

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY		
DATE:	18 OCTOBER 2018	REPORT NO:	CFO/061/18
PRESENTING OFFICER:	JANET HENSHAW		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	JANET HENSHAW	REPORT AUTHOR:	JANET HENSHAW
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM		
TITLE OF REPORT:	AMENDMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY'S CONSTITUTION		

APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A:	DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR RECONSTITUTED FIRE AND POLICE COLLABORATION COMMITTEE
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Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside (PCC) has asked to withdraw her membership of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA) and has instead asked that Members approve the reconstitution of the Fire and Police Collaboration Committee through which the collaboration between both services can continue to be scrutinised.

Recommendation

2. That Members;
 - a. Approve the withdrawal of the PCC from full voting membership of MFRA and
 - b. Approve the reconstitution of the Fire and Police Collaboration Committee and
 - c. Approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Fire and Police Committee as attached in Appendix A to this report.

Introduction and Background

3. The PCC, via her Chief Executive, informed the Monitoring Officer for MFRA of her intention to withdraw her full voting membership of MFRA on 9th June 2018, requesting however that the Fire and Police Committee of MFRA is reconstituted in order to make the best use of her time to provide oversight and scrutiny with regards to the collaborative duties placed on both Services.
4. The PCC has remained a Member until the Authority has approved the associated amendments to the Constitution as outlined in this report.

5. As Members may recall, the Fire and Police Collaboration Committee was established on 14th July 2015 to progress collaboration between Merseyside Police and MFRA. This was a non-decision making Committee.
6. However, as the PCC became a full voting member of MFRA on 27th July 2017, Members approved the removal of this Committee from its structure at its AGM on 14th June 2018.
7. This report asks Members to note the formal withdrawal of the PCC from the Fire and Rescue Authority and the reconstitution of the Fire and Police Committee, to ensure ongoing commitment of the PCC to improving and encouraging collaboration opportunities between the two Services.
8. It is proposed that, if this is approved the Committee will meet as and when required by the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Constable but no less than two times each year.
9. Draft Terms of Reference are attached as Appendix A.

Equality and Diversity Implications

10. There are no Equality or Diversity implication directly concerned with this report.

Staff Implications

11. There will be no additional effect on Officers as reports concerning collaboration will simply be made the Fire and Police Collaboration Committee before being referenced to the Authority where necessary.

Legal Implications

12. The Constitution and structure of the Authority is the overall responsibility of the Monitoring Officer and any amendments to this must be approved by the full Authority.
13. Consideration of collaboration opportunities is a statutory requirement where a case can be made to improve efficiency.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

14. There are no direct financial implications contained within this report.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

15. There are no direct risk management, health and safety of environmental implications contained within this report.

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

16. Collaboration between emergency services ensures ongoing safety to the public.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
