

## MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	<b>POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>23 MARCH 2023</b>	<b>REPORT NO:</b>	<b>CFO/64/22</b>
<b>PRESENTING OFFICER</b>	<b>RIA GROVES MONITORING OFFICER</b>		
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	<b>RIA GROVES</b>	<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	<b>RIA GROVES</b>
<b>OFFICERS CONSULTED:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM</b>		
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT TO THE AUTHORITY</b>		

<b>APPENDICES:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
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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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members;
    - a) Note the replacement of Councillor Anna Rothery on the Authority and the subsequent requirement for Liverpool City Council to nominate a replacement Liverpool Community Independents Member to appoint to the Authority.
    - b) Note and approve the appointment of Councillor Sam Gorst, as one of Liverpool City Council's nominated representatives to the Authority, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023
    - c) Note and approve the appointment of Councillor Sam Gorst to the following Committees vacated by Councillor Anna Rothery:
      - Community Safety & Protection Committee
      - Scrutiny Committee
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## **Introduction and Background**

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3. At the Authority's AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the Authority's political balance for the Municipal Year 2022/23, was confirmed as being:
  - 13 Labour
  - 2 Liberal Democrat
  - 1 Conservative
  - 1 Green
  - 1 Liverpool Community Independents
4. The Democratic Services Team received notification that Councillor Rothery as the Liverpool Community Independents Party representative on the Authority appointed by Liverpool City Council would be replaced for the remainder of the municipal year.
5. As per Liverpool City Council's Constitution, appointments to outside bodies can only be approved by the full Council. At Liverpool City Council's Budget Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, it was confirmed that Councillor Sam Gorst would replace Councillor Anna Rothery.
6. It is recommended that Councillor Sam Gorst also be appointed to the Community Safety and Protection Committee and the Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of this municipal year to replace Councillor Anna Rothery.

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## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

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

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## **Staff Implications**

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8. 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.

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## **Legal Implications**

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9. 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

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

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10. 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.

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

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11. There are no risk management, health and safety, or environmental implications arising from this report.

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**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.*

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12. 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.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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