

To: All Members of the Authority



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Date: 5 June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **AUTHORITY (AGM)** to be held at **1.00 pm** on **TUESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 2017** in the Liverpool Suite at Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bridle Road, Bootle.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the Authority

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MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY

13 JUNE 2017

AGENDA

1. Preliminary Matters

The Authority 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 Previous Meeting (Pages 7 - 12)

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Authority, held on 25th May 2017, are submitted for approval as a correct record and for signature by the Chair.

3. Election of Chairman

To elect a Chairman of the Authority for 2017-18.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman

To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Authority for 2017-18.

5. Membership of the Authority 2017/18 (Pages 13 - 16)

To consider report CFO/030/17 of the Monitoring Officer, informing Members of the changes to the membership of the Authority for 2017/18.

6. Structure of the Authority (Pages 17 - 26)

To consider report CFO/031/17 of the Monitoring Officer,

- (a) informing Members of:-

- (i) the minimum legal structure of the Authority
- (ii) the existing decision making structure of the Authority; and
- (iii) optional variations to the existing structure

(b) requesting that the Authority determines an appropriate decision making structure for 2017/18; and

(c) requesting that arrangements are made for the appointment of Committees, the nomination of Chairs, the determination of the powers and duties of Committees, the appointment of Members to Committees; and Lead Member and Ambassador Roles.

7. Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority Constitution 2017/18 (Pages 27 - 274)

To consider report CFO/032/17 of the Monitoring Officer, requesting that Members approve the draft amended Constitution for Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority) for 2017/18.

8. Authority Meeting Dates For 2017/18 (Pages 275 - 280)

To consider report CFO/033/17 of the Monitoring Officer, requesting that Members confirm the draft dates for Authority Committee meetings and events for 2017/18.

9. Members Allowance Payments 2016/17 (Pages 281 - 286)

To consider report CFO/034/17 of the Monitoring Officer, advising the Authority of payments made to Members in the form of allowances, during the financial year 2016/17.

10. Scheme of Allowances 2017/18 (Pages 287 - 306)

To consider report CFO/035/17 of the Monitoring Officer, requesting that the Authority reviews the current Scheme of Members' Allowances; and makes recommendations over any changes it wishes to make to the Scheme.

11. Questions On The Discharge Of Functions (Pages 307 - 308)

To consider report CFO/036/17 of the Monitoring Officer, requesting that the Authority nominates a Member from each of the five constituent District Councils as the Members responsible for answering questions in their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority.

12. Appointment Of Members To Outside Bodies (Pages 309 - 312)

To consider report CFO/037/17 of the Monitoring Officer, informing the Authority of the outside organisations to which it is currently affiliated; and to request where appropriate, confirmation of continuing affiliation for 2017/18 and the appointment of representatives to those organisations.

13. Approved Conferences And Outside Meetings (Pages 313 - 316)

To consider report CFO/038/17 of the Monitoring Officer, requesting that Members confirm their approval for attendance at conferences and outside meetings by representatives of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority, to be determined by the Chair of the Authority.

14. Meetings With National Politicians At Party Political Conferences (Pages 317 - 318)

To consider report CFO/039/17 of the Monitoring Officer, regarding the attendance of Members at meetings held at the location of party political conferences, in order to make Authority related representations in line with the Members Scheme of Allowances.

15. Proposed Reform of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (Pages 319 - 324)

To consider Report CFO/040/17 of the Chief Fire Officer, concerning proposals to reform Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA) and undertake consultation with elected members of MFRA, the 4 District Council Leaders, the Mayor of Liverpool and the newly elected Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region.

16. The Supply of 2 Aerial Appliances (Pages 325 - 330)

To consider report CFO/041/17 of the Chief Fire Officer, informing the Authority of the proposal to procure 2 Aerial Appliances.

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.

