

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)		
DATE:	9TH JUNE 2022	REPORT NO:	CFO/021/022
PRESENTING OFFICER	MONITORING OFFICER		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	RIA GROVES	REPORT AUTHOR:	SHAUNA HEALEY
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY		
TITLE OF REPORT:	MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 22/23		
APPENDICES:	NONE		

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the changes to the membership of the Authority for 2022/23.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members;
 - a) note the contents of this report;
 - b) note the membership of the Authority further to the appointments by the five district councils;
 - c) continue with the appointment of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Merseyside to the Authority; and
 - d) instruct the Monitoring Officer to review the role of Independent Person and Co-opted Member in order to present a report that considers best practice from other authorities in the next 12 months.

Introduction and Background

3. The following changes to the Membership of the Authority have occurred:-
 - The appointment of Councillor Lisa Preston, from St Helens Council, ended as a result of the local elections.
 - The appointment of Councillors Patrick Hurley and Elizabeth Hayden from Liverpool City Council (LCC) ended as a result of a change to appointments made by LCC.

4. The constituent district councils have notified the Authority of the appointments to the Authority for the municipal year 2022/23 as follows:-

(a) Knowsley (2 Members):-

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

(b) Liverpool (6 Members):-

- Councillor James Roberts (Labour)
- Councillor Lynn Hinnigan (Labour)
- Councillor Dave Hanratty (Labour)
- Councillor Sharon Connor (Labour)
- Councillor Andrew Makinson (Liberal Democrat)
- Councillor Anna Rothery (Liverpool Community Independents Group)

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

- Councillor Linda Maloney (Labour)
- Councillor Tracy Dickinson (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 TBC (Labour)
- Councillor TBC (Labour)
- Councillor TBC (Conservative)
- Councillor TBC (Green)

5. The political balance of the Authority is 72.21% Labour, 11.11% Liberal Democrat, 5.56% Conservative, 5.56% Green Party and 5.56 % for the Liverpool Community Independents Group. 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. At the Annual General Meeting on the 10th May 2021, it was agreed that the PCC for Merseyside be appointed to the Committee with full voting rights. It is recommended that this appointment continues.

7. The Authority also has an Independent/Co-opted Member, Anthony Boyle who undertakes both roles for the Authority. The appointment has been in place since 2013 and it is proposed that a review of the merging of these positions be undertaken by the Monitoring Officer with consideration given to best practice across the Local Authorities.

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. Any changes to membership throughout the year will administered by Democratic Services.

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.

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NONE

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MFRA	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority
MFRS	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
PCC	Police and Crime Commissioner