

## MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT)		
DATE:	9 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022	REPORT NO:	CFO/033/22
PRESENTING OFFICER	MONITORING OFFICER		
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OFFICERS CONSULTED:	STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY		
TITLE OF REPORT:	APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP TO OUTSIDE BODIES		

### Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Authority of the outside organisations to which it is currently affiliated; and to request where appropriate, confirmation of continuing the affiliation for 2022/23 and the appointment of representatives to those organisations.

### Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members;
  - a) note current affiliations to outside bodies;
  - b) approve the continued affiliation with each of the organisations specified in this report; and
  - c) approve as appropriate, appointments of Members to each of the outside organisations as the Authority's representatives.

### Introduction and Background

#### 3. (A) Local Government Association

At the 2021 Annual General Meeting Councillors Byrom, Kenny and Roberts were appointed as the representatives on the Fire Services Commission.

All Fire and Rescue Authorities in full or corporate membership of the Local Government Association have the right to representation and voting on the Fire Services Commission in accordance with the LGA Governance Framework. Additional members from fire and rescue authorities appointed as necessary by the political groups to ensure political balance on The Fire Services Commission.

Members agreed at the Authority meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 that Members subscription and membership to the LGA will continue until Members determine otherwise. The current subscription cost for 2022/23 is £11684.18

**Members are asked to confirm who the representatives appointed to the Fire Services Commission for 2022/23 will be; and whether the Authority agrees to meet any costs related to Members attendance at associated meetings.**

(B) North West Employers Organisation

The Authority is a member of the North West Local Authorities Employers Organisation. For 2021/22 the cost of this membership was £2,736.78 and Councillor James Roberts was appointed by the Authority to the North West Employers Organisation.

For 2022/23, the cost of affiliation remains at £2,736.78.

**Nomination for the position of appointed representative for 2022/23 is now requested.**

(C) North West Fire and Rescue Advisory Forum

The North West Fire and Rescue Advisory Forum was established in April 2014 following the disbanding of the North West Partnership Board. This Forum elected to have a Membership of Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Opposition Spokespersons and Chief Fire Officers.

The Members currently representing the Authority are Councillor Byrom and Councillor Rennie.

**Members are requested to confirm appointment to this Forum for 2022/23.**

(D) Association of Metropolitan Fire & Rescue Authorities

The Authority appointed Councillor Byrom to the Association of Metropolitan Fire & Rescue Authorities in 2021/22.

**Members are requested to confirm appointment to this Association for 2022/23.**

(E) Liverpool City Region Liverpool Enterprise Platform now known as the Growth Platform

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority has membership of this Organisation which is attended by a Senior Officer of the Authority. Area Manager Gary Oakford was appointed to the Growth Platform for 2021/22. If Members were to approve the continued membership to this organisation it is recommended the Senior Officer for the Authority be the Area Manager of Prevention and Members will be provided quarterly updates on the Authority's engagement with the group.

The cost of this membership for 2022/23 is £4,700.

**Members are asked to confirm membership to this organisation for 2022/23.**

(F) Merseyside Community Safety Partnership / Safer Merseyside Partnership

For 2021/22, Cllr Edna Finneran was appointed as MFRA's representative on the Safer Merseyside Partnership.

**Members are therefore asked to confirm the appointment to this partnership for 2022/23**

#### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

4. Appointments and participation in the above organisations will assist the Authority in developing diversity further.

#### **Staff Implications**

5. The proposal would include a senior officer attending the growth platform if approved to represent the Authority.

#### **Legal Implications**

6. The Authority is required to appoint Members to any appropriate and approved outside organisations at its Annual General Meeting.

#### **Financial Implications & Value for Money**

7. The cost of membership of the above organisations can be met from existing budgets.

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

8. Members of the Authority are appointed to outside organisations to learn from them, lend support to them; and encourage development for the Authority and the organisation, to help create as safe an environment as possible

**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.***

9. The appointment of Members to outside organisations helps to develop the Authority's knowledge to ensure they continually learn and develop and continue to play an active key role in the development and safety of the community it serves.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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**NONE**

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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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**MFRA**      **M**erseyside **F**ire and **R**escue **A**uthority

**MFRS**      **M**erseyside **F**ire and **R**escue **S**ervice