

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)		
DATE:	10 TH JUNE 2021	REPORT NO:	CFO/030/21
PRESENTING OFFICER	ACTING MONITORING OFFICER		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	RIA GROVES	REPORT AUTHOR:	GEMMA SUNG
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM		
TITLE OF REPORT:	MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2021-222		

APPENDICES:

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the changes to the membership of the Authority for 2021/22.

Recommendation

2. That Members;
 - a) Note the content of this report
 - b) Note the membership of the Authority further to the appointments by the five district councils and
 - c) Approve the appointment of the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Merseyside to the Authority

Introduction and Background

3. The following changes to the Membership of the Authority have occurred:-
 - The Appointment of Councillor Steff O’Keeffe, from Knowsley Council, ended as a result of the local elections.
 - The Appointment of Cllr Emily Spurrell, from Liverpool City Council, ended as a result of her nomination for Police & Crime Commissioner in the local elections.
 - The Appointment of Councillor Jean Stapleton, from Wirral Council, ended as a result of her not re-standing for election.
 - The Appointment of Cllr Allan Brame, from Wirral Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within Wirral Council over representation on the Authority and changes to the political balance of Wirral Council.

- The Appointment of Cllr Angela Coleman, from Liverpool City Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within Liverpool City Council over representation on the Authority.
 - The Appointment of Cllr Doreen Knight, from Liverpool City Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within Liverpool City Council over representation on the Authority.
 - The Appointment of Cllr Dan Barrington, from Liverpool City Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within Liverpool City Council over representation on the Authority.
4. The Constituent District Councils have notified the Authority of the Appointments to the Authority for the Municipal Year 2021/22 as follows:-

(a) Knowsley (2 Members):-

- Councillor Edna Finneran (Labour)
- Councillor Hugh Malone (Labour)

(b) Liverpool (6 Members):-

- Councillor James Roberts (Labour)
- Councillor Sharon Connor (Labour)
- Councillor Elizabeth Hayden (Labour)
- Councillor Lynn Hinnigan (Labour)
- Councillor Pam Thomas (Labour)
- Councillor Andrew Makinson (Liberal Democrat & Progressive Alliance Group)

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

- Councillor Linda Maloney (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 & Progressive Alliance Group)

(e) Wirral (4 Members):-

- Councillor Brian Kenny (Labour)
- Councillor Gillian Wood (Labour)
- Councillor Lesley Rennie (Conservative)
- Councillor Kathy Hodson (Conservative)

5. The political balance of the Authority is 14 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat; and 2 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.
6. Further to the local elections held on 6th May 2021 which included the Police and Crime Commissioner ('PCC') for Merseyside, Emily Spurrell was appointed as the new PCC for Merseyside. Subsequently following a formal invitation to the PCC for her to submit a request to be appointed to the Authority committee pursuant to her powers under s.7 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017 a request from the PCC requesting to be appointed onto the Authority committee was received on 21st May 2021.
7. It is proposed to Members that approval of the PCC to be appointed onto the Authority would enable the PCC to have full voting rights and enhance working relations between both organisations ensuring the local community receive the most effective service.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. 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.

Staff Implications

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

Legal Implications

10. The membership of the Authority is made up from those Members nominated by their respective council. The PCC has a right to request to be appointed to a committee for which the committee must consider.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

11. 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.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

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

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MFRA – MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY