

<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>			
<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020</b>	<b>REPORT NO:</b>	<b>CFO/036/20</b>
<b>PRESENTING OFFICER</b>	<b>ACTING MONITORING OFFICER</b>		
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<b>OFFICERS CONSULTED:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM</b>		
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</b>		

<b>APPENDICES:</b>	
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To inform the Authority of the outside organisations to which it is currently affiliated; and to request where appropriate, confirmation of continuing affiliation for 2020/21 and the appointment of representatives to those organisations.

### **Recommendation**

2. That the Authority considers whether it wishes to confirm continuing affiliation with each of the organisations specified in this report; and as appropriate, appoints Members to provide Authority representation on each of the outside organisations.

### **Introduction and Background**

3. (A) Local Government Association

At the 2019 Annual General Meeting Councillors Byrom, Kenny and Roberts were appointed as the representatives on the Fire Services Commission.

All Fire and Rescue Authorities in full or corporate membership of the Association have the right to representation and voting on this Commission in accordance with Article 10 (and Schedule 1) of the LG Group Constitution, Standing Orders and Political Conventions. Additional members from fire and rescue authorities appointed as necessary by the political groups to ensure political balance as provided by Article 9.3.

For 2020, the LGA again offered a 2.5% loyalty discount to all authorities renewing their Membership. However, the additional 2.5% prompt payment discount previously offered, has now been replaced with a 2.5% discount for all authorities that elect to pay via direct debit.

In order to take advantage of these discounts, following consultation with the Chair of the Authority, it was agreed that payment be made; and the Authority sign up to the direct debit scheme. A report was submitted to the meeting of the full Authority on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020, to confirm this decision.

**Members are asked to confirm who the representatives appointed to the Fire Services Commission for 2020/21 will be; and whether the Authority agrees to meet any costs related to Members attendance at associated meetings.**

(B) North West Employers Organisation

The Authority is a member of the North West Local Authorities Employers Organisation. For 2019/20 the cost of this membership was £2,736.78.

For 2020/21, the cost of affiliation remains at £2,736.78.

**Nomination for the position of appointed representative for 2020/21 is now requested.**

(C) North West Fire and Rescue Advisory Forum

The North West Fire and Rescue Advisory Forum was established in April 2014 following the disbanding of the North West Partnership Board. This Forum elected to have a Membership of Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Opposition Spokespersons and Chief Fire Officers.

The Members currently representing the Authority are Councillor Byrom and Councillor Rennie.

**Members are requested to confirm appointment to this Forum for 2020/21.**

(D) Association of Metropolitan Fire & Rescue Authorities

The Authority appointed Councillor Byrom to the Association of Metropolitan Fire & Rescue Authorities in 2019/20.

**Members are requested to confirm appointment to this Association for 2020/21.**

(E) Liverpool City Region LEP

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority has membership of this Organisation which is attended by a Senior Officer of MFRA. The cost of this membership for 2019/20 was £5,250.

**Members are asked to confirm membership to this organisation for 2020/21.**

(F) Merseyside Community Safety Partnership / Safer Merseyside Partnership

At the Annual Meeting in June 2018, Members raised the possibility of MFRA having Member representation on the Merseyside Community Safety Partnership, as it was noted that the local authorities are all represented.

This request was taken forward; and at its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019, the Merseyside Community Safety Partnership approved the Terms of Reference for the Safer Merseyside Partnership for 2019/20, which includes the appointment of a representative of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority.

For 2019/20, Cllr Steff O’Keeffe was appointed as MFRA’s representative on the Safer Merseyside Partnership.

**Members are therefore asked to confirm the appointment to this partnership for 2020/21.**

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

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4. Appointments and participation in the above organisations will assist the Authority in developing diversity further.

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#### **Staff Implications**

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5. There are no staff implications in relation to this report.

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#### **Legal Implications**

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6. At its AGM, the Authority is required to appoint Members to any appropriate and approved outside organisations.

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

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7. The costs of membership of the above organisations can be met from existing budgets.

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

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8. Members of the Authority are appointed to outside organisations to learn from them, lend support to them; and encourage development for the Authority and the organisation, to help create as safe an environment as possible.

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9. The appointment of Members to outside organisations helps to develop the Authority's knowledge to ensure they continually learn and develop and continue to play an active key role in the development and safety of the community it serves.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**