

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	COMMUNITY SAFETY & PROTECTION COMMITTEE		
DATE:	6TH FEBRUARY 2020	REPORT NO:	CFO/010/20
PRESENTING OFFICER	RIA GROVES		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	RIA GROVES	REPORT AUTHOR:	KELLY KELLAWAY – DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER, EXTN 4113
OFFICERS CONSULTED:			
TITLE OF REPORT:	NOMINATION TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE		

APPENDICES:	NONE
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Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members approve the change in membership of the Audit Committee.

Recommendation

2. That Members;
 - a. Approve the proposed change in Membership of the Audit Committee.
 - b. Approve the appointment of Councillor Linda Maloney as the Chair of the Audit Committee, for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

Introduction and Background

3. At the Authority's AGM on 13th June 2019, Members agreed the Authority's Committee Structure for the 2019/20 Municipal Year, which included an Audit Committee, consisting of 5 voting Members, plus the Independent Person, in a non-voting capacity.
4. Under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Authority is required to allocate seats on its Committees according to its political balance. For the Municipal Year 2019/20, this translates to the appointment of four Labour Members; and one Opposition Member (either Liberal Democrat or Conservative) on to the Audit Committee.

5. At the AGM in June 2019, the membership of the Audit Committee, was confirmed as follows:

<p>Audit Committee</p> <p>5 Members (4,(1or1))</p> <p>(Plus 1 Independent Person)</p>	<p>1 Cllr Steff O’Keeffe (Chair)</p> <p>2 Cllr Emily Spurrell</p> <p>3 Cllr Jean Stapleton</p> <p>4 Cllr Linda Maloney</p> <p>5 Cllr Andrew Makinson</p>
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6. The Chair of the Authority and Group Leader for the Labour party has submitted a new nomination for the membership of the Audit Committee in compliance with the allocation of seats to the Proper Officer as contained in the table below:

<p>Audit Committee</p> <p>5 Members (4,(1or1))</p> <p>(Plus 1 Independent Person)</p>	<p>1 Cllr Linda Maloney (Chair)</p> <p>2 Cllr Del Arnall</p> <p>3 Cllr Lisa Preston</p> <p>4 Cllr Jan Grace</p> <p>5 Cllr Andrew Makinson</p>
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7. It is also proposed that Cllr Linda Maloney, be appointed as Chair of the Audit Committee, for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. There are no equality and diversity implications arising directly out of this report.

Staff Implications

9. There are no staff implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

10. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989, s.15 and 16 & Schedule 1; and The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 provide for political proportionality rules and those nominated by District Councils to bodies such as Fire and Rescue Authorities. The changes to membership proposed within this report, will continue to ensure that those regulations, are adhered to.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

11. There are no additional financial or value for money implications arising from this report.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications/

12. There are no risk management, health and safety, or environmental implications arising from this report.

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

13. The Authority is constituted by Members appointed by Merseyside's five District Councils. Members appointed to the Authority by the District Councils, reflect and represent the constituency of each District; and have responsibility for making decisions in the best interests of the communities the Authority serves.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
