

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)		
DATE:	9 TH JUNE 2022	REPORT NO:	CFO/025/022
PRESENTING OFFICER	MONITORING OFFICER		
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OFFICERS CONSULTED:	STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM		
TITLE OF REPORT:	QUESTIONS ON DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS		

APPENDICES: NONE

Purpose of Report

1. To request that the Authority nominate a Member from each of the five constituent District Councils as the Members responsible for answering questions in their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the Authority nominates five Members (one from each constituent District Council) as the Member responsible for answering questions within their Council on the discharge of the functions of Authority

Introduction and Background

3. There is a requirement under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 for the Authority to nominate Members of the Authority from each constituent District Council to answer questions within their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority.
4. It is at the discretion of the Authority who it appoints in each case for this purpose and there is no requirement that the nominee should be from the main political group on the Authority.
5. The Members nominated in 2021/22 under Section 41 were:-

Knowsley	-	Councillor Edna Finneran
Liverpool	-	Councillor James Roberts
Sefton	-	Councillor Les Byrom
St. Helens	-	Councillor Lisa Preston
Wirral	-	Councillor Brian Kenny

6. Members are asked to make nominations for 2022/23.

Equality and Diversity Implications

7. There are no direct equality and diversity implications from this report. However, it is considered that having one Member from each District Council appointed to answer questions on the discharge of functions, ensures accurate and consistent information is passed on to each District across Merseyside.

Staff Implications

8. There are no staff implications in relation to this report, as the report relates to Members of the Authority.

Legal Implications

9. By appointing Authority Members from each District Council to answer questions on the discharge of functions, the Authority will be meeting their requirement under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

10. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

11. There are no risks, 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.*

12. Having Authority Members appointed to answer questions in their Council ensures that accurate, relevant information is fed back to the community to confirm what the Authority does in support of achieving the Authority's vision.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NONE

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MFRA Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

MFRS Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service