

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY		
DATE:	19 OCTOBER 2017	REPORT NO:	CFO/070/17
PRESENTING OFFICER	JANET HENSHAW, MONITORING OFFICER		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	AMENDMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY'S CONSTITUTION		

APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A: ARTICLE 2.1 OF THE AUTHORITY'S CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED.
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Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members approve the change to the Authority's Constitution following approval on 27th July 2017 for the Police and Crime Commissioner to become a full voting Member of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA).

Recommendation

2. That Members approve the amendment to Article 2.1 of the Authority's Constitution (pages 13-14) as attached to this report at Appendix A

Introduction and Background

3. Members are aware that on 27th July 2017 the Authority approved report CFO/052/17 which recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside (PCC) should become a full voting Member of MFRA.
4. This required a minor change to the Constitution in that the Authority has 19 Members and the PCC must be listed at Article 2.1.
5. The revised Article is attached at Appendix 1. Other than this the PCC will have the same responsibilities and obligations as every other voting Member of MFRA. The remainder of the Constitution therefore remains as it is.

Equality and Diversity Implications

6. Membership of MFRA is by nomination from the District Councils and Office of the Policing and Crime Commissioner.

Staff Implications

7. There are no direct staffing implications resulting from this report.

Legal Implications

8. The legal implications are covered in the body of this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

9. There will be no direct costs associated with this report. The PCC will be entitled to claim allowances under the current Members' Allowance Scheme however the PCC has indicated that she does not intend to claim any allowances.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

10. There are no risks, health and safety or environmental implications associated with this report.

Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters*

11. The communities of Merseyside will benefit by closer joint working between MFRA, Merseyside Police and PCC.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

CFO/052/17

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
