

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE:	COMMUNITY SAFETY & PROTECTION COMMITTEE		
DATE:	1 FEBRUARY 2022	REPORT NO:	CFO/003/22
PRESENTING OFFICER:	CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	RIA GROVES	REPORT AUTHOR:	SHAUNA HEALEY– DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER, EXTN 4113
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM		
TITLE OF REPORT:	CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT TO THE AUTHORITY		

APPENDICES:	NONE
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Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the change of appointment by Liverpool City Council to Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority, ('the Authority') with effect from 1st February 2022.

Recommendation

2. That Members;
 - a. Note the resignation of Councillor Pam Thomas from the Authority (Cllr Thomas has taken up a new role on the Liverpool City Council Cabinet) and the subsequent requirement for Liverpool City Council to nominate a replacement Labour Member to appoint to the Authority.
 - b. Note and approve the appointment of Councillor Patrick Hurley, as one of Liverpool City Council's nominated representatives to the Authority, with effect from 1st February 2022
 - c. Note and approve the appointment of Councillor Patrick Hurley to the following Committees vacated by Councillor Pam Thomas:
 - Community Safety & Protection Committee
 - Scrutiny Committee

Introduction and Background

3. At the Authority's AGM on 10th June 2021, the Authority's political balance for the Municipal Year 2021/22, was confirmed as being:
 - 14 Labour

- 2 Conservative
 - 2 Liberal Democrat
4. On 29th November 2021, the Democratic Services Team received notification from Councillor Pam Thomas that she would be resigning from the Authority and a replacement member would be nominated in December 2021.
 5. As a result of her resignation from the Authority, there was a requirement for Liverpool City Council to nominate a replacement Labour Member to be appointed to the Authority.
 6. As per Liverpool City Council's Constitution, appointments to outside bodies can only be approved by the full Council. At their meeting on 08th December, it was confirmed that Councillor Patrick Hurley would replace Councillor Pam Thomas.
 7. It is recommended that Councillor Patrick Hurley also be appointed to the Community Safety and Protection Committee and the Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of this municipal year to replace Councillor Pam Thomas.

Equality and Diversity Implications

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

Staff Implications

9. With the exception of some additional time and resources providing induction training for the newly appointed Member, there are no significant 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.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

11. There are no additional financial or value for money implications arising from this report with one Member replacing another Member, the budget for Member expenses will remain unaffected.

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 Vision: *To be the best Fire & Rescue Service in the UK.*

Our Purpose: *Here to serve, Here to protect, Here to keep you safe.*

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

MFRA – Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority