

**AGENDA ITEM:**

<b>REPORT TO:</b> Meeting of the	<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2013</b>
<b>REPORT NO.</b>	<b>CFO/134/13</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	<b>CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY</b>
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<b>OFFICERS CONSULTED:</b>	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>MFRA REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF THE FIREFIT HUB</b>

**THERE ARE NO APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT**

Purpose of Report

1. To ask Members to approve the change of nominations from the Authority for representation as a Director/Trustee of the Fire Fit Hub Charitable Company

Recommendation

2. That Members;
  - a) Approve a change in nomination to the Fire Fit Board of Directors/Trustees from Councillor Hanratty to Councillor Newman.
  - b) Instruct the Clerk to the Authority to nominate Councillor Newman and deal with the resignation of Councillor Hanratty through the Board and Companies House.

Introduction & Background

3. Members will recall that at the Annual General meeting of this Authority on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013, it was resolved that Cllr. Dave Hanratty would be nominated to sit as a Director of the Fire Fit Hub Company.
4. This Company was incorporated as a Private Limited Company on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and has since been awarded charitable status and registered with the

Charity Commission. The Directors of the Company are consequently also trustees and both roles carry significant responsibility.

5. The Board meets bi-monthly although it is in the process of considering the creation of two committees and possibly reducing the number of Board Meetings.
6. The Hub is doing very well with a large Membership from the local area and a very wide range of activities for children and young people. The Board is committed to the Hub and an away day and training for Directors / Trustees is being planned.
7. Cllr. Hanratty as the Chair of the Fire & Rescue Authority has a large number of commitments particularly in view of the financial situation that the Authority finds itself in along with overseeing the strategic direction of the Authority in light of significant external pressures.
8. It was recognised as part of the recent governance restructure agreed at the Annual meeting that lead members appointed to various roles would take on other responsibilities within their capacity. It is therefore proposed that Cllr. Newman who is lead Member for Collaboration & Partnerships, be nominated to undertake this role, subject to approval by the Board, so that Cllr. Hanratty may resign.

#### Equality & Diversity Implications

9. The Board of the Fire Fir Hub is committed to Equality & Diversity and has its own policies & procedures to this effect.

#### Staff Implications

10. There are no direct staff implications contained in this report.

#### Legal Implications

11. The Clerk to the Authority is the Company Secretary to the Company, in a voluntary capacity and will liaise with Companies House and the Board in respect of Director resignation and nomination.

#### Financial Implications & Value for Money

12. There are no financial implications related to this report.

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

13. There are no implications within this report in relation to risk management, health & safety or the environment.

## Contribution to Our Mission – To Achieve; Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Fire fighters”

14. Continued representation of elected Members from MFRA on the Fire Fit Board will assist in ensuring that the Company serves the local community as best it can.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

List any supporting documents/evidence here

## **\*Glossary of Terms**

Please list any acronyms used within this Report and appendices, including their meaning.