with regards to collaborative duties placed on both Services, to continue.

6. Therefore, at the Authority Meeting on 18th October 2018, Members considered report CFO/061/18 – “Amendments to the Authority’s Constitution”, which approved the withdrawal of the PCC from full voting membership of MFRA; the reconstitution of the Fire & Police Collaboration Committee; and the Terms of Reference for that Committee.
7. When the Committee was initially established in 2015, Membership of the Committee comprised of six Members: The Chair of the Authority; the two Vice-Chairs of the Authority and one Opposition Member of the Authority, with the PCC and the Deputy PCC for Merseyside, co-opted onto the Committee.
8. As MFRA now have only one Vice-Chair, it is proposed that the Committee consist of five Members, as follows:

Membership
1. Cllr Les Byrom - Chair of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority (Chair)
2. Cllr Sharon Sullivan – Vice-Chair of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority
3. Cllr Lynne Thompson - Opposition Member of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority
4. Jane Kennedy – Police & Crime Commissioner for Merseyside (Co-opted)
5. Emily Spurrell – Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Merseyside (Co-opted)

9. To assist with planning, a number of provisional meeting dates for the Committee, have been scheduled as follows:
 - 21st February 2019
 - 2nd July 2019
 - 24th September 2019
 - 21st January 2020

Equality and Diversity Implications

10. There are no equality or diversity implications directly concerned with this report.

Staff Implications

11. There are no staff implications directly concerned with this report.

Legal Implications

12. The Policing and Crime Act 2017 (“The Act”) requires both the Police Service and Fire and Rescue Authorities to keep opportunities for collaboration under review in the interests of efficiency and effectiveness.
13. Following the withdrawal of the PCC from full voting Membership of MFRA; and the reconstitution of the Fire & Police Collaboration Committee, approving the membership of this Committee will enable it to meet and ensure that MFRA continues to fulfil this requirement.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

14. There are no additional financial or value for money implications, in relation to this report, as no additional allowance payments will be made to any Member appointed to, or Co-opted onto the Fire & Police Collaboration Committee.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

15. There are no direct risk management, health and safety, or environmental implications, concerned with this report.

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16. The reconstitution of the Fire & Police Collaboration Committee, with the right representation, will enable sufficient oversight and scrutiny to continue of the collaborative work undertaken by MFRA and Merseyside Police. This will ensure that collaboration and working relationships between the two services, continues to be enhanced, which will continue to benefit the communities of Merseyside.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- CFO/070/15** “Ongoing And Future Collaboration With Merseyside Police And PCC”
- CFO/052/17** “Representation of the Police And Crime Commissioner For Merseyside On Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority”
- CFO/061/18** “Amendments To The Authority’s Constitution”

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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