

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
DATE:	5 JUNE 2018	REPORT NO:	CFO/041/18
PRESENTING OFFICER	MONITORING OFFICER		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2018/19		

APPENDICES:	
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### Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the changes to the membership of the Authority for 2018/19.

### Recommendation

2. That Members note the content of this report.

### Introduction and Background

3. The following changes to the Membership of the Authority have occurred:-
  - The Appointment of Councillor Pat Ireland, from St. Helens Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within St. Helens Council over representation on the Authority.
  - The Appointment of Councillor Edna Finneran, from Knowsley Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within Knowsley Council over representation on the Authority.
  - The Appointment of Councillor Dave Hanratty, from Liverpool City Council, ended as a result of his decision to retire from politics and not re-stand for election.
  - The Appointment of Cllr Barbara Murray, from Liverpool City Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within Liverpool City Council over representation on the Authority.

Councillor Barbara Murray was initially re-appointed to MFRA for 2018/19 by Liverpool City Council. However, it was subsequently agreed to provide Councillor Murray with a Cabinet Member position within Liverpool City Council. As such, Councillor Murray has had to step down from MFRA.

As appointments to Joint Authorities (such as MFRA) can only be approved by the full Council, a replacement for Councillor Murray will not be confirmed until the next full Council Meeting of Liverpool City Council, which will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

4. The Constituent District Councils have notified the Authority of the Appointments to the Authority for the Municipal Year 2018/19, as follows:-

(a) Knowsley (2 Members):-

- Councillor Denise Allen (Labour)
- Councillor Steff O'Keeffe (Labour)

(b) Liverpool (6 Members):-

- Councillor Peter Brennan (Labour)
- Councillor Sharon Connor (Labour)
- Councillor(***awaiting appointment***) (Labour)
- Councillor James Roberts (Labour)
- Councillor Sharon Sullivan (Labour)
- Councillor Andrew Makinson (Liberal Democrat)

(c) St. Helens (2 Members):-

- Councillor Joe De'Asha (Labour)
- Councillor Lisa Preston (Labour)

(d) Sefton (4 Members):-

- Councillor Leslie Byrom (Labour)
- Councillor Janet Grace (Labour)
- Councillor Paul Tweed (Labour)
- Councillor Lynne Thompson (Liberal Democrat)

(e) Wirral (4 Members):-

- Councillor Brian Kenny (Labour)
- Councillor Christine Meaden (Labour)
- Councillor Lesley Rennie (Conservative)
- Councillor Jean Stapleton (Labour)

5. The political balance of the Authority is 15 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat; and 1 Conservative. Political balance issues are considered in a separate report relating to the structure of the Authority, which is also presented for consideration at this meeting.

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#### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

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6. There are no equality and diversity implications directly associated with this report. Elected Members are nominated by their respective Councils to the Fire and Rescue Authority.

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#### **Staff Implications**

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7. Democratic Services administer the meetings of the Authority and deal with Members' queries and travel and accommodation issues.

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#### **Legal Implications**

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8. The political balance of the Authority is important as it must be reflected across all of the Authority's committees.

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#### **Financial Implications & Value for Money**

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9. There is a Members' Allowance Scheme which is the subject of another report on this Agenda. There are no additional costs relevant to the content of this report.

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

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10. There are no direct risk management, health and safety or environmental implications relevant to this report.

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

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11. Elected Members are nominated to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority to represent the best interests of the communities of Merseyside.

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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