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To: All Members of the Appointments Committee  
(and any other Members who may wish to attend)

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Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE** to be held at **10.00am** on **THURSDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 2025** in the Liverpool Suite at Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bridle Road, Bootle.

Yours faithfully,

*PP – Mia Griffiths*

Monitoring Officer

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**MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**6 FEBRUARY 2025**

**AGENDA**

**Members**

Councillor Les Byrom (Chair)  
Councillor James Roberts  
Councillor Brian Kenny  
Councillor Lynne Thompson

**1. Apologies for Absence**

To consider any apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To consider any Member declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting (Pages 3 - 4)**

To consider the minutes of the last Appointments Committee for the position of Chief Fire Officer held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**EXEMPT ITEM**

The following agenda item is exempt by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and as a result, members of the press and public shall be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item.

**4. Deputy Chief Fire Officer Recruitment**

To consider applicants for the post of Deputy Chief Fire Officer.

## MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

12 DECEMBER 2024

#### MINUTES

**Present:** **Councillors** Les Byrom (Chair), James Roberts, Brian Kenny and Lynne Thompson

**Also Present:** Chief Fire Officer Phil Garrigan  
Monitoring Officer Ria Groves

1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

3. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved that under the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for agenda item 4 on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. **Chief Fire Officer Recruitment**

The Committee interviewed the respective candidates for the post of Chief Fire Officer.

**RESOLVED** that the appointment of Nicholas Searle to the post of Chief Fire Officer be approved on the retirement of the current Chief Fire Officer.

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